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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, October 15, 2025

St. Christopher Church: "A Call to Action"



"Cast your nets at His word." – Luke 5:5

A Call to Serve Our Neighbors in Need

Beloved Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Recently I spent time with our parishioner Faye Georgeo and sought to learn what motivated her to be so deeply involved in relief efforts in Western North Carolina following the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Truly, her

volunteer work outside of our parish is one of the blessings I have discovered since initiating **“A Call to Action”** this summer – encouraging parishioners to discern their gifts, serve with joy, and help build up the Body of Christ:

Let your faith find expression in service. Let your joy take root in community. Let us build God’s Holy Church—together.

***“Each one has received a gift.
Use it to serve one another...” – 1 Peter 4:10***

I want to take a moment to recognize Faye’s extraordinary commitment—not only has she given of her time and energy, but she has also made significant personal and financial sacrifices to help hurricane disaster families in need.

Faye has partnered with grassroots teams like the Cajun Navy, Mountain Mule Packers, and even Amish work crews. She’s helped organize winter clothing shipments and been witnessed creative methods like goat-scaping to clear debris from damaged properties. Her work is a living example of Christ’s love in action.

I’ve encouraged Faye to share her ministry at our upcoming Philoptochos General Meeting on October 19 under New Business, and I hope many of you will be there to hear her

witness of service and compassion to those who have not yet recovered from the devastation of Hurricane Helene.

But today, I want to invite you to do more than listen—I want to invite you to join her efforts as you are able.

With God's help and ours, Faye would like to organize a weekend relief trip to Western North Carolina in the near future. I plan to reach out to my Brother Priest in Asheville, NC, and solicit him to work with his parish families to host our volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday, we'll help with home repairs, debris removal, and hopefully share time with those we serve. On Sunday, we'll worship together with the local community.

Many people assume that the majority of need in Western North Carolina has already been met—but it has not. Families are still struggling, and our help is still needed.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." — Philippians 2:4

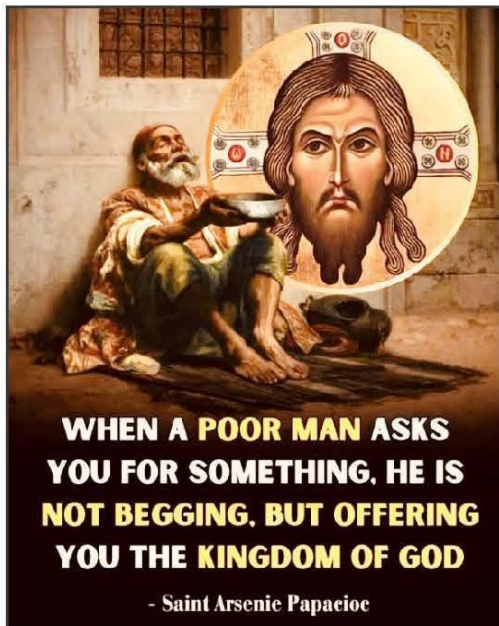
This verse reminds us that Christian love is not passive—it moves us to action. By joining this mission, we embody the selfless care Christ calls us to offer. Whether through hands-on service, prayer, or presence, your participation will bring hope and healing to those still recovering.

Let us not pass by like the priest or the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Let us stop, kneel, and serve. Let us bring the light of Christ into the lives of those still walking through the shadows of loss and recovery.

If Faye can garner the support of our Philoptochos Society, I call upon you to join this effort and speak with Faye, so she can organize sign-ups and coordinate travel and lodging. As Faye has assisted those in need, she has encountered volunteers from other states who are pitching in using their own



Outing with Faye and Presbytera Marinda



Faye shared this inspiring image that touched her heart.

funds to help repair their RVs that were damaged and are essential to keep residents dry this winter. [See pictures on the following page.]

May the Lord bless our efforts and multiply our gifts for the healing of His people.

In Christ's love,

+Fr. George Tsahakis

The Power of Teamwork:

Faye Georgeo shared photos of her relief work in western North Carolina to help someone she discovered had serious health issues named Tracie. Following Hurricane Helene, Tracie had been homeless for more than a year, living in her car before being given an RV that was run down. Scott, a volunteer carpenter, did electrical work but noted the rubber roof was splitting and only good for another few months. In the photo at right, Tracie is wearing the purple shirt standing next to Scott's wife, who worked tirelessly with many volunteer groups, coordinating supplies, vetting trailers, everything! The past year has taken a toll on Tracie's health, which was not great to begin with. She



has a goat-scaping business and rents them for events but with all the devastation, it brings in limited income as she seeks to repair her RV and maintain her fragile health.

Pictured at left is Scott, the carpenter from Pennsylvania who came right after the hurricane and helped many people, including a poor woman who was having cancer treatments. He and another volunteer carpenter from Charleston, SC, gutted the floors of Tracie's RV and tore out wallboard up at least a yard, to save her home. Scott and his wife drove down again from Pennsylvania about three weeks ago, met Faye and Tracie and he replaced her leaking RV skylight and advised that she desperately needed a metal pavilion like the one in the third photo to protect her RV when winter weather arrives. It costs between 5 and 8 thousand dollars as it needs to be anchored in cement.

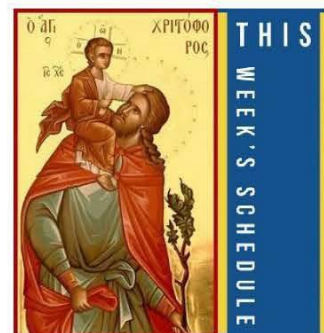


Join Us Often with Your Family

Wednesday, October 15th

8:00 Orthros & 9:00 Divine Liturgy at
Archangel Michael Chapel (Metropolis
Office)

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale -
Tiropita Batter



Friday, October 17th

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale - Tiropita Folding

Saturday, October 18th

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale - Tiropita Folding

Sunday, October 19th – 3rd Sunday of St. Luke

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Special Presentation

10:45 Religious Education Classes

*[Our Adult Religious Education will begin discussing Chapter 2,
pages 99-112 of our textbook.]*

11:45 Philoptochos General Meeting

Wednesday, October 22nd

8:30 Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale - Tiropita Batter



Church Alone... Everyone left me!

After Sunday service, Christina lingered in the fellowship hall, savoring her coffee and chatting about her rice pudding. One by one, everyone left—Pastor, Parish Council, Philoptochos. She didn't notice until the silence hit.

Christina wandered through the church and classrooms. Empty. Lights still on. Doors unlocked. She realized something terrifying: she was the last one in the building... and had no idea how to close the church.

Eventually, she called a Parish Council member who came and secured the church—but Christina had learned a vital lesson: Safeguarding our parish property isn't just for the Pastor or Parish Council. It's for anyone who might outlast the coffee! Thanks for joining me today and listening on "how" you can help us take care of our building, its assets, and the property of our landlords!

Following this Sunday's Divine Liturgy, Fr. George will offer a short but engaging presentation addressing the above scenario that happens from time to time. *Learn how to safeguard our church when the need arises.*

Thanks to Presbytera Stavroula Matos, a widowed Presbytera living in Florida, for sharing this image. *Her husband of blessed memory, Fr. Christos, was a true servant of our Lord who never said no to a call for help from Former Metropolitan Alexios or myself. This month, let us pray for our clergy of blessed memory as well as those serving us now in God's Holy Vineyard. May their memory be eternal.*

Say a prayer for your priest! 🙏

In honor of Clergy Appreciation month, I think it's important to remember that priests need our prayers just as much as we need theirs ✝️ 🙏

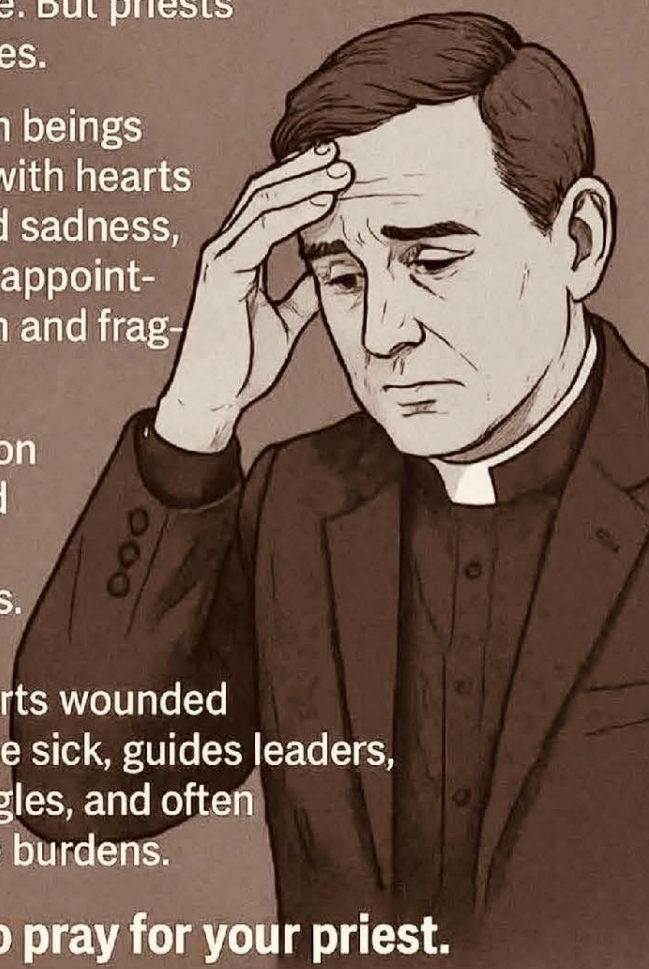
Sometimes we look at priests as if they were tireless machines—never weak, never weary, never wrong, and always available. But priests are not machines.

They are human beings created by God, with hearts that feel joy and sadness, dreams and disappointments, strength and fragility.

A priest's mission goes far beyond the altar and parish meetings. He walks with families, comforts wounded hearts, visits the sick, guides leaders, listens to struggles, and often carries invisible burdens.

Remember to pray for your priest.

Not a machine, but a person—a brother, a father, a shepherd.



South Atlanta Golf Classic is Only 2 Weeks Away



7th Annual St. Christopher Community Outreach annual Golf Tournament, the South Atlanta Golf Classic, will be held on Monday, October 27 at Eagles Landing Country Club in Stockbridge (100 Eagles Landing Way, Stockbridge, GA 30281). The planning team has been working hard to organize the tournament and we are now ready to ask for help from our entire parish and community. Please click on the signup to review all the different roles that are needed to make this event a success.

There are still 15 volunteer slots that need to be filled. So, get a friend and sign up! Please feel free to sign-up for more than one time or slot. Volunteering for the event is easy and fun (no hard work)! We are blessed to partner with Folds of Honor and The Joseph Sam's School again; and we are excited to connect with other people in our community who support us!

If you have any questions about volunteering at this year's Golf Tournament fundraiser, please contact Maria Cahill.

GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP





**Join us Sunday: General
Philoptochos Meeting**

Sunday, Oct. 19

Come for: Updates and fellowship



It's that time of year!!

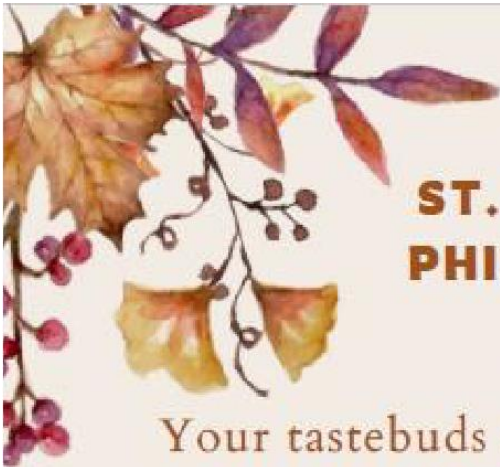
The Philoptochos Fall Bake Sale
baking has kicked off!

However, we need continued assistance!!

**Everyone is welcome to assist!! Please
sign up through the SignUp Genius-even if
its only for an hour or two!**

Check it out!! And share the order form, too!

[Sign Up Genius for all dates](#) We need your help to be successful!



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Fri, Nov, 21st, 3:00 – 6:00

Sat, Nov 22nd 9:00 am - Noon



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Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale




"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 21st 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 22nd 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

Order Deadline: November 7, 2025		Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
Spanakopita: Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 15.00	\$
Tiropita: Cheese stuffed phyllo triangles			\$ 15.00	\$
Baklava: layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey			\$ 20.00	\$
Kourambiedes: sugar dusted butter cookies			\$ 15.00	\$
Koulourakia: twisted butter cookies			\$ 10.00	\$
Paximadia: Greek Biscotti with Pecans and Cinnamon			\$ 10.00	\$
Sampler Dozen: Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Paximadia and Koulourakia			\$ 25.00	\$
Pastitsio: luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection			\$ 60.00 12"x9" pan	
Dolmades: stuffed grape leaves with ground beef, rice and herbs			\$ 15.00	\$
Amygdalota: Greek chewy almond cookie Gluten-free			\$ 10.00	
TOTAL DUE:				\$



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For Questions Pls Contact Dedee Panayis Tel: 817-690 6610



Philoptochos Save the Dates!



- Oct 15 Tiropita Batter 8:30am
17 & 18 **2** folding days 8:30am
19 General Philoptochos Meeting (open to all)
22 Spanakopita Batter 8:30am
24 & 25 **2** folding days 8:30am
- Nov 1 Kourambiethes Baking 8:30am
2 Paximadia- after Religious Education
14-15 Baklava make, bake and cup 8:30am
16 Board Meeting
17 Almond Cookies 8:38am
Box and Bow 4pm
18-19 Dolmathes make, bake and package 8:30am
21-22 Bake Sale Pick up



All Sundays in October "Hands of Love" ministry will be accepting monetary donations to benefit



"Rachel's Gift"

Rachel's Gift, Inc., headquartered in McDonough, GA collaborates with hospitals across the state such as Piedmont Newnan and Piedmont Fayette hospital to provide specialized bereavement care for parents who have lost their child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. To learn more:

<https://www.RachelsGift.org>. There are numerous ways to volunteer - as our talented Philoptochos ladies have sewed tiny Burial gowns and knitted or crocheted baby blankets to comfort grieving mothers. You can

also join other volunteers on the first Tuesday of the month at their office in McDonough to help with various needs. Or join the "Angel Dash" 5k walk/run in La Grange, GA on Oct 11. **Monetary donations** can be placed at the "Hands of Love" **red box** on the narthex table or you can donate online -

<https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.Square.Site>



Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair

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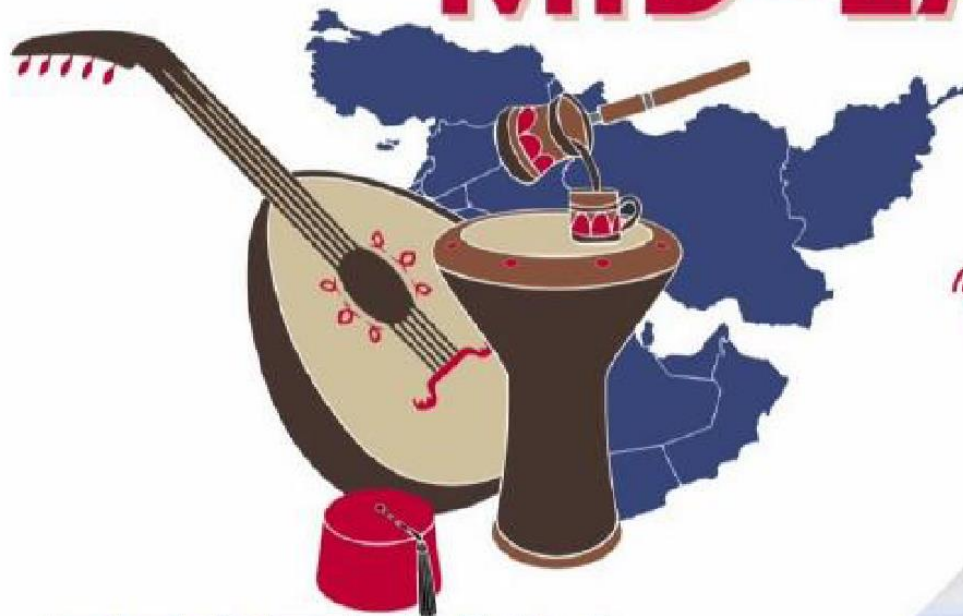
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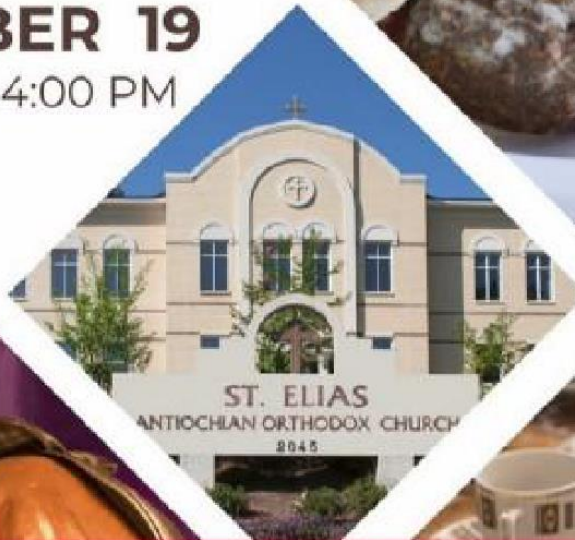
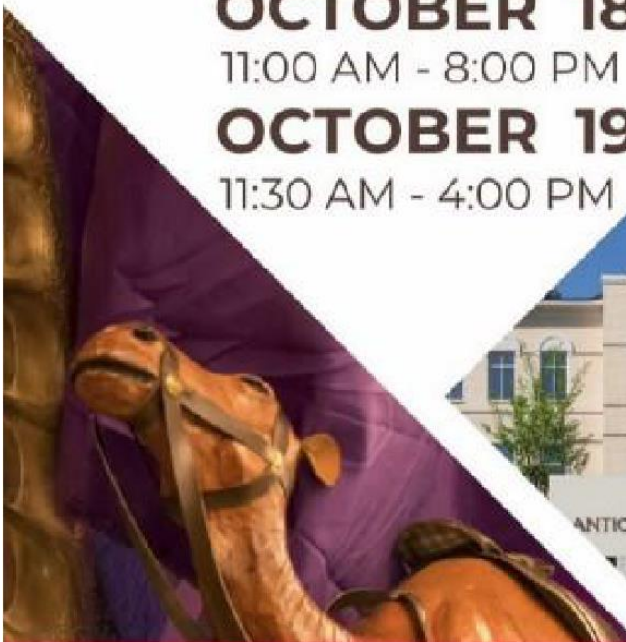
FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 18

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

OCTOBER 19

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM



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Building Our Future: Join Our \$1.5M Capital Campaign

Dear Parish Family,

We are excited to announce the launch of our \$1.5 million Capital Campaign, a five-year endeavor to build our future home. This is an incredible opportunity for us to come together as a community and create a space that will serve and inspire for generations to come.



To make this vision a reality, we encourage everyone to fill out pledge cards now. Our lenders are looking for a strong show of commitment from the parish, and your early pledges are crucial to meeting their requirements. As we consider discussions with outside donors, our ability to demonstrate the Parish Family's commitment to the capital campaign is an integral part of the process and success to raise funds from outside our parish. During our last campaign, we raised an impressive average of \$264K per year, and with your continued support, we are confident we can do it again.

Your participation is vital. Please continue your existing commitment to the stewardship fund and start giving to the new capital campaign or consider increasing your existing building fund pledge amount. Together, we can turn our dreams into reality.

Let's build our future home with faith, dedication, and collective effort. Please consider completing the online pledge card today, [St Christopher Capital Campaign Pledge Card Link](#), so we can show the lenders our unwavering commitment and take the next steps toward our shared goal.

Here are some examples to consider:

<u>GIVING SCENARIO 1:</u> Currently giving \$100/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$40 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$80 to Building Fund• \$60 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 40%</div>	<u>GIVING SCENARIO 2:</u> Currently giving \$200/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$100 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 30%</div>	<u>GIVING SCENARIO 3:</u> Currently giving \$300/month <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 to Building Fund• \$200 to Operations <i>During the Building Fund Campaign</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200 to Building Fund• \$200 to Operations <div>Total Giving Increase = 33%</div>
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Please consider giving with your heart.

With gratitude and hope,

Tom Farmakis



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Eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply.

Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by **January 31, 2026**.

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship, applicants must:

- Be US Citizens or US permanent residents.
- Be of Hellenic descent.
- Be enrolled at an accredited U.S. college or university for Fall 2025 and actively in your **sophomore, junior, or senior year**
- Have a minimum 3.6 cumulative GPA.

Please visit the application page for the full list of eligibility and requirements.

For questions or more information, please email scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or call 312-357-6432.

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