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Pastoral Message from Fr. George, August 1, 2025

The Sanctity of Life

*"Beloved, do you not see the
image of God in every soul?"*

— St. John Chrysostom



St. John Chrysostom taught his catechumens with the fire of divine truth. He reminded them—and reminds us still—that every human life, from the moment of conception to the final breath, is a sacred gift from God. Life is not measured by utility or strength, but by the divine image it bears.

To harm the innocent, to neglect the poor, to ignore the suffering—these are not merely social failings, but spiritual wounds. For Christ Himself said, *“Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me.”*

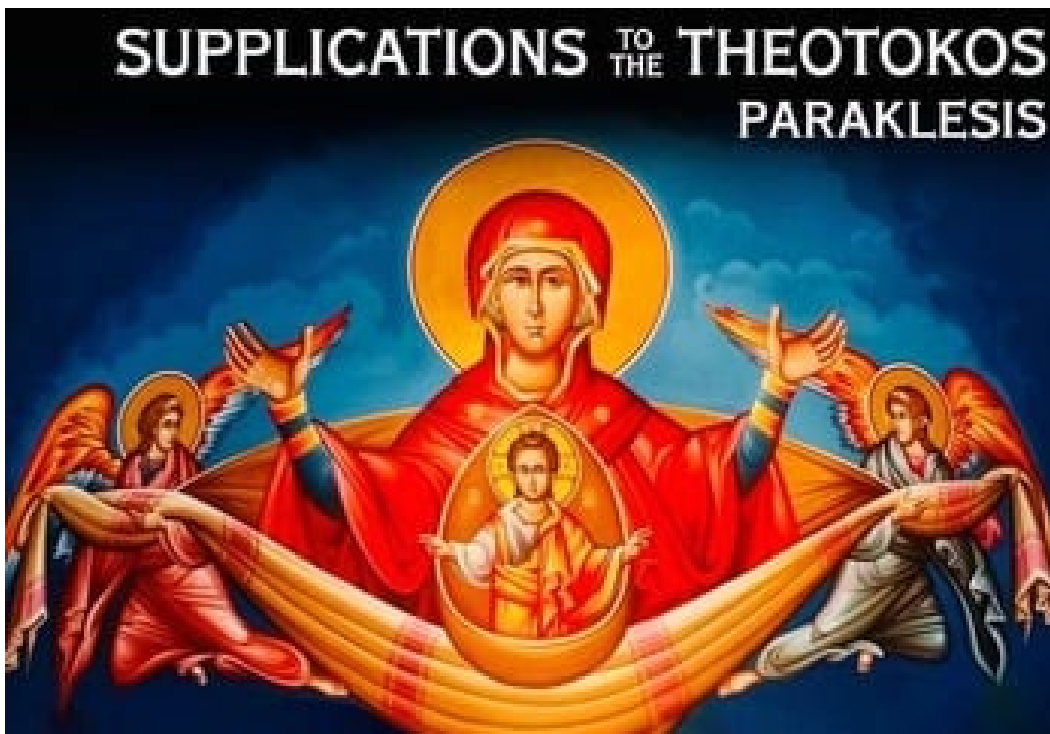
Let us then be vigilant stewards of life. Let us speak for the voiceless, care for the vulnerable, and honor the dignity of every person. In doing so, we do not merely serve humanity—we serve Christ Himself.

Prayer:

O Lord, Giver of Life, grant us the courage to defend the sacredness of every soul. May we see Your image in all people and love them as You have loved us. Through the prayers of St. John Chrysostom, strengthen our witness to the Gospel of Life. Amen.



First Paraklesis Service



Join us for August Services

***Our Live Streaming Viewers Are Appreciated
Together With Those Attending In Person***



Join Us Often with Your Family

Friday, August 1st (Beginning of 14-day fast before Dormition Feast)

8:00 Paraklesis Service (*join us as we pray for health & welfare*)



Saturday, August 2nd

830 Philoptochos – Baklava

Sunday, August 3rd – Eighth Sunday of St. Matthew

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy, Memorial Service, Artoklasia & August Commemorations, & Blessing of Backpacks - We thank Dedee & Kirk Panayis & Maria Panayi for offering the five loaves.

11:00 Memorial Brunch offered by Eva Sarantis & Family

Wednesday, August 6th – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Blessing of the Grapes

Friday, August 8th

8:00 Paraklesis Service (*join us as we pray for health & welfare*)

Sunday, August 10th – Ninth Sunday of St. Matthew

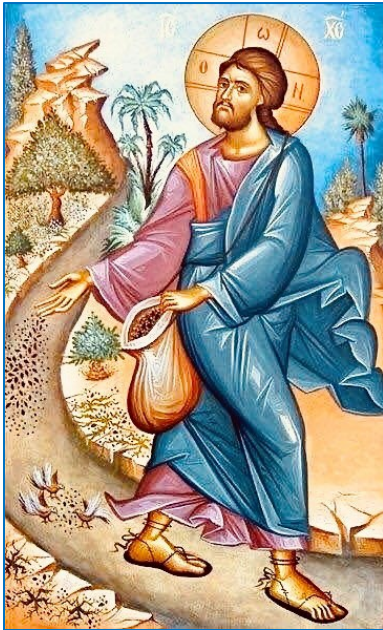
7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Blessing of New Religious Education School Year

11:00 Religious Education Classes "Meet & Greet" Teachers/Assistants

12.00 Parish Council Meeting

A Call to Action Engages Each of Us...



May we answer our Lord's call with boldness. May we rise up—not for comfort, but for Christ. May we, the faithful of St. Christopher Church, lift one another up — by sharing, serving, and loving — So that this parish may shine like a beacon of God's Kingdom on earth. Amen.

"When you don't live with Christ, you live in melancholy, in sadness, in stress, in grief...The greatest of all medicine is to offer oneself in devotion to Christ.

Everything gets healed.

Everything functions properly.

God's love transforms all; it alters, it sanctifies, it corrects, it changes, it modifies everything."



St. Porphyrios