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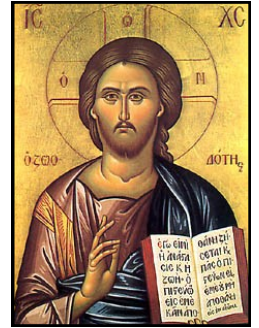
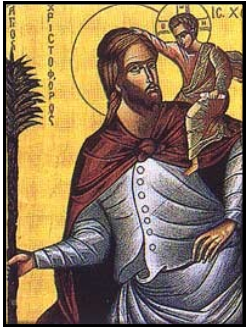
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Join us for Family Vacation Church School

Saturday, June 16th 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

All of us are God's children and part of the Church - the Family of Faith - passed down through the ages. We have the potential to grow through the grace of God.

It is our calling to grow and cultivate God's love and salvation. This VCS program seeks to provide opportunities to grow closer to Christ and His Church while having some Summer fun. Its focus is to deepen the knowledge and experience of the Orthodox faithful in a fun learning environment for children, adults, and teachers.

Why adults are included this year? Both a mother's and father's love are important to a child's development. We invite our parents to bring their children and join us as a parish family during our day-long Vacation Church School program aimed at helping our families realize that our body is a temple where Christ lives. We need to continually clean it, so God can shine through us in all that we do.



We are capable of doing good to others... God calls us to love Him through loving others, and we can do this in small ways every day. As God's children, we are called as Christians to use our talents and let them shine and reflect the light of Christ.

All parish family members, including single adults or couples

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who do not have children, are invited to join us for a fun and Spirit-filled day of Bible lessons, crafts, activities, games, lunch, snacks, music, and fellowship. *We welcome non-Orthodox families to join us.*

REGISTER NOW by visiting our website homepage and scrolling down to bottom right link. Our website address is www.saintchristopherhoc.org. (Registration closes on Sunday, June 10th.)

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Chancellor, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta
Pastor, St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



**Father's Day
Luncheon**



Sunday, June 17th, 10:30 am

**All Dad's, Father's, Pop's, Daddy O's, Papou's,
Godfather's, Uncle's ... AND their Families**

are invited to join us to Celebrate!!!

Philoptochos will provide the main course.

Please RSVP to Gail Ericsson, (770) 251-3728) or
gaileric1@gmail.com, how many will be in your party!



Contact Gail Ericsson, (770) 251-3728, Cynthia Cromartie, (678) 570-5083, or Susan Kleto, (678) 877-9115 to let us know the favorite Lenten dish (fish, wine, and oil allowed) you want to provide.



Schedule for Sunday Greet and Close Teams – June



Date	Volunteers
6-3	Claudia Sliwinski Julie & Victor Torres Tammy Soulakos
6-10	Becky Butler Susan Kleto Tom Farmakis
6-17	Pat Zenais Bassett Cynthia Cromartie Stephen Sarantis
6-24	Stephen Butler Gail Ericsson Georgia Lungaro

A big Thank You to all our volunteers who help keep our Church clean and tidy!

If you would like to help but are unable to commit on a regular basis, please feel free to help clean up after services at your convenience. The more the merrier. **We greatly appreciate everyone's help and are always looking to add more team members to this ministry!**

Please call or e-mail Claudia Sliwinski (678) 633-9916, claudia.sliwinski@yahoo.com or Tammy Soulakos (404) 625-4663, tammy@soulakos.org.



June Prosfora Baking Schedule



The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Sunday, June 3 (due Fri, June 1 by 4:00 pm)	Evangelos & Emilia Moraitis/Milena Taylor
Sunday, June 10 (due Fri., June 8 by 4:00 pm)	Effie Sakkas/Susan Kleto
Sunday, June 17 (due Fri., June 15 by 4:00 pm)	Becky Butler/Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis
Sunday, June 24 (due Fri., June 22 by 4:00 pm)	Costa & Tammy Soulakos/Lydia McGee
Saturday, June 30 (due Fri., June 29 by 4:00 pm)	Georgia Lungaro/Claudia Sliwinski

PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Presbytera Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at mtsahakis@comcast.net or (770) 381-1842.



Hands of Love: June



For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land." (Deut. 15:11)

All Sundays in June: Monetary Donations for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting monetary donations for the **Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry**. OCPM is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization. It was chartered in 2005 and is one of the ministries of the **Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America**.

The **mission** of this ministry is to bring **hope and healing through the Love of Christ** to incarcerated men and women, living in distress, to lessen the impact to their families, and to help them re-integrate and live a productive life. Some of the activities of OCPM are:

- ◆ makes available Orthodox publications, study bibles, prayer books, icon prayer cards, and catechism courses to those in prison and to prison chapel libraries,
- ◆ links prisoners to Orthodox priests, who provide them with a sacramental life,
- ◆ offers spiritual guidance and publications to families of people in prison,
- ◆ educates clergy and future clergy at targeted seminaries,
- ◆ trains clergy and laity for prison ministry and correspondence ministry,
- ◆ links people coming out of prison with Orthodox churches in their area, and
- ◆ provides guidance to clergy and laity in churches receiving people from prison.

Yours in Christ,
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova
Hands of Love Chair

Sharing Prayers, Hope, and Hugs

Fr. George will be blessing our next collection of Prayer Shawls (and lap blankets) on Sunday, August 12th. This blessing is part of the celebration the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

As we have been privileged to do in the past, these shawls and lap blankets will be shared with patients at Cancer Treatment Center of America (CTCA) in Newnan. Prayer shawls can be either triangular or rectangular but need to be long enough to wrap securely around the body. Rectangular shawls should be 24"- 30" wide and 68"- 72" long with fringe or some other decorative finish at each end. Triangular shawls should be 60"- 72" across the longest side, 24"- 30" to the point with fringe along the two short sides or some other decorative finish all around. Lap blankets should be at least 36" long and 40" wide. Yarn color choice is also important as we are trying to uplift the spirits of the recipients of the shawls and blankets. Please make sure your shawl or blanket is completed with no loose ends and the sew-in label attached.

Please contact Susan Kleto at (770) 253-8469 or sbkleto@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to receive a Prayer Guide, or have any suggestions for improving the program.





Philoptochos News and Updates



"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."
(St. Matthew 5:16)

“My father gave me the greatest gift you could give a person, he believed in me.” Jim Valvano

I believe that I can speak for all the ladies of Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church, when I say a hearty "Thank you!" to the men behind the beautiful Mother's Day Program and Luncheon. We were pampered and treated to an outstanding lunch. The hardworking men were led by the Quad Chair Committee of Kirk Panayis, Fr. George Tсахakis, George Zavlanos, and Steve Theodorakis. This makes me wonder what the women will come up with for the Father's Day Luncheon we are having on Sunday, June 17th!!

Summer is here, but let's keep a charitable heart and keep active with the Ladies of Philoptochos. Keep watch for upcoming activities. Baking for GreekFest and the Fall Appetizer and Pastry Sale are just around the corner (starting in August).



Thank you to all who made the Baby Shower for Danielle (Dawkins) and Loyd Moulton a wonderful success. It was a very meaningful day for Danielle and her parents, reminding them how much we love and miss Danielle. The Skype system set up by Kirk Panayis and myself allowed Danielle and Loyd to be with us and us with them in "real time".



Upcoming Events:
June 3: Graduation Sunday
June 17: Father's Day Luncheon

Your Sister in Christ,
Helen Psihountas
Philoptochos President

Don't want to cook? Let's EAT™

Tired of doing the dishes? Let's EAT™

Been meaning to eat out with your Family? Let's EAT™

Have you been putting off catching up with old friends? Let's EAT™

Wishing you had the opportunity to meet new friends? Let's EAT™

Join Us at Broadway Diner, 535 S Glynn St., Ste. 1009, Fayetteville

Sunday, June 24th, 11:00 am

St. Christopher Building Fundraising

Dear St. Christopher Faithful,

"...whatever you do, do everything for the Glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31) As you can see by our progress, we are very excited about the amount of Financial pledges we have received since beginning our campaign, now approaching nearly \$500,000 of our \$800,000 goal by the end of June. The wonderful story is that we have been able to accomplish this amount with less than 40 families participating! As you can see, we still have work to do. How do we do it? If you were in church on the day Steve Sarantis and Jeanie McGee spoke to us about the fundraising effort, here are some of the questions they posed:

- What would you say to the family who doesn't feel their contribution would be significant?
- What would you say to the family that is consistently giving, but has not yet pledged to the building fund?
- What would you say to the family that is waiting to see what others are going to do, or if we are going to make our goal?
- What would you say to the family that's experiencing difficult financial circumstances in their life at this time?

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, if you consider the questions above, in Faith could anyone believe their contribution, no matter how large or small, would be insignificant? Jesus wouldn't. What if you are consistently giving but haven't yet pledged? Don't worry, you still have time! If you are waiting to see what others are going to do or whether we are going to make our goal, my appeal to you is... don't wait! And finally, if you are experiencing difficult financial circumstances, as many of us do at times, don't worry. Pledge what you can. We know and believe that God loves a cheerful giver (of any amount). So please, pledge what you cheerfully can. Our most important achievement will be to have 100% participation to the campaign, regardless of the dollar totals.

Now is the time to put our trust in the Lord, and that He will provide exactly what we need, when we need it. So, let's get 100% participation from our Parish family - please do not wait, pledge now. Remember this is for our children, grandchildren, and the generations to come. What we do today will be remembered as the time we chose to make a difference! God will Bless our efforts, but we must do our part. Can we expect any less from ourselves?

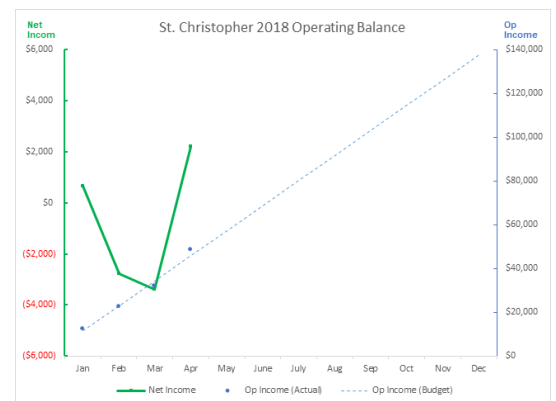
Faithfully,
Tom Farmakis
Building Fundraising Chairman

Parish Financial Update

The financial gifts and expenses through April are shown below. April was a very good month and we are positive year-to-date, even with the allocation prepayment. Thank you to all who have worked to stay current with their Stewardship. We will continue to track and report on this. Thank you for your continued support of our parish operating budget. Please contact George Psihountas, Treasurer, or Steve Sarantis, Assistant Treasurer, if you have any questions.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Total Op. Income	\$48,437	\$45,857
Operating Expenses	\$46,224	\$45,857
YTD Net	\$2,213	

Faithfully,
George Psihountas
Parish Council Treasurer





Save the Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018 2018 Gross Revenue Goals

	Cost	#	Total
Olympian	\$5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
Athenian	\$2,500.00	5	\$12,500.00
Spartan	\$1,200.00	6	\$ 7,200.00
Agape	\$ 600.00	7	\$ 4,200.00
OPA!	\$ 300.00	40	\$12,000.00
Individual Tickets	\$ 65.00	200	\$13,000.00
Gross Revenue			\$53,900.00

This year we have a stretch goal of increasing our gross revenue
Our goal as you see above is to have **\$53,900.00** in gross revenue

In order to accomplish this we are challenging every family to (at least):

Sell 4 individual tickets and 1 OPA! Sponsorship

This year we added the Olympian Sponsorship - and Guess What?
We already have one!!

If you have not signed up to be on a committee - please do so!!
There is a sign up board in the narthex at church!

We need everyone's help in order to be successful in reaching our stretch goal!
All sponsorship brochures and ticket forms are on the table in the Narthex at church and our website!

2018 GreekFest Quad Chairs: Tammy Soulakos, Dina Kearns,
Helen Psihountas, Julie Skouteris

Visit the St. Christopher's Online Parish Calendar at
www.saintchristopherhoc.org/Calendar.php
for up-to-the-minute details about upcoming events and services!

Community Calendar June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 All Saints 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am 40 Day Memorial - Elizabeth (Misty) Gianopoulos 10:30 am Graduate Recognition Sunday 11:00 am Parish Council Meeting	4 Apostles Fast Begins Oil, Wine, and Fish Allowed	5 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	6 Strict Fast	7 6:30 pm Choir Practice Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	8 Wine/Oil Allowed	9 2:00 pm Sacrament of Baptism Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed
10 2nd Sunday of Matthew 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am General Parish Assembly 12:00 pm Coffee Fellowship Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	11 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	12 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	13 8:00 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Fr. George will offer services at Archangel Michael Chapel, Atlanta Strict Fast	14 6:30 pm Choir Practice Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	15 5:00 pm July Newsletter Article Submission Deadline Strict Fast	16 9:30 am Family Vacation Church School - "Building a Home for Jesus" (See p.1-2) Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed
17 3rd Sunday of Matthew 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Father's Day Luncheon (See p. 2) Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	18 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	19 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	20 Strict Fast	21 6:30 pm Choir Practice Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	22 Strict Fast	23 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed
24 Nativity of John the Baptist 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Let's Eat, Broadway Diner, Fayetteville (See p. 5) Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	25 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	26 Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	27 Strict Fast	28 6:30 pm Choir Practice Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	29 Apostles Peter and Paul Apostles Fast - Oil, Wine, and Fish allowed	30 Synaxis of the Holy Apostles 7:45 am Orthros 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Apostles Fast Ends