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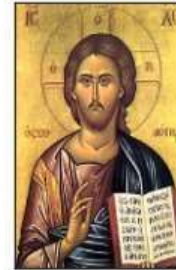
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Message from Fr. George for 12.11.20 Weekly



**Hanukkah, Greeks, and
Jews, Then and Now:**

A Conversation with

H.E. Archbishop

Elpidophoros of America

Monday, December 14

3:30 PM ET

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[Click to Read Fr. George's Message for December 11, 2020](#)

An Important Message from His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

December 8, 2020

To The Clergy of the Metropolis of Atlanta:

My Beloved Brothers in Christ,

I greet you with love in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we journey toward the cavern in Bethlehem!

I offer, with great enthusiasm, the following "**1st Digital Fellowship with Elder Ephraim, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Vatopedi Mount Athos and the Orthodox Christian Network OCN**". This "e-Synaxis", created by Pemptousia and the OCN will be held on **Friday Dec 11, 2020 at 1:00pm EST** (8:00 PM Athens time). According to the email I received, "*Elder Ephraim will talk in Greek and we will offer real time English Interpretation for the entire session, including the homily as well as the questions & answers.* "

To register in advance, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsfuyhqDkiGtRDAN1fj8DENu7ftkHVXtcP> (After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting, and by participating in the e-Meetings with Elder Ephraim you agree to the terms of use and our privacy policy which you can find here: <https://www.pemptousia.gr/ori-chrisispemptousia-gr>)

I encourage not only your participation as clergymen, but ask that you send this invitation to all your parishioners, so they might experience the wisdom of this venerable monastic. I remain,

Yours with paternal love and blessings in Christ,

+ ALEXIOS

Metropolitan of Atlanta

STEWARDSHIP 2021

Dear Saint Christopher Family,

I have posted a link on our website regarding the 2021 pledge initiative. I realize that we often forget what we did pledge the past year.

To help us all out on this, I am sending a letter via real mail to each of you that will have the amount you pledged in 2020.

Please expect this letter early next week.

I am grateful for your generosity and faithfulness.

God bless our efforts.

Faithfully,
Lydia McGee



Vasilopita with a Twist!

In this season of giving and sharing, the Ladies of Philoptochos would like to reveal our plan for Vasilopita 2021! In an effort to raise money for St Basil's Academy but also follow guidelines for gathering in large groups, we think we have come up with a unique opportunity.

All of our best bakers are offering your favorite vasilopita cakes and breads that you anticipate each year. However, this year each vasilopita will be designated for donation to a philanthropy or group of their choice. With your purchase that vasilopita will be donated, in your name, to the designated group.

This twist on our Vasilopita Luncheon and auction will benefit St. Basil's Academy AND a local charity, office, school, or group. We will be spreading joy in the new year, help St Basil's Academy, inform more people about St. Christopher and share our rich traditions!

The auction is open for a week beginning January 1st and ending on

January 7th. Please embrace our twist on vasilopita and support our Ladies of Philoptochos.

If you wish to make a donation in lieu of the auction, [click here](#).

Thank you!

Your sister in Christ,
Helen Psihountas
Philoptochos President



[Click here to Help with Our Vasilopita 2021 Effort!](#)

NATIVITY CARD 2020

As you all know, for the past several years our Philoptochos chapter has been sending a parish nativity card to all of our families at St. Christopher's. It is THAT time again. Please forgive my tardiness in getting this memo out.

It will be very easy and convenient this year to donate and designate how you wish your name/names displayed on the card. Many thanks to Kirk and Dedee Panayis for their fine efforts on the donation site.

[Click here](#) to donate to the Philoptochos Nativity Card.

If you do not wish to donate on line, you can do so by check or cash to Dedee Panayis or me. You will need to designate how you want your name/names displayed. You can write your names on paper or email them to Dedee or me.

My email is mcgeejeanie47@gmail.com

Dedee's email is wreay@yahoo.com

The deadline for getting this done will be December 20, 2020. I will mail the cards during the week of the Nativity.

All the monies collected during this time will be given to the general Philoptochos fund and be used as needed. Thank you for your generosity in this endeavor. May God bless you richly.

Sincerely,

Jeanie/Lydia McGee

*Our **Angel Tree** is here!*

*Look for the
glow at the
back of the
sanctuary
and*

*Take home an angel ornament from the tree
as a keepsake to remind you to share your
blessings this **Christmas!***

*You can also email me to anna_nayd@yahoo.com and
I will send you an angel ornament by mail.*

To volunteer or donate, please visit:

www.SaintJohnWonderworker.org

Anna Andreeva Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair





The Family Toy & Food Box Program

**St. John the Wonderworker Church,
December 19th 2020**

TOY & FOOD BOX PROGRAM

In order to provide a safe environment for our guests and volunteers this year, our - pre-registered families will receive a food box, as usual, and a \$50 gift card for each child in the family. We expect to serve 75 families with between 150 - 200 children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are in need of turkey donations for our family food boxes & Christmas Day meal.

If you wish to provide a turkey, please email your intention to rebeccamorristmyers@gmail.com to help us plan our purchasing, and plan to deliver it to the church by Dec. 14th.

If you would like to donate to this program you may do so through our website at saintjohnwonderworker.org or send a check made out to Loves & Fishes, earmarked Christmas Program to:

*Loves and Fishes
c/o St. John Church
543 Cherokee Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30312*

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL

This year's Christmas Day Meal will be a take-out dinner, with a limited number of volunteers needed to do the final prep work at St. John's and to hand out meals and packed back-packs. We hope to return to our festive seated dinner next year.

If you would like to donate to this program or volunteer to help with the meal, please visit the Christmas Program page on the St. John website, or in the case of donation, send a check as noted above.

**Thank you for helping us to serve those in need -
a need that is greater this year than ever.**

**[Click here to donate and or to sign up to volunteer for the
Christmas Day Meal at St. John the Wonderworker!](#)**



Church Re-Opening Guidelines

During the first phase of the re-opening of St. Christopher Church, a limited number of households will be permitted at each worship service *by following two simple steps.*

Extra services will be offered to accommodate our St. Christopher Parish Family if your first choice is not available.

Step 1: [Click here to Read and Agree to "Returning to Worship: Important Information"](#)

Step 2: [Click here to "Pre-Register for Services"](#)

**Please note that unless you pre-register, you will not be permitted to enter into the Church. We cannot accommodate walk-ins at this time.*



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For questions, please email communications@saintchristopherhoc.org

or call the church office at (770) 347-7729.

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