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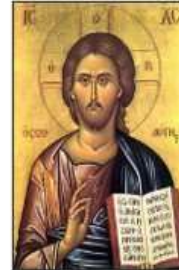
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Pastoral Message from Fr. George for July 9, 2021

Love Gives a Voice to Those Who Can't Speak

"Love will stand in the place of the one who's guilty
Gives a voice to those who can't speak
Take the bullet; Take the fall
Walk on water; Make it part
Breathe new life into a broken heart
When you let it turn the pages
Love will take you places."

Danny Cokey, Love Will Take You Places

"God is Love." -1 John 4:8

Today, our world is thirsting for love, and Christian households are called to help God restore humanity by offering it in His behalf. Fr. George used this message from the Archdiocese Center for Family Care in his remarks following the marriage of Stephanie Zavlanos to William Roche at Annunciation Cathedral on July 3rd.

He challenged Stephanie and William to build the foundation of their new household with God's love; to offer it freely to the youth they teach each day and the world at large. We congratulate them and their parents, George and Catherine Zavlanos and William and Susan Roche, and their Koubara, Christina Zavlanos. We pray God bless them.

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Just two days before on July 1st, our parish youth (Hope & Joy) enjoyed an afternoon outing at Starlite Family Fun Center. We roller skated, had fun at its play gym, enjoyed laser tag, and ate lunch together. While we were waiting for everyone to gather, Fr. George learned some basic “American Sign Language” from the Johns family’s children. As additional youth arrived, Fr. George shared some of it with them. Several hours later, when asked to take a group photo with him, without any prompt from Fr. George or our adults, one of the children pictured below is expressing the word “love” using ASL. Can you spot it? *[Answer: It is the child crossing his arms over his chest.]*



Was it simply coincidence that one of our students would do this?

No, it is part of God's grace... it reflects the Word of God's power in our lives and the importance we have as families to instruct and anchor ourselves in trusting God and living according to His teachings. The child learned that "sign" at a Church outing and now he will never forget it. It reminds him of the love with which God calls us to embrace the world. He has and he will! *Let us reinforce his understanding by modeling that in our adult lives every day!*

For a child to "sign" the word "love" spontaneously reflects his trust in God and the teachings his family and Church are promoting. Yes, "God is love" as the Apostle John stated in the first image above. By teaching it to our youth from infancy, we reinforce it when we share it with those we encounter without prejudice or hatred. As the newlyweds are building their new household using God's love, we pray God bless them with happy and healthy children like those pictured above who know God and trust in His Word!

May all of us share God's love in our daily encounters; let us put it into practice often so that we produce the genuine fruit for God's harvest of humanity's salvation. As St. Paul shared in our Epistle Lesson yesterday (Rom. 2:10): ***"glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good."*** Amen!



“Let the little children come to Me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” (Matthew 19:14)



THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHIEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL

Prot. No. 164/2021

**Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Apostolic Visit of His All-Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch BARTHOLOMEW to the United States**

June 30, 2021

Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Twelve Apostles

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου! (Ψαλμός 117:25)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! (Psalm 117:25 LXX)

With unsurpassed joy, we announce on the Feast of the Glorious Twelve, the Apostolic Visit of His All Holiness BARTHOLOMEW, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch to the United States, October 23 – November 3, 2021. This Visit, the first in twelve years, will commence the day following the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Election of His All-Holiness as Ecumenical Patriarch, and include the same anniversary of His Enthronement on the venerable See of the First-Called Apostle Saint Andrew on November 2nd. The Apostolic Visit will inaugurate the Centennial



Celebration of the founding of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America (1922 – 2022), which will be observed next year across the country.

The Ecumenical Patriarch will begin by being welcomed in our Nation's Capital at the highest level of diplomatic and ecclesiastical dignity. The official itinerary will be shared in the coming weeks, and it will include a visit to the Metropolises of Pittsburgh and Chicago, with a major ecumenical event taking place at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

The Visit will conclude in New York City, and will culminate in a dedicatory "Opening of the Doors" of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center on the very anniversary of his Enthronement as Ecumenical Patriarch. All of our Metropolises, Parishes, and Institutions will be able to share in this joy, through interactive features that will accompany His All-Holiness on his Visit. Therefore, with gladness and enthusiasm, let us welcome the Spiritual Father of us all, and with heartfelt cries proclaim: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

With paternal blessings in the Lord,

+ ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America



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Dear Saint Christopher Faithful,

As we progress further into the summer travel season, it can be difficult to maintain adequate coverage in our ministry teams. Covid and it's associated protocols required very specific instructions and training for our teams to properly manage parishioner and visitor safety, and the associated liability. For this reason we limited our Usher and Video teams to enable closer management of the processes and protocols for maximum effectiveness. With the recent adjustments in CDC and Metropolis requirements, we can now simplify the processes and protocols that were necessary during the height of the pandemic; and are able to open up the Usher and Video teams to anyone that may have an interest in serving. As mentioned in my opening, we need additional coverage in July and August as travel is at its highest thereby depleting our reserves of available volunteers. These are critical roles for our parish as they directly interface with visitors and parishioners either virtually or in person. Please contact me or Costas Soulakos if you have interest in volunteering for the Usher or Videos teams respectively.

Faithfully yours,

Steve Sarantis

Parish Council President

**South Atlanta Golf Classic is Less Than Two Months Away -
Sponsorships and Volunteers Needed!**

Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry's third annual Golf Tournament, the South Atlanta Gold Classic will be held on Monday, August 23rd at Flat Creek Country Club. 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 here to review all the different roles that are needed to make this event a success.

There are 45 volunteer slots to fill, so please feel free to sign-up for more than one time or role. Volunteering for the event is easy and fun (no hard work)! We have already received commitments from our two partner schools: The Bedford School and The Joseph Sam's School; 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



Please consider a sponsorship to help us toward with our building fund!

[South Atlanta Golf Classic Sponsorship](#)



[Please check out our Facebook page!](#)



Join us for a Golf Classic Update Meeting on Sunday, July 11th at 10:30 AM for 30-45 minutes. Be part of the inaugural episode of “Tom and Maria on the Golf Course.”



And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ~Hebrews 13:16

Summer of “**Random Acts of Kindness**”

July:

Random Act of Kindness for July

Fayette County Humane Society [link](#)

Cause for Paws @ Mike & C's

When

Tue, July 13, 5pm – 8pm

Where

Mike & C's Family Sports Grill, 1200 Hwy 74 S Ste 14, Peachtree City

Cause for Paws - El Reposo

When

Thu, July 29, 5pm – 8pm

Where

El Reposo, 1240 GA-54, Fayetteville, GA

DONATE:

[Amazon](#) or [Chewy](#) wish lists

Purchase Purina Pro Plan foods only

ADOPT:

Every Saturday and Sunday at PetSmart in Peachtree City

August

Midwest Food Bank prepping lunch for the volunteers in August.

Details to come.

Please mark your calendars for our next general meeting: August 15th.

Your sister in Christ,

Helen Psihountas

President



In July 2021:
Soldiers' Angels



Soldiers' Angels is an organization serving active-duty military and their families, as well as veterans of all eras. 538,355 people were served last year. It is one of the few charities approved to work in the VA hospitals in Georgia - the Atlanta VA and Dublin VA.

Your monetary donation of:

\$ 35 - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent

\$ 50 - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at VA hospitals

\$100 - can help a veteran put food on the table

\$500 - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, amputation to help them maintain some independence, as well as stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies. For more opportunities to volunteer virtually and in person, visit www.SoldiersAngels.org

*May No Soldier Go Unloved,
May No Soldier Walk Alone,
May No Soldier Be Forgotten,
Until They All Come Home.TH*

Faithfully,

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

You can donate to Hands Of Love by clicking here-

[Hands of Love | St. Christopher Philoptochos \(square.site\)](http://Hands of Love | St. Christopher Philoptochos (square.site))

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If anyone is interested in helping with the Videography and would like to be trained. Contact Costas Soulakos at 770-757-3859.



We welcome you to join us in person for church services.

Parishioners and visitors are no longer required to take temperature checks, but of course those who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. In addition, we no longer require sign-up for services in advance (unless deemed necessary for a special event).

Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual entering these premises if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by entering these premises.



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For questions, please email communications@saintchristopherhoc.org

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