



Sunday, October 6, 2013

Dearest St. Christopher's Faithful,

It is with a truly joyful heart that I extend this most sincere thank you! As I shared in our religious education lesson today, the social issues that have arisen in Greece due to economic destruction are overwhelming. I did not know I would be so emotional when speaking of the hardships that so many are facing. As we closed our eyes and imagined destruction I am not sure any of us pictured a mother so desperate for money she resorts to prostitution nor did we probably imagine children dropping out of school to help find work to pay bills; we most likely did not imagine the rise of HIV and we may not have pictured the dramatic rise in drug usage. As we came to learn about the plight of so many, we then imagined the *hope* that so many are holding on to; we imagined the actions that we could take to help our Brothers and Sisters in Christ and then we did the most inspiring part; we took action! Thank you to the faithful who gave of their time and talents through cooking, setting up, and selling as well as those who came and ate and bought goods; we were able to raise nearly \$1,000 for the Aid Greece & Cyprus Fund. I am so grateful to be a part of a parish that really understands what it means to do God's work. As the Lord said in Luke 3:11 *"He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."* Today, as a parish, we did as the Lord commanded and I thank you for your help in doing so.

Our Philoptochos Chapter will be accepting monetary donations through next Sunday. If you would like to donate next week please leave a check made out to *St. Christopher Philoptochos* (memo: Aid Greece/ Cyprus) in the basket labeled "Aid to Greece and Cyprus" that will be in the Narthex.

Faithfully,

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