



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΑΝΤΑΣ

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

January 1, 2021



## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210

Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

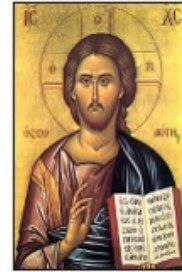
Phone: (770) 347-PRAY (7729)

Website: [www.saintchristopherhoc.org](http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org)

Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, Pastor

Stephen Sarantis, President, Parish Council

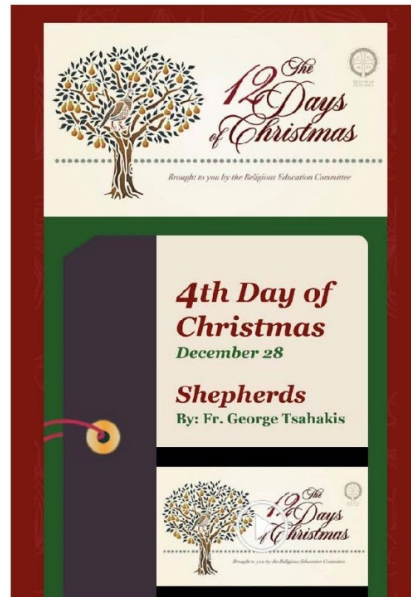
Jackie Sarantis, Office Administrator



### Message from Fr. George for 1.1.21 Weekly



*As part of the Metropolis of Atlanta's "12 Days of Christmas" series, I was privileged to reflect on the role of the Shepherds present at the Nativity of our Incarnate Lord.*



[Click here to view](#)



# Vasilopita 2021

*... with a New Twist!*

Our St. Christopher Philoptochos Chapter is seeking to raise funds through our Annual Vasilopita Event to support St. Basil's Academy. During the pandemic, we have devised a unique way to raise funds AND share our goodies with those in our local community who are either public servants or who work in a local charity (e.g., Police, Fire Department, EMT, local charity, or one of our Philoptochos Hands of Love charities, etc.)

This year, since no live auction is possible, parishioners who normally would bid are asked to purchase their favorite bread using our Philoptochos online donation website. Rather than the buyer keeping the Vasilopita, once it is purchased, the family preparing the Vasilopita will deliver it to a local charity of their choice in honor of the family buying it. Each baker is encouraged to take a photo with the recipients to share online at our parish website of the smiling faces of those who will learn about our Vasilopita tradition and taste its goodness. As a result, St. Basil's bread will bring unexpected cheer to the recipients and offer support for St. Basil's Academy.

Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis is soliciting our parishioners' help in preparing one or more Vasilopitas to be donated to a local charity of your choice after they have been purchased now

through January 7th.

If you wish to help bake this year, in the space below, [Click here to volunteer to bake one or more Vasilopitas](#). It's easy... after clicking you will fill in your name, email, telephone, the number of Vasilopitas (Cake, Bread, Cupcakes) you wish to make, your suggested donation price for each, and the name(s) of the local charity you wish to support. You decide if your Vasilopita will be a cake, bread, cupcakes, or more!

In order for Philoptochos to list your Vasilopitas in a timely manner, we ask that you complete this survey as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless our efforts!

***After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fr. George will cut our community Vasilopita and distribute pieces to those who will be present. Parishioners will be invited to make an offering as they receive their piece, and it will be given to St. Basil's Academy.***



## **Vasilopita 2021 with a New Twist!**

This year, since no Live auction is possible, parishioners who normally would bid for Vasilopitas are asked to purchase their favorite bread using our Philoptochos online donation website now until January 7th 2021. Please donate by selecting one of the Vasilopitas below. Your Participation will help us make a big difference. Thank You.

[Click to View Vasilopitas Available for Purchase](#)

[Now through January 7, 2021](#)

## **STEWARDSHIP 2021**

Dear St. Christopher Family,

It is time for us to designate our 2021 pledges to continue our ministries at Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church. As I have shared previously, it is essential that we have CONSISTENT giving, no matter what amount we choose to contribute as an active family of

St. Christopher Church in Peachtree City, Georgia.

As Stewardship Chair, I kindly ask that you and your family prayerfully offer a percentage of your income (preferably the tithe or tenth). If this is new for you, start out smaller than a tenth and gradually increase your giving. You will be surprised at how easy it will become. I realize this is hard, especially when we are discussing our money. But again, all that we are and all that we have is from God, isn't it? God does indeed want our WHOLE lives. He wants us to acknowledge Him as FIRST in our lives.

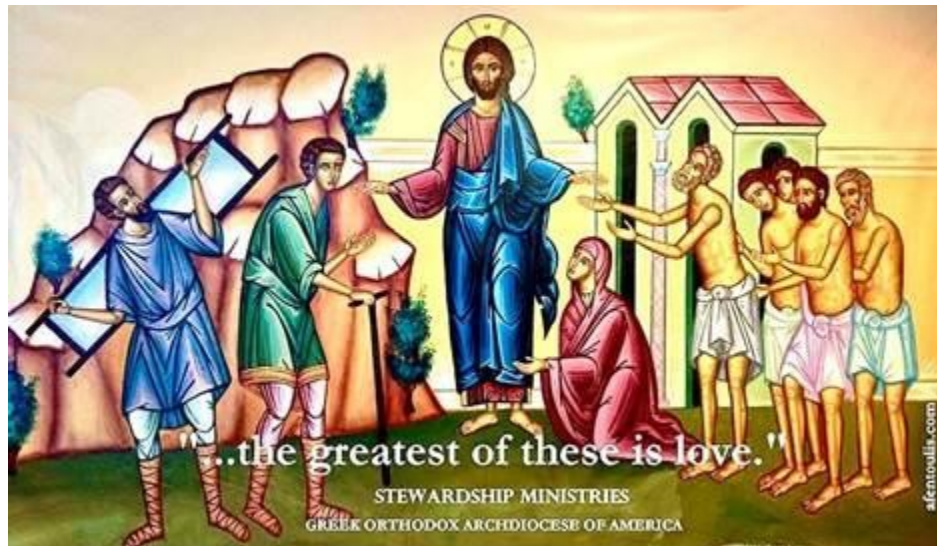
Thank you for your faithfulness to God and His Holy Church. He will bless our generosity and our faithfulness to Him. Soon you will be receiving in your mail a reminder of your current pledge amount for 2020. Using the form below, I hope you will renew your pledge for 2021 and even consider increasing it if possible. If you have any questions, email me at [mcgeejeanie47@gmail.com](mailto:mcgeejeanie47@gmail.com).

Love,

Lydia McGee

Stewardship Chair for St. Christopher Church





[Offer Your 2021 Stewardship Pledge Online Now](#)

## **Opportunity for the Building Fund**

Did you know that you can earn money for the Building Fund by doing nothing more than your normal shopping on Amazon? That's right! If you have St. Christopher selected as your charity organization on Amazon Smile, we receive a percentage of all sales made. All monies received from Amazon are earmarked for the Building Fund to help us get to our target goal that much faster. It is very easy to activate, just use the link below [.smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

When you shop  
at **smile.amazon.com**,  
Amazon donates.



## 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.*



[Click Image for Online Giving](#)

For questions, please email [communications@saintchristopherhoc.org](mailto:communications@saintchristopherhoc.org)

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

**[Click here](#) for Online Giving Instructions**



[Click image to view our parish calendar](#)



*Copyright © 2020 St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church, All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because you are a Parishioner or Friend of St. Christopher

**Our mailing address is:**

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

313 Dividend Dr.

Ste. 210

Peachtree City, GA 30269

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

