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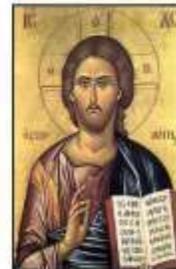
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New Year's Message from Fr. George



As we begin 2022, let us pause to renew our hope and trust in God. Let us thank God for giving us life and fellowship with Him, with our families, with our friends, with our co-workers in our workplaces and parish, and with those He places unexpectedly in our journey. Let us seek His peace, healing, and forgiveness. Let our faith and devotion to God enable us to place Him first; let us ask for His direction and will in the choices we will make. *“... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Mt. 5:16)*

Early this year, let us gather our families and pray together:

O Lord our God, Who has placed times and seasons under Your own authority, Who, in Your infinite compassion and goodness, have counted us worthy to enter a New Year of Your loving kindness, bless it and keep us in peace.

Loose, remit and forgive any sins that we have committed during the year that is past and keep us free from sin in the New Year. Enlighten us with the light of Your truth and Your divine commandments. Establish in our souls Your holy will and guide us to every work that is good and pleasing to You.

Guard well our Holy Church with Your divine grace. Remember, Lord, our nation; train up the youth; protect the elderly; encourage the faint-hearted; gather the scattered; bring back those who have gone astray and reunite them to Your Holy Church. Overshadow our Land with Your might and grant it gentle rain and abundance of the fruits of the earth. Speak of goodness in the hearts of our rulers; support and strengthen them, together with our armed forces by land, sea, and air.

Let Your kingdom come upon us, O Lord; the kingdom of love, goodness, peace, and justice; and make us worthy to praise and glorify, with one mouth and one heart, Your most honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.



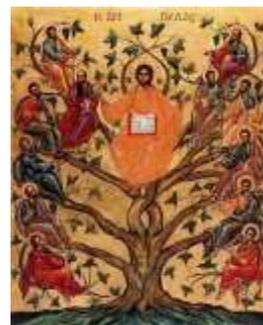
Let us join together on January 5-6 for the Feast of Holy Theophany – our Lord’s Holy Baptism, when as a parish family, we are called to think about and make known *our Heavenly Father’s Beloved Son with Whom He publicly proclaimed He was well pleased. Likewise, let us reflect on the Spirit of God that appeared in the form of a dove, who lives in each of us baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians.*



As we do so, how glorious it is to recall Isaiah’s prophecy shared in 42:1-9 – I hope you will read it out loud with your family members in respect for such profound love from our God to each of us.

^{42:1}Here is My servant, Whom I uphold, My chosen, in Whom My soul delights; I have put My spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up His voice or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and what comes from it, Who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those Who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

With this magnificent reminder of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ's presence among us, let us embrace the New Year with renewed faith, hope, and love. In so doing, we begin 2022 without uncertainty, as Christ encouraged His followers in



John 15:16: “You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name.”

May you and your family be blessed with a healthy and happy new year!



The Holy Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, celebrated January 6

Wednesday, January 5 (Vigil of Theophany – Strict Fast):

8:00 a.m. Service of Great Hours

9:30 a.m. Vespers Liturgy/Great Blessing of the Waters

Thursday, January 6 (Holy Theophany of Christ):

5:00 p.m. Orthros/Great Blessing of the Waters

6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Friday, January 7 (Synaxis of St. John the Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner):

7:45 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Please join us for Holy Theophany services with your family and friends!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



Vasilopita 2022



January 8, 6pm

The Hangar

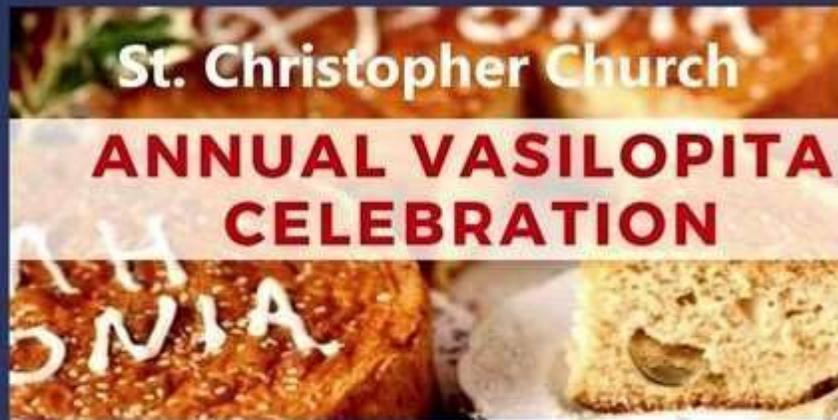
**Please bring a side dish
and/or dessert to share!**

🎄 Philoptochos will provide the
main dish!

Limited Vasilopitas for auction

🎄 Contact Presbytera Marinda if you are bringing a Vasilopita

🎄 Contact Helen Psihountas with any questions



St. Christopher Church

**ANNUAL VASILOPITA
CELEBRATION**

Thanks to our
2022 Vasilopita
Donors below:

This year, our volunteers are asked to bake only one
Vasilopita for their family to auction for St. Basil's Academy.

To volunteer to make one, contact
Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis ASAP.

**Stephen Butler, Faye Georgeo, Susan
Kleto, Georgia Lungaro, Anna Andreena-
Naydenova, Maria Panayi, Helen
Psihountas, Julie Skouteris, Claudia
Sliwinski, Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis,
& Fr. George Tsahakis**



Potluck Dinner and Vasilopita Auction on
Saturday, January 8th 2022 at 6 p.m. at the
Commemorative Air Force Hangar
and
Donations through the Month of January
to Benefit Saint Basil Academy



“Hands of Love” will be accepting monetary donations and gift cards for Home Depot, Lowes, Target, Staples.

Place donations in the Hands of Love Red Box in the Narthex or donate online by clicking on the Hands of Love tab at <https://StChristopherPhiloptochos.square.site>

On the Eastern bank of the Hudson River, just north of Garrison, NY, stands the St. Basil Academy – a residential home for Orthodox children. The generosity of many individuals and groups have made its mission possible for more than 70 years. St Basil Academy provides shelter and nurturing in a loving Christian environment to Orthodox youth in distress from across the country.



To learn more about various programs and ways you can help, visit:
stbasil.goarch.org

Thank you for your generosity,
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Ministry Chair

Stewardship

As we prepare for the Holy Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I ask you to renew your pledge offering of your time, talents, and treasures for 2022. Your 2022 stewardship pledge enables us to build up and nurture each other's spiritual lives.

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church offers many opportunities to grow in our faith with the combined help of one another. As a parish family, we worship God, we learn about His love and mercy, we witness these to each other, and we have opportunities to help those in need.

Looking around our parish, I notice there are many ways to serve God and His Holy Church. Some of us enjoy singing in the choir or with the chantors. How nice to see people we know greet us upon arrival in the narthex and usher guests and visitors. What would we do without those helping in the kitchen as well as those keeping the church tidy after services? Our youth love Religious Education as do the dedicated teachers and helpers. Both parishioners and non-parishioners are committing to our Building Fundraising efforts through Greece on the Go, GreekFest, and our Golf Classic. Our Philoptochos and Parish Council need our help volunteering for ministries, and together with Fr. George, we welcome all parishioners to feel ownership and help out.

Today, I ask you prayerfully to consider the tremendous impact of these activities; please recognize that without your collective support, we achieve much less than God desires. On His behalf, our parishioners

welcome you and your family and ask you to be involved in our parish stewardship, i.e., giving of your time, talents, and financial support.

Our treasures are sometimes the hardest to offer. I can confirm to you my own struggles with this years ago. What a blessing it was to realize that in giving more of myself, God gave me the peace of mind to let go of depending on myself and instead I could rely on Him and His will for my family.

My brothers and sisters, we are transformed every day from our mutual prayers and support. Our parish family benefits from your generous blessings to build up God's Body by us giving freely of our treasures. He has been patient and merciful to me and my husband; many of you have shared the same with me and others in our parish family. For all these blessings, we are most thankful. God is with us now and always.

Don't delay... with prayers and thanksgiving I ask you to consider giving in ALL areas of stewardship... your time, your talents and your financial support.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and faithfulness to our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ and His Holy Church.

Sincerely,
Jeanie/Lydia McGee

Thank you for your 2021 pledge amount of _____.
[Click here to make your 2022 Stewardship Offering.](#) Many thanks!

\$250,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

\$20,000 awarded to Music and Arts Majors

\$200,000

20 Awards of \$10,000 each
based on academic merit and financial need

\$50,000

20 Awards of \$2,500 each
based solely on academic merit



2021/2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Now Available - Apply Online!

Applications from eligible college students accepted through **January 31, 2022**.
The application and qualification criteria, requirements, and guidelines are available
at www.panhellenicsf.org.

If you are an undergraduate of Hellenic descent, we encourage you to
apply for the scholarship awards!

For any questions or inquiries:

Please email vpanos@panhellenicsf.org or call (312) 357-6432



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CYBERCRIME HAS BEEN INFILTRATING OUR LIVES FOR YEARS.

More recently, parishes and religious communities around us are being targeted by a phishing scam where the attacker poses falsely as the parish priest and asks the recipient for money usually in the form of gift cards.

EDUCATE yourselves and others about the dangers of emails and phone scams.

YOUR PARISH PRIEST *should never* reach out via personal email to request immediate financial assistance. Be vigilant if you do receive an email that fits this description! Here are some *do's* and *do not's* to guide you:

DO NOT...

- ❌ reply to the message
- ❌ click on any links
- ❌ download any attachments
- ❌ use the contact information provided in the email
- ❌ share personal or financial data via email or phone

DO...FOLLOW THE 3 V'S

- ✅ **VIGILANCE** requires that you should question every email that comes in
- ✅ **VERIFY** the email by contacting your parish
- ✅ **VERY OFTEN** change your passwords

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

Parishioners and visitors who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. We strongly encourage all parishioners who visit to resume wearing masks to slow the spread of the Delta variant in response to His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' request to our Clergy and Parish Councils to do so.

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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