



## GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

# PHILOPTOCHOS

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Dear Father George,

“I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” John 10:11

The Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos is preparing for our second Special Needs Camp focusing on Autism. This offering by our Philoptochos is a beautiful expression of concern for the youth of the Church. We began last year with 10 special needs children and their families. Our foundation was the quote from the Gospel of John; Christ the Good Shepherd loves and takes care of all of His sheep. Philoptochos is partnering with regional specialists in the field of Autism to bring this camp to our Diakonia Retreat Center on Memorial Weekend, May 27-29, 2015.

This camp is primarily for families with a child on the Autism Spectrum. Siblings are invited and welcome in all aspects of the program. Last year we did have a small number of children with a special need other than Autism. We are careful to ensure we can accommodate the physical, social/emotional, dietary and especially spiritual needs of all. We will be working closely with you, our clergy for referrals of families, and because we are again accepting a limited number of families, we will not have a big publicity campaign to introduce the camp.

If you have any questions or referrals, please contact Despina Koulianos at [dkoulianos1@gmail.com](mailto:dkoulianos1@gmail.com) If you would like a glimpse of last year's camp, check out our link to a short video of our 3 days together at the Diakonia Retreat Center.

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With much love in Christ our Good Shepherd,

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