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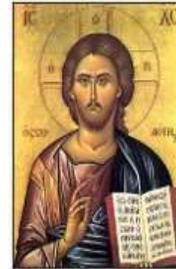
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Message from Fr. George for July 23, 2021

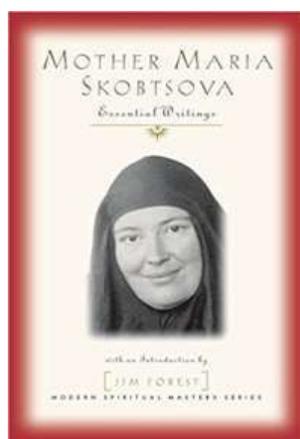
“Back to School” ads are underway. Yes, the new school year is “around the corner.” On Sunday, August 1st, Fr. George, Katie Wilson, and our religious educators will join our parish families in asking God to bless the new school year, 2021-2022. Parents and children are encouraged to join us as we pray the “Agiasmos” (Blessing of Waters) to anoint and bless us with a successful and enlightening new school and religious education year. Please reserve 8/1/21 now. [Pictured below is a memory from a previous “Agiasmos”.]



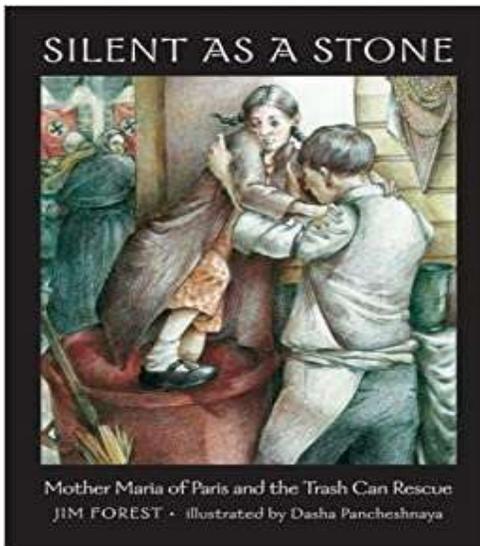
On Tuesday, July 20th, we remember Mother Maria Skobtsova (1891-1945). She is a modern saint and Orthodox nun who made her home in Paris a haven for Jews during Nazi occupation. During church services, Fr. George will share her witness and martyrdom.



In response, our **2021-2022 Adult Religious Education Class** will be reading the collection of her writings from the book featured below. They reflect her deep commitment to the Gospel of Christ's mandate that unites love of God and love of neighbor. ***Fr. George and Katie Wilson hope you will join us for classes and participate weekly when they begin August 8th.***



To introduce Mother Maria to our parish family, Fr. George will read the short children's book, "**Silent As A Stone: Mother Maria of Paris & the Trash Can Rescue**" in his children's sermon on Sunday, August 1st – the same day we will bless the new school year for public and private schools and our religious education classes. As Jenny Schroedel wrote in praise for this book published by St. Vladimir's Seminary Press (2007): "**Silent As A Stone** conveys the hope and heartbreak of life in a bite-size form that children can manage... **who must find the path of love through our broken world.**" *Please join us every Sunday to do so!*



Fore !!! South Atlanta Golf Classic is Coming in Less Than 35 days - Sponsorships and Volunteers Needed!

Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry's third annual Golf Tournament, the South Atlanta Golf 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 35 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



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And let the people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.

-Epistle Reading Titus 3:14

Upcoming Opportunities Random Acts of Kindness

1. Humane Society

Cause for Paws - El Reposo

When

Thu, **July 29, 5pm – 8pm**

Where

El Reposo, 1240 GA-54, Fayetteville

A percentage of the evening's sales will go directly to the Humane Society

2. West Georgia Food Bank

We will provide lunch for the volunteers on August 19th, 11am. Cynthia Cromartie is chair for this opportunity. She would like to have a few people to represent St. Christopher HOC so if you would like to join her that day, please contact her: (678) 570-5083.

Save the dates for future opportunities:

Phanroupita (Fanroupita) in September

St. Nicholas Church and National Shrine

Presentation and appeal in October

Fall Bake Sale Fundraiser in Oct - Nov

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.™*

Faithfully,

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

You can donate to Hands Of Love by clicking here-

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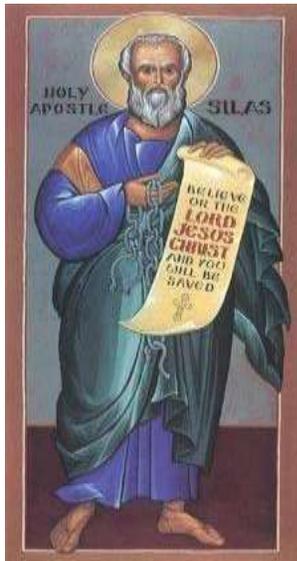


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St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church —

Christ is Risen!

Our Lord has not forgotten the millions of men and women living in deep isolation in prisons across this country. Some are Orthodox Christians who need healing and reconciliation. Others are non-Orthodox but are ready to embrace the fullness of the Orthodox faith.



Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church and an agency of the Assembly of Bishops. We fulfill our Lord's command to visit Him in prison (Matthew 25:36) by ministering to thousands of prisoners across the United States.

July 25, the Sunday before the feast of our patron, St. Silas, has been blessed by the hierarchs as **"Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday."** This is a vital day of awareness for OCPM. Won't you please join us in our unique work?

Please mark this date off on your church calendars. We will be sending you an implementation package with bulletin inserts and homily ideas soon.

In Christ,

Nicholas Petrogeorge, *Executive Director*

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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).

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