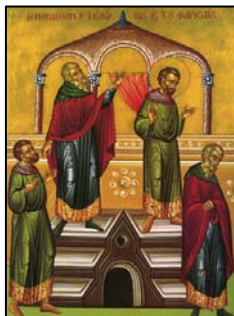
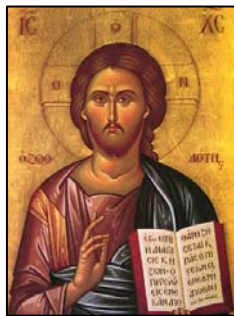




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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 8, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE PERIOD KNOWN AS TRIODION BEGINS, WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE PARABLE OF THE PUBLICAN (TAX COLLECTOR) AND THE PHARISEE TAKEN FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST. ON THIS DAY, WE ALSO COMMEMORATE the Holy Glorious Great Martyr Theodore the Commander (+319); Holy Prophet Zacharias (Zechariah) (515 B.C.); Holy Martyrs Nicephoros and Stephanos; Holy Martyrs Martha and Maria (who were sisters) and the Righteous Lycarios; Holy Martyrs Philadelphos and Polycarp; Righteous Father Makarios, Bishop of Paphos; and Holy Martyr Pergetos. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

## **Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Mission Parish!**

We invite you to enter your name, mail/email addresses in our Guest Register (near the entrance) if you are interested in joining and assisting with our mission's development. We want to keep you informed of our schedule and location of services. ***You and your family are welcome; we look forward to knowing you. We invite you and your family to join and assist us often!***

*Please consider that only baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians in canonical good standing may approach for Holy Communion. All are invited to partake of the Antidoron ("instead of the gifts") distributed at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy.*

### **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

#### **1./3. Hymn for the Feast of the Presentation – (Hymnal-pp.212-215):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection.

#### **2. Resurrectional Hymn (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

#### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* Made comely with garments woven from your venerable blood, you stand before the Lord, the King of Heaven and earth, O famed Martyr Christopher. With the choirs of Angels and the Martyrs you chant, singing the thrice-holy hymn and most awesome praises. Thus, by your intercessions with God, save us, your servants.

**5. Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord – (Hymnal-pp.250-253):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

**6. Special Hymn instead of Trisagion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.292-293):**

*On the occasion of today's baptism, we sing the following hymn instead of the Trisagion hymn:* "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia. (3)"

**[Regular Kontakion for Today– (Hymnal-pp.254-255):**

Let us flee the boastful words of the Pharisee and learn humility from the sighs of the publican; let us cry out to the Savior: Spare us, for You alone are rich in forgiveness.]

**SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES**  
**FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

*The Scriptures were not given us for this only, that we might have them in books, but that we might engrave them on our hearts.*

*– St. John Chrysostom*

**Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Matthew 28:16-20)**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.*

### **[Regular Epistle Reading for Today (2 Timothy 3:10-15)]**

*Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.]*

### **[Regular Gospel Reading for Today (Luke 18:10-14)]**

*"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."]*

### **[Special Epistle Reading for Today's Baptism (Rom. 6:3-11)]**

*<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from*

*the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

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#### **MEMORY VERSE** (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

### **PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*(Excerpt from the Canon of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee)*

**Sixth Ode: AS I LOOK UPON THE RAGING SEA OF LIFE, WITH ITS ROUGH WATERS OF TEMPTATION, I RUN TOWARDS YOUR CALM HAVEN AND CRY ALOUD TO YOU: LEAD MY LIFE FROM CORRUPTION, GREATLY MERCIFUL ONE!**



*GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD,  
GLORY TO YOU!*

The Publican and Pharisee both ran in the race of life, but the one was overcome by foolish pride:

He was brought to a shameful shipwreck, while the other was saved by humility.

Changing to a righteous course of life, let us emulate the wisdom of the Publican:

Let us run from the hateful conceit of the Pharisee, so letting ourselves attain to life.

Let us eagerly follow the ways of Jesus the Savior, and His humility, in our desire to attain the eternal dwelling of joy, and to find rest in the land of the living.

You have shown Your disciples, Master, the humility that raises men on high: girding Your loins with a towel, You washed their feet, preparing them to follow Your example.

The Pharisee spent his life in virtue, and the Publican in sin; but the one was foolishly brought low through his pride, while the other in his humility of mind was raised up to the heights.

Theotokion: I was created naked in innocence and simplicity; then the enemy clothed me with the garment of sin and passionate flesh. But now I am saved, O Maiden, through your intercession.

LET US, BELIEVERS, CLAP OUR HANDS IN GLADNESS, FULFILLING THE MOST PRECIOUS FEAST. BY KNOWING GOD THROUGH THE THEOTOKOS, LET US GLORIFY HIM WHO WAS BORN OF HER.

## **Philoptochos Fundraising Baking – Next Saturday!**

Come join us NEXT

Saturday, February 21, after the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Souls Church Services – from 10:00 a.m. – until we finish...

*to prepare Tiropetes & Spanakopites*

for our 2009 Spring Fundraiser.

Bring a bag lunch, your pastry brush, and apron.

*Please confirm your commitment to be present and assist us by calling Presbyteria Marinda Tsahakis, 770/381-1842 today!*

We appreciate your help and welcome your efforts. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to bake these delicious Greek appetizers if you have never done so before!

*And if you have, we need you!*

*We also will be following this same schedule after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Souls Church Services on Saturday, February 28, and Saturday, March 7, respectively.*

And on this the two hundred and fifty-eighth Sunday of our St. Christopher's parish community, we continue to thank each of you for your presence and support. Although it may seem like we are just a handful of men, women and children, if we commit ourselves to serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience the miracle of growth as the Holy Spirit brings others into His service to help us build His new church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

### **Sunday, February 8 (Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee/Triodion Begins):**

- 7:30 a.m. Orthros/Baptism of Michael Louis Butler, Jr.
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Greek Fest Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Hellenic Dance Practice
- 12:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

<b>The Week of February 9-14 is Fast-Free – First Week of Triodion</b>
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### **Sunday, February 15 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic Language Class
- 12:30 p.m. Introduction to Orthodoxy Class
- 1:30 p.m. Sacrament of Marriage (Tentative)

### **Saturday, February 21 (First Saturday of the Souls):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (Bring Kolyva)
- 10:00 a.m. Philotochos Appetizers Preparation - Week 1

### **Sunday, February 22 (Meatfare Sunday – Sunday of Judgment):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 11:005 a.m. Special Parish Program (Paula Marchman – Parenting)
- 1:00 p.m. GOYA Outing for Lunch/Putt-Putt Golf
- 1:30 p.m. Hellenic Dance Practice

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***