



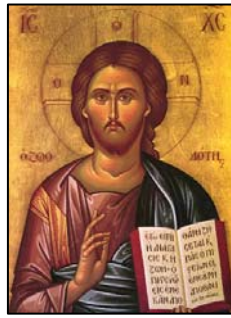
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 21, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE Julian the Martyr of Tarsus (+290); Holy Martyr Gerontios, Bishop of Iconium (1st cent.); Holy Martyr Terentios, Bishop of Iconium; Holy Martyr Afrodisisos; and Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros (+1732). 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 SMALL ENTRANCE

1./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.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):

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.

4. Kontakion – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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 (Mark 16:1-8)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading (Romans 2:10-16)

¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality. ¹²All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. ¹⁵They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to

which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them ¹⁶on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:18-23)

¹⁸As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

How We View Our Fathers

4 years: My daddy can do anything.

7 years: My dad knows a lot, a whole lot.

- 8 years: My father doesn't quite know everything.
- 12 years: Oh well, naturally Father doesn't know everything.
- 14 years: Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years: Oh, that man is out-of-date. What did you expect?
- 25 years: He knows a little bit about it but not much.
- 30 years: Must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years: A little patience, let's get Dad's meaning first.
- 40 years: What would Dad have thought about it?
- 50 years: My Dad knew literally everything.
- 60 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

"And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (*Ephesians 6:4*)

On this the two hundred and seventy-fifth 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!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 21 (Second Sunday of St. Matthew/Father's Day):

7:30 a.m. Orthros Service

8:45 a.m. 40 Day Service of Churching - Andrea & Carson Nicholas Dobur

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Community Father's Day Luncheon Sponsored by Philoptochos

11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, June 28 (Third Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:30 a.m. Orthros Service

8:45 a.m. 40 Day Service of Churching - Angela & Sophia Ann Miles

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Emanuel Ellinas

10:30 a.m. Lenten Community Luncheon for all parishioners in memory of Emanuel Ellinas offered by his family. May his memory be eternal.

11:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting

12:00 p.m. Hellenic Dance Practice

Monday, June 29 (Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul):

FR. GEORGE WILL REPRESENT OUR PARISH AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, in SAVANNAH, GA, FOR ITS NAME DAY SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING AND MONDAY, 6/28-29. (NO SERVICES IN PTC TONIGHT.)

Tuesday, June 30:

7:00 p.m. Turner Stadium, Atlanta, GA - GOYA Baseball Outing for Goyans, their friends, and advisors

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!