



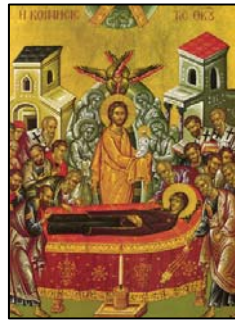
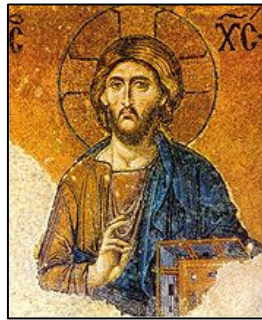
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 16, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE SUNDAY AFTER THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Recovery at Edessa of the not-human created portrait of Jesus Christ known as the Sacred Veil (The Holy Mandelion, +944); Diomedes the Physician & Martyr of Tarsus (+298) and Alkiviades; Righteous Herimon; Holy 33 Martyrs of Palestine; the depletion of the Holy Water in the Church of the Life-Giving Spring, and its immediate replenishment; Righteous Father Timothy, Archbishop of Euripus, founder of the Holy Monastery of Pentele (+1578); Nicodemus the New Martyr of Meteora and Apostolos the Younger of Pelion; Righteous Martyr Gerasimos the Wonderworker of Cephalonia; and Holy New-Martyr Stamatios of Volos (+1688). 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./4. Hymn for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.222-223):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.*

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

*It is sung 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 of the Sacred Veil/The Holy Mandelion– (Hymnal-p. 128-131):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance: Before Your most pure image we bow down, O Good One, entreating You to forgive our sins, Christ our God. For You willingly ascended the cross in the flesh to deliver from the enemy those whom You had made. For this we thank You and we cry to You, O Savior: By coming to save the world, You have filled all things with joy.*

### **5. 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.*

**6. Kontakion for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.288-289):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.*

**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 (John 21:1-14)**

*After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have*

*breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 4:9-16)**

*1 Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:14-23)**

*Matt. 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, knelt before Him, 15 and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured*

*instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." 21 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised." And they were greatly distressed.*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
*(Romans 12:2)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry.

The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked.

The shoes you do not wear are shoes of the one who is barefoot.

The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor.

The acts of charity you do not perform are the injustices you commit.

*- St. Basil the Great*

On this the two hundred and eighty-third 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, August 16 (10th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:15 a.m. Blessing of New Religious Education Year - Join us as we begin our 2009-2010 academic year with a Blessing Service after church services followed by our Coffee Fellowship Reception.

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes - Each class will offer an open house for parents and students to acquaint them with their planned lessons and activities.

2:00 p.m. Parish Outreach Event (at Charles & Georgia Lungaro's home - join us for a special afternoon event for our parish family. Their address is 446 Old Senoia Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215.)

## Saturday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Greek Fest Baking - Dolmades

## Sunday, August 23 (11th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes

11:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting

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