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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 19, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE, WE REMEMBER Macarius the Great of Egypt (+390); Mark, Bishop of Ephesus (+1444); Arsenius of Corfu (+959); and Makarios of Alexandria (+394). *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our 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 (Plagal of the First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

3. Hymn of St. Makarios Whom We Remember Today – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: O our God-bearing Father Makarios, you proved yourself, a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh and a wonder worker. Having received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigils and prayer, you heal the sick and the souls of those who in faith, turn to you. Glory to Him Who gave you power, glory to Him Who crowned you, glory to Him, Who through you, heals all.

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 sung in anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord (to be celebrated 2/2) (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.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

<p>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.</p>	<p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 20:11-18)

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Col. 3:4-11)

⁴When Christ Who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and

uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him: “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.” (2 Cor. 4:15)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Choosing Our Goals

How do you select your priorities? What criteria do you use to choose them? The older I become and more experience I gain, the easier it is for me to see that there’s an emptiness in pursuing anything less than God’s call. Without a doubt, our culture influences us towards independence and self-fulfillment. At the same time, we seek God and pray regularly, we study His Word, and yet we wonder why He still seems so distant. Perhaps our culture has trained us to pursue goals that do not bring us closer to God. Perhaps the goals we choose for ourselves undermine the

relationships we are to have with God and with others He places in our paths.

What are some of our misguided goals? Where our culture says, “Seek your place in the world!” our God says, “Seek the kingdom of God.” Where our culture bids us to “Find yourself!” God calls us to “Lose yourself, and so find life.” Where our culture calls us to “Be your own self-made person!” our God calls us to “Become members together of one body.” Where our culture teaches us to “Look to your own needs and interests!” God calls us to “Have the attitude of Christ Jesus, Who took on the nature of a servant.” Where our culture promises, “You can have it all!” God calls us to “Consider it rubbish, that we might gain Christ.” Where our culture mandates, “Be at the top of your game!” God calls us to “Be crucified with Christ.”

When we perceive our existence as a *call from God* – rather than as a *search for self* – we free ourselves from the quicksand of self-oriented ambition and find our ultimate purpose in life.

That’s where spiritual clarity is found – *not* in knowing *what* we are looking for, but in *answering Christ’s call and abiding in Him*.



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And on this *the four hundred and ninety-fourth* 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 SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 19 (12th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – George Tagalos
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 am GOYA Meeting
- 11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting
- 4:00 pm Trisagion Service – George Tagalos (*Greenlawn Cemetery in southwest Atlanta*)

Thursday, January 23:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 25 (St. Gregory the Theologian):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 26 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes
- 11:45 am Let's EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214
- 12:00 pm Deadline to purchase tickets for 10th Anniversary Dinner on 2/8/14
- 5:00 pm Book Club Dinner Discussion Series – *last session*

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