

**Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Visitation and Prayers from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

**Funeral Service at 7:00 p.m.**

**St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church  
543 Cherokee Avenue S.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30312**



**GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA**

**+“May His Memory be Eternal!”+**

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**St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

**Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, *Chancellor***

## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 20, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE, WE REMEMBER** Righteous Father Euthymios the Great (+473); Holy Martyrs Vassos, Eusebius, Eutychios, and Vasilidos; Holy Martyrs Inna, Pinna, and Rimma; Blessed Peter the Publican; Holy Martyrs Thyrsos and Agnes; Most Pious King Leon the Great of Thrace (+457); Holy Martyr Anne; Holy New Martyr Zacharias of Patras (+1782). *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 4<sup>th</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp. 126-7):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

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

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* Rejoice, O desert, which gave not birth; be gladdened, not having known the labor pains of birth; for the man of spiritual desires has given you a multitude of children. He has planted piety in them and nourished them in temperance with the perfection of virtue. By his supplications, O Christ God, grant peace to our lives.

#### **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**

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
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**Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 21:15-25)**

*When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*

**Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 4:6-15)**

*Brethren, it is God Who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to*

*despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. 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.*

**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:**

A minister once shared that a friend of his visited the Soviet Union in the 1970s. Upon his return, he announced that the Church behind the Iron Curtain was mostly "irrelevant because the only people there are little old ladies." The minister later shared, "Looking back now at the collapse of Communism, the difficulties of rebuilding the Soviet Union after a long period of spiritual bankruptcy, I hope my friend would now say, 'Thank God for the little old ladies.' Their existence provided a continuing, visible, political rebuke to the Soviets."

It would be wonderful if *our* witness was as effective as that of those little old ladies. It would be wonderful if *our* witness, like St. Andrew's, was effective enough to challenge another Simon Peter. That is *our* task, and what a joyous, challenging task it is. Living daily with Christ and His Church, or more correctly knowing that Christ lives with *each of us* daily; we find *others* – that they, too, may come and see.

And on this the four hundred and forty-seventh 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 20 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy, followed by Memorial Service – Nick  
Christodouloupoulos & Evangelia Pantazopoulos & Special Presentation  
from our Clergy Laity Congress Delegate, Peter Poulos**

**10:45 am Religious Education Classes**

**11:30 am GOYA Outing – Steak & Shake & Bowling**

#### **Thursday, January 24:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

#### **Sunday, January 27 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:15 am Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**

**11:30 am Hellenic Language Class**

**11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting**

**12:30 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting**

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