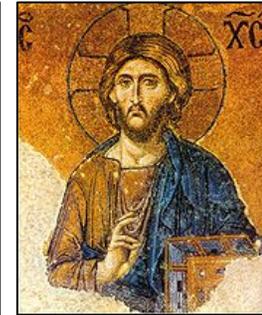




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 13, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy and Blessed Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council who, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving monarchs Constantine and Irene, convened once again in Nicaea against those who impiously, in ignorance and inconsideration, labeled the Church of God idolatry, and removed the revered and holy icons (+787). We also commemorate Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus (+251); Benjamin the Deacon (+412); Chryssi the New Martyr of Greece (+1795); and Florentios the Martyr of Thessaloniki (1st cent.). *God have mercy on us through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers. 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 (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

3. Hymn of the Holy Fathers – (Hymnal-pp.170-171):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, Glory to You.

4. 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.

5. 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 (Luke 24:12-35)

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then He said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So He went

in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading for Today (Titus 3:8-15)

Titus 3:8 The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. 9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, 11 since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. 14 And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy for Today (Luke 8:5-15)

⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As He said

this, He called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”⁹ Then His disciples asked Him what this parable meant.¹⁰ He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’¹¹ “Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.¹² The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.¹³ The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.¹⁴ As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.¹⁵ But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” *(Psalm 51:10)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Perhaps Daniel Defoe gave us some good advice through his fictitious character Robinson Crusoe. The first thing that Crusoe did when he found himself on a deserted island was to make out a list. On one side of the list he wrote down all of his problems. On the other side of the list he wrote down all of his blessings. On one side he wrote: I do not have any clothes. On the other side he wrote: But it’s warm and I don’t really need any. On one side he wrote: All of the provisions were lost. On the other side he wrote: But there’s

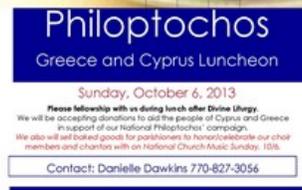
plenty of fresh fruit and water on the island. And on down the list he went. In this fashion he discovered that for every negative aspect about his situation, there was a positive aspect, something to be thankful for. It is easy to find ourselves on an island of despair. What if we were to sit down and take an inventory of our blessings?

Why wait until the American tradition of Thanksgiving to express our thanks to God? Perhaps we're overdue in doing so. Notwithstanding, today and every day is a day the Lord has made, let us “*thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.*” (Psalm 107.8)

Special Notes of Thanks...



Fr. George commends Tammy Soulakos for overseeing our parish's food booth participation at The Great Georgia Air Show this weekend. We appreciate all those who helped plan, set-up, serve, and break down our food booth. We're grateful for those who donated their time and financial support and our many guests as well.



Fr. George also thanks our Philoptochos members for the special fundraising luncheon last Sunday that benefits the needy in Greece and Cyprus, and for the special bake sale items sold. We are grateful for those who helped plan, set-up, execute, and clean-up for this effort. Today is the last day we can accept donations, so if you were absent last week, please leave your donation in the collection basket in the Narthex. Thanks to all for your support.



Hands of Love Collection for October, 2013

One Roof Ministry

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations



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And on this the four hundred and eighty-first 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, October 13 (Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

St. Christopher's Participation in "The Great Georgia Air Show"

Thursday, October 17:

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 20 (6th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

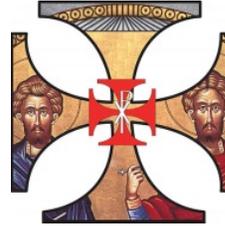
9:00 am Memorial Service - Evangelia & John Georgeo/40-Day Churching - Marian & Roger Jay (RJ) Meyerhoff/ Sofia & Nikolas Tzanis

10:45 am Religious Education Classes – for youth and adults

11:30 am Hellenic Language Class/GOYA Meeting

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!

October marks another year in the Philoptochos fight against this deadly disease. Sadly, we all know someone who has faced breast cancer - in fact, this circle grows larger each day with more mothers, sisters, grandmothers, friends and neighbors stricken by breast cancer.

To support this effort, Fr. George has asked our Philoptochos President, Katie Wilson to present a special lesson today highlighting Breast Cancer Awareness during our Adult Religious Education class.*

Please join us!

PHILOPTOCHOS WANTS YOU TO KNOW ABOUT BREAST CANCER BECAUSE:

- **ONE CASE OF BREAST CANCER IS DIAGNOSED EVERY TWO MINUTES IN THE UNITED STATES**
- **ONE WOMAN WILL DIE OF BREAST CANCER EVERY 13 MINUTES IN THE USA**
- **BREAST CANCER IS SECOND ONLY TO LUNG CANCER IN CANCER DEATHS AMONG WOMEN**

AND BECAUSE:

- **AWARENESS AND EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES!**
- **THERE ARE ALMOST 3 MILLION BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS ALIVE IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY**
– **THE LARGEST GROUP OF ALL CANCER SURVIVORS!**
- **NEARLY 9 OUT OF 10 WOMEN WILL HAVE THEIR BREAST CANCER DETECTED BY MAMMOGRAPHY!**

**Resources include Greek language version in handout.*