



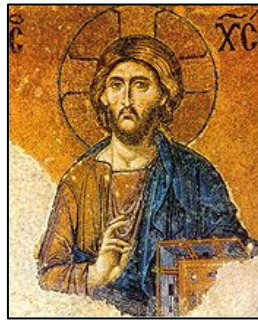
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 18, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES St. Luke the Apostle & Evangelist (1st cent.); Holy Martyr Marinos the Elder; Righteous Father Julian of Euphrates; Saint Mnason, Bishop of Cyprus, and the Holy 40 Youths; Righteous Fathers Theodore and Symeon and the Righteous Efrosini; and Holy, Newly-Found Martyrs Gabriel and Kermidolis (1522). *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 (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. St. Luke the Apostle and spiritual guide to Paul and of the third Gospel the God-inspired author, with chants the faithful honor you as worthy worker of Christ. You illuminated the world with the Light of the Lord writing the wonderful parables, and by your narration of how the sending of the Holy Spirit established the Church.

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.

6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.328):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Their proclamation has gone out to all the earth, their words to the limits of the universe. (Ps. 18[19]). Alleluia."

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 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. 4:5-11, 14-18)

⁵Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. ⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. ⁷Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant in the Lord. ⁸I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; ⁹he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here. ¹⁰Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. ¹¹And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹⁴Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. ¹⁵Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. ¹⁶And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. ¹⁷And say to Archippus, “See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.” ¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 10:16-21)

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to Me, and whoever rejects you rejects Me, and whoever rejects Me rejects the One Who sent Me.”¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in Your Name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” ²¹At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,

“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

(Luke 21:19)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A legend tells the story of a fisherman called Aaron. Aaron lived on the banks of a river. Walking home with his eyes half-closed one evening after a hard day's work, he was dreaming of what he could do if he were rich. As he walked, his foot struck against a leather pouch filled with what seemed to him to be small stones.

Absentmindedly he picked up the pouch and began throwing the pebbles into the water. “When I am a rich man,” he said to himself, “I’ll have a large house.” And he threw another pebble into the river. He threw another one and thought, “My wife and I will have servants and rich food, and many fine things.” And this went on until just one stone was left. As Aaron held it in his hand, a ray of light caught it and made it sparkle. He suddenly realized that he was not throwing

ordinary stones but valuable gems. Regrettably, he was throwing away the real riches in his hand, while he dreamed of unreal riches in the future.

This legend summarizes our opportunity today and throughout our life. The value of the Kingdom of God is before us . . . *if we will but realize.*

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)

New Philoptochos Cookbook Is "In Production" & Will Be Available Around December 1, 2009!



Our Philoptochos Society has completed its new Cookbook, entitled ***Let's Eat GREEK, Y'all!*** It will be available for sale around December 1st. All proceeds will be contributed to charity. Price and order information will be available shortly.

We have collected more than 300 recipes from our parishioners and their families, and we appreciate our parishioners' tremendous support in sharing family recipes.

For additional information, please telephone our Cookbook Chairman, Cynthia Cromartie, at 770/487-7384 or email her at cynthiacromartie@bellsouth.net. We appreciate your great assistance.

On this the two hundred and ninety-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 18 (St. Luke the Evangelist):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 a.m. Memorial Service (*6 mos.-Paraskevi Farmakis & 1-yr.-Anthony Tarabicos*)
- 10:30 a.m. Hands of Love - This month's Hands of Love collection seeks to support *One Roof Outreach Ministry*. We are collecting underwear (all sizes), towels, washcloths, and dish cloths. For further information, contact Claudia Sliwinski, 770/487-4932.
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Hellenic Language Class

Monday, October 19:

- 7:00 p.m. Religious Educators & Youth Workers Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Education, Culture, & Youth Diakonia Committee (ECYDC) Meeting

Thursday, October 22:

5:00 p.m. Appetizer Preparation for Philoptochos Fundraiser – Tiropites - All parishioners are encouraged to join us as we prepare Spanakopites for our fall fundraiser. To volunteer or for further information, telephone Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis, 770/381-1842.

Saturday, October 24:

- 10:30 a.m. Philoptochos Agape Luncheon at The Kyma Restaurant in Buckhead

Sunday, October 25 (6th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 a.m. OXI Day Doxology
- 10:30 a.m. Stewardship Sunday Program & Anniversary of our Founding Luncheon

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!