



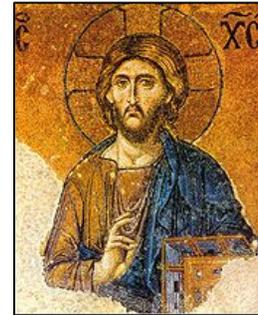
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 19, 2014**

**ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the Prophet Joel (88 B.C.); St. Varys the Martyr (+307); St. John of Rilas; Felix the Priest-Martyr & Eusebius the Deacon; and John the Wonderworker of Kronstadt. *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 (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. 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.

#### **4. 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 (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 (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9)**

*<sup>31</sup>The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be He forever!) knows that I do not lie. <sup>32</sup>In Damascus, the governor under King*

*Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me,<sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. <sup>12</sup>It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)**

*Luke 7:11* Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. <sup>12</sup> As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the

*bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”  
15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to  
his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God,  
saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has  
looked favorably on His people!”*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take  
thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it  
is possible, so far as it depends on you, live  
peaceably with all.” *(Romans 12:17-18)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

St. John the Theologian, Apostle, and Evangelist is sometimes referred to as the “Apostle of Love” because through his devoted and spiritual witness, the light and love of God shone brightly. In his Gospel, he recorded Jesus’ counsel: *“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:35)

As we share the truth and “Good News” of our Lord, let us remember that if we want our parishioners and those who visit us to recognize whether our parish is filled with Jesus’ disciples, we simply need to consider the following question – *“Do we truly love each other?”* I pray our Heavenly Father always provides us the means to enable our church family to answer “Yes” to this question concerning whether or not we share our Lord’s “love.”

Towards this end, may we always remember the words of Christ Jesus: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Mt. 22:37-40) Amen!



**Hands of Love: October 2014**

*“For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, ‘You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land.’” Deut. 15:11*

**October 2014: St. John the Wonderworker**  
We will be collecting *non-perishable food* items  
for the **Loaves and Fishes Program**

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The **Loaves and Fishes Program** is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor twice daily with two hot meals. Also, they have a monthly distribution of sacks of groceries to individuals. All the Orthodox Churches in the city of Atlanta, with the blessing of the Greek Orthodox Bishop, Metropolitan Alexios, support the feeding of the poor and homeless of Atlanta through the food program at St. Johns Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Churches supply the program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers. For more information please visit <http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org/>

Thank you for supporting this program -- Kim Haldopoulos, Hands of Love Coordinator



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And on this *the five hundred and thirtieth* 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 19, (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**
- 11:30 a.m. Let's EAT!, followed by Logistics Meeting for GOYA Basketball Players, Parents, Advisors**

### **Tuesday, October 21:**

- 5:30 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting**
- 6:30 p.m. ECYDC Meeting**
- 7:00 p.m. Religious Educators Meeting**

### **Thursday, October 23:**

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

### **Sunday, October 26 (Feast of St. Demetrios/6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Oxi Day Doxology**
- 10:30 a.m. Stewardship Sunday/Community Potluck Luncheon in Honor of the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish Founding**
- 11:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting**

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



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