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

ON THIS DAY, THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch (+363); Matrona the Righteous of Chios (+1462); and Righteous Gerasimus of Cephalonia (+1579). *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-pp126-7):**

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 Commemorating Saint St. Artemius – (not in hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. For his struggle, O Lord, Your Martyr received the crown of immortality from You our God. Armed with Your might he defeated the tyrants. He also crushed the arrogance of demons. By his intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls.

#### **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 unfailling 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 24:36-53)**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Gal. 5:22-6:2)**

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become

*conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. 6My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:26-39)**

*Luke 8:26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Luke 8:27 As He stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met Him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me" — 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for*

*they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that He might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.*

### **PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

God equips us for His service through Holy Scripture. St. Paul wrote to young Timothy: “<sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”  
(2 Tim. 3:16-17)

*How does the Bible teach, reproof, correct, and train in righteousness? A modern parable wisely explains it:*

An elderly man lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Tennessee with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early reading from his old worn-out Bible.

His grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, “Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you, but I don’t understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?”

The grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, “Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.”

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house.

The grandfather laughed and said, “You will have to move a little faster next time,” and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was “impossible to carry water in a basket,” and he went to get a bucket instead.

The grandfather said, “I don’t want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You’re just not trying hard enough,” and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, “See Papa, it’s useless!”

“So you think it is useless?” The old man said, “Look at the basket.”

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked *different*. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

“Son, that’s what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.”

## **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

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

“<sup>2</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup>At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, <sup>4</sup>so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should.” (Col. 4:2-4)



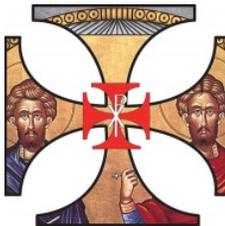
**Hands of Love Collection for October, 2013**

One Roof Ministry

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

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## ***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. *Visit our website for more information and feel free to share it with your family and friends.*

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And on this *the four hundred and eighty-second* 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 20 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

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

**11:00 am Religious Education Classes – for youth and adults**

**11:45 am Hellenic Language Class/GOYA Meeting**

**11:45 am Parish Council Meeting**

### **Friday, October 25:**

**6:00 p.m. Preparation of Spanakopites Batter for Appetizer Sale**

### **Saturday, October 26 (Feast of St. Demetrios & 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founding of our Parish - Anniversary Luncheon will be offered on Sunday, 10/27):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:30 am Philoptochos Board Meeting, followed by Religious Education Meeting**

**10:30 am Preparation of Spanakopites for Appetizer Sale**

### **Sunday, October 27 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:30 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Prayer for Oxi Day/Stewardship Sunday/10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of Parish Founding/Potluck Luncheon, followed by Outreach Committee Meeting**

**5:00 pm Book Club Dinner Discussion Series – hosted by Bill & Isabelle Wiley at their home – *feel welcome to join us, even if you haven't come before!***

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