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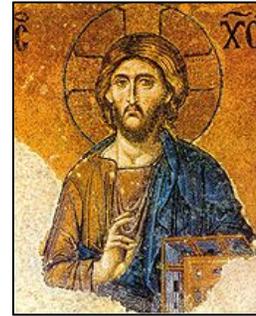
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 26, 2008

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR PARISH

ON THIS DAY, THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy, Glorious, Great Martyr Demetrios the Exhaler of Myrrh and Wonderworker (306 A.D.); Holy Martyrs Artemidoros and Vasilios; Holy Martyr Leptina; Holy Martyr Glycus; and the memory of the great and awesome earthquake in Constantinople (+741). *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 (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating Great Earthquake – (Not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. You Who look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the awful threat of earthquake, Christ our God. Send us rather Your rich mercies, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O only friend of humankind.

4. Hymn for St. Demetrios the Great Martyr – (Not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. A Great Champion in dangers the world found in you Demetrios, victorious, turning the nations back. You did restrain the arrogance of Laisus, inspiring Nestor with courage in the stadium. O Holy and Great Martyr Demetrios, with Christ our God, plead to grant to us the Great Mercy.

5. 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.

6. 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 20:19-31)

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.’ When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe.’ A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and

stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name."

Epistle Reading (2 Timothy 2:1-10)

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:27-39)

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. 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”— 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.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 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. 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. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 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. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 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. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “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.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118-24)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Psalm 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

On this 11th anniversary of St. Christopher Church, we thank our Lord for all of His blessings, including our parishioners and beautiful property. And we thank each of you for your faithful efforts, beginning eleven years ago, and always! Glory to God!

And on this *the five hundred and thirty-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!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sunday, October 26 (Feast of St. Demetrios/6th Sunday of St. Luke/
11th Anniversary of our Parish/Stewardship Sunday/National Leadership
100 Sunday):**

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

Wednesday, October 29

Fr. George will offer Orthros at 8:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 – *You're invited to join us if possible.*

Thursday, October 30:

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

**Sunday, November 2 (5th Sunday of St. Luke—Daylight Savings Time
Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Ice Cream Sundae Sunday**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**
- 11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting**
- 12:00 p.m. Philoptochos – Preparation of Batter for Fall Appetizer Sale**

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