



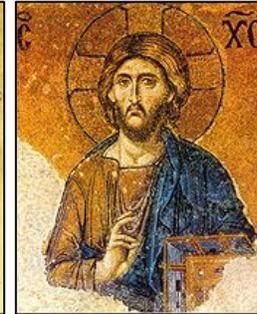
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 27, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE 7TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Great Martyr Nestor of Thessaloniki (+306); Prokla, wife of Pilate (1ST cent.); and Cyriacus, Archbishop of Constantinople. *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 (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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 20:1-10)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we

do not know where they have laid Him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (II Cor. 9:6-11)

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:41-56)

⁴¹Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus’ feet and begged Him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As He went, the crowds pressed in on Him. ⁴³Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴She came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵Then Jesus asked, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround You and press in on You.” ⁴⁶But Jesus said, “Someone

touched Me; for I noticed that power had gone out from Me.”⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed.⁴⁸ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”⁴⁹ While He was still speaking, someone came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.”⁵⁰ When Jesus heard this, He replied, “Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.”⁵¹ When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child’s father and mother.⁵² They were all weeping and wailing for her; but He said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.”⁵³ And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead.⁵⁴ But He took her by the hand and called out, “Child, get up!”⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then He directed them to give her something to eat.⁵⁶ Her parents were astounded; but He ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

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

“¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2: 19-20)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

“²²The glory that You have given Me I have given them, so that they may be one, as We are one, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.” (John 17:22-23)

Regrettably, our world today is much divided. Consider the damaging personal attacks and negative commentary that pervades our culture and is reported non-stop in our daily news. “*He said this... She said that... That group did this... This party did that...!*” There appears to be such a huge rift between all the peoples of God’s precious world. And finally, consider the

hatred that generates the terrorist plots that we stand guard against daily. Indeed, in every area of our world, *division* seems the norm. The idea of “unity” is missing in our fractured, divided, and segmented world.

We divide on race, politics, country, opinions, and religion. Only when people choose to come together and cross the boundaries that normally divide us, do we approach the concept of *harmony*. Our perfection, our unity, our becoming “one,” is found in Christ Jesus. *Only in Him* do we find the means to bring down the barriers that separate us, so that all of us become one family. *Only in Him* do we realize that the things that divide us can become the very witness to God's powerful love. *Our Lord came to reconcile and reunite us*. Our calling is to live and love as “one” – *one* with our Lord Jesus Christ and *one* with each other.

Let us pray daily that God inspire all of us to become “one” in Spirit and purpose, “one” in faith and service, and “one” in His perfect love. Amen.

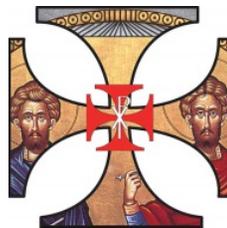


Hands of Love Collection for October, 2013

One Roof Ministry

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

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.*



"Follow" & "Like" our new Facebook page. *Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.*

And on this the four hundred and eighty-third 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 SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 27 (7th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Prayer for Oxi Day/Stewardship Sunday/10th 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!

Friday, November 1:

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

Saturday, November 2:

9:00 a.m. Preparation of Tiropites for Appetizer Sale

Note: Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday. Move clocks one hour back before going to bed.

Sunday, November 3rd (5th Sunday of St. Luke – Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am):

7:45 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

10:45 am Religious Education Classes

11:30 am Hellenic Language Class

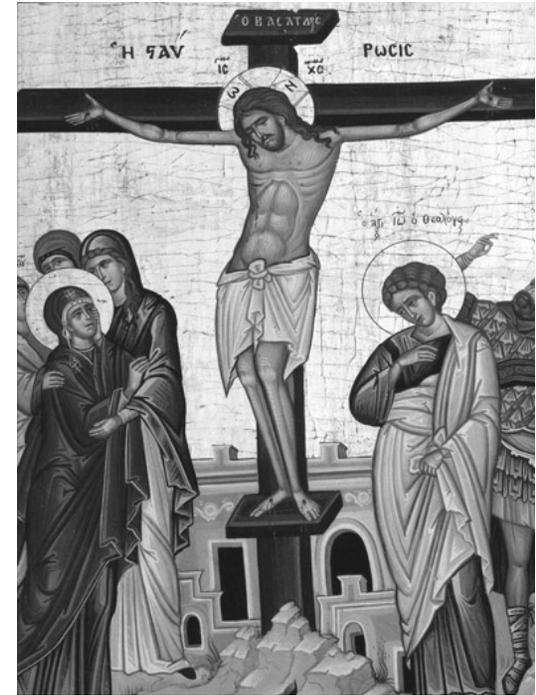
11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



One day, a person complained to his Priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual **“give, give, give.”** To which the Priest replied, “Thank you very

much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You’re right, Christianity is all about a constant “give, give, give.” God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the Cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord’s Disciples giving all they had to make sure God’s Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!



“A *Rich* MAN IS NOT
ONE WHO HAS MUCH...

...BUT ONE
WHO *Gives* MUCH

FOR WHAT HE GIVES AWAY
REMAINS HIS *Forever.*”

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He be, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.

Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

On this 10th anniversary of St. Christopher Church, we thank our Lord for all of His blessings, including our parishioners and beautiful property. Glory to God always!