



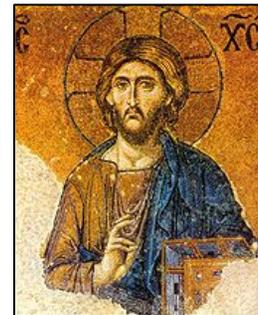
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 6, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas; Eroteis the Martyr of Cappadocia; & Makarios the Righteous of Chios (+1590). *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 Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

#### **3. Hymn Commemorating St. Thomas – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O Holy Apostle Thomas, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

#### **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.

### **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

<p><i>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.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 5:14-19)**

*But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 4:6-15)**

*For it is God Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into His presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

### **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. 12 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. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” 14 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)*

**Special Note of Thanks...**

*Today, National Church Musicians Sunday, Fr. George commends  
our Chantors, Choir Members, and music educators for their  
faithful service to our Lord’s Holy Church, as well as to our Choir  
Federations throughout the Archdiocese. Thank you! He also  
thinks our Philoptochos members for the special fundraising  
luncheon to benefit the needy in Greece and Cyprus, and for the  
special bake sale items to purchase and honor our church  
musicians with either today or later this week (for those who are  
traveling and away today).*

**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 Collection for October, 2013**

One Roof Ministry

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



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# Philoptochos

## Greece and Cyprus Luncheon

Sunday, October 6, 2013

**Please fellowship with us during lunch after Divine Liturgy.**

We will be accepting donations to aid the people of Cyprus and Greece in support of our National Philoptochos' campaign.

*We also will sell baked goods for parishioners to honor/celebrate our choir members and chantors with on National Church Music Sunday, 10/6.*

Contact: Danielle Dawkins 770-827-3056

And on this the four hundred and eightieth 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 6 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke; National Church Musicians Sunday):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Prayer for Choir & Chantors**

**10:15 a.m. Philoptochos' Greece & Cypress Luncheon (*see inside*)**

**10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**

**Wednesday, October 9:**

**6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting (*bring fasting food*)**

**Friday, October 11 – Sunday, October 13:**

**St. Christopher's Participation in "The Great Georgia Air Show"**

**Sunday, October 13 (Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**

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