



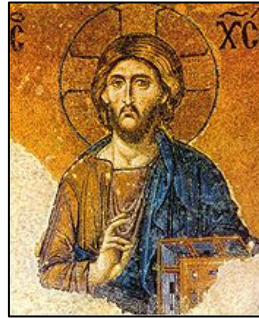
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 4, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our Father among the Saints, Hierotheos the Areopaghite, Bishop of Athens (1st cent.); Holy Priest-Martyr Peter of the Capitoline; Krispos the Apostle; Holy Martyr Domnina and her daughters Verine and Prosdoke; Holy Martyr Avdaktos and of his daughter Kallisthene; Righteous Father Ammoun the Egyptian; and Holy Martyrs Faustus, Gaius, Eusebius, and Hairemon, the Deacons. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Mission 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 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp. 126-7):

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 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 (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. Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)

¹⁶What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, ¹⁸and I will be your Father, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." ⁷Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:31-36)

Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

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:

A family brought in two cocoons that were about to hatch. They watched as the first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it chewed in one end of the cocoon. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.

The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. So, as it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade, doing the equivalent of a Caesarean section. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

The family asked a biologist friend to explain what had happened. The scientist said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole actually pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. *The lesson? WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE, THERE ARE NO WINGS.*

In today's Gospel lesson, our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to love our enemies, do good, and be merciful, just as our Father is merciful. (Luke 6:35-36) *What response do we offer in our day-to-day journey as Christians? Are we willing to struggle to love our enemies and show them mercy? If so, we join God's Heavenly Hosts, and through His grace, we reach the heights of His Kingdom with the spiritual wings we will have grown in the process. **Glory to God!***

Philoptochos Greek Appetizers & Baklava Sale

Join us for our free community tasting on October 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Residents of Fayette and Coweta Counties who enjoy the tantalizing taste of Greek appetizers and baklava are welcome to attend the **“Greek Appetizers/Baklava Tasting”** at Saint Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church located at 313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210, Peachtree City, GA 30269 on **October 8, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Members of our women’s philanthropic group, the Philoptochos Society (*Friends of the Poor*) will be offering each guest a sample of two Greek appetizers – *Spanakopites* (cheese and spinach puff pastry) and *Tiropites* (cheese puff pastry). For dessert, each guest is invited to sample a piece of *Baklava* (traditional Greek pastry consisting of filo dough, nut and honey). Coffee and tea also will be provided. Bring your friends.



All of our Greek appetizers and Baklava are hand-made by the members of our parish. Order forms will be available on the evening of the tasting (with pick-up on Friday, November 20, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. until noon - just in time for your holiday gatherings). ***After this date, please telephone Helen Psihountas, 770/486-6580 to place order(s) and arrange pick-up as supplies last. If you cannot attend, order information can be found at:***

http://www.saintchristopherhoc.org/index.php?pr=Bake_Sale.
encourage you to place your orders early.

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For the first 150 guests to respond . . .

We encourage you to stop by our parish before going home from work. As an added bonus, we will offer at no charge to the first 150 people who make reservations (by calling Marinda Tсахakis at 770/381-1842), a complimentary spaghetti dinner with garlic bread. Invite your friends and come together - we look forward to seeing you.

Plan now to join us for our Fall “**Greek Appetizers/Baklava Tasting.**” Your friends will be as delighted to enjoy your gifts of these Greek appetizers and Baklava as you will be to share them.

On this the two hundred and ninetieth 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 4 (2nd Sunday of St. Luke/National Church Musicians Sunday):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Ice Cream Sundae Sunday
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic Language Class

Thursday, October 8

5:00 p.m. Philoptochos Outreach Event - Community Tasting for Greek Appetizers/Baklava Sale - please invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join us.

Sunday, October 11 (Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Hands of Love - This month's Hands of Love collection seeks to support *One Roof Outreach Ministry*. We will be collecting underwear (all sizes), towels, washcloths, and dish cloths. For further information, contact Claudia Sliwinski, 770/487-4932.

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes

11:30 a.m. Hellenic Dance Practice

11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, October 15:

5:00 p.m. Appetizer Preparation for Philoptochos Fundraiser - Spanakopites - All parishioners are encouraged to join us as we prepare Spanakopites for our fall fundraiser. To volunteer or for further information, telephone Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis, 770/381-1842.

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

Fr. George would like to thank Fr. Grigorios Tatsis for visiting our parish today and offering church services, as well as sharing his sermon and Adult Religious Education Class with our faithful. His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios has directed him to visit all of our parishes on a periodic basis. With his presence today, Fr. George and Presbytera Marinda were able to travel to Virginia to visit a terminally ill Koumbara as well as elderly family members he has not seen in many years.

Fr. George also 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!