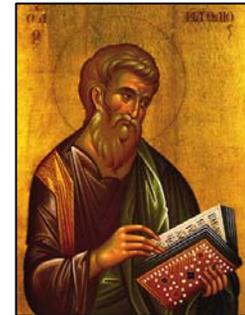
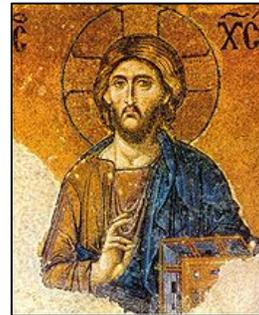




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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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**Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, Chancellor**

### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 16, 2014

**ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the Holy. Apostle & Evangelist Matthew (+60). *Through his 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 parish'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. We welcome you to join us for coffee fellowship and classes afterwards.*

## **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 Holy Apostle Matthew – (Not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. St. Matthew, Holy Apostle and Evangelist, intercede to merciful God to grant forgiveness of our sins to 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 for Feast of the Theotokos (11/21) – (Hymnal-pp.236-239):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Behold the temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

### **6. Communion Hymn – (not in Hymnal):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Their proclamation has gone out to all the earth, their words to the limits of the universe. (Ps. 18[19]). Alleluia."*

## **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 (Matthew 28:16-20)**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.*

### **Epistle Reading (Rom. 10:11-11:2)**

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in Him will be put to shame."  
<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on Him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim Him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim Him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. <sup>18</sup>But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." <sup>19</sup>Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." <sup>20</sup>Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by

*those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.”* <sup>21</sup>*But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”* <sup>11</sup>*ask, then, has God rejected His people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.* <sup>2</sup>*God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 9:9-13)**

<sup>9</sup>*As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he got up and followed Him.* <sup>10</sup>*And as He sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Him and His disciples.* <sup>11</sup>*When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”* <sup>12</sup>*But when He heard this, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.* <sup>13</sup>*Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”*

#### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

*(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

*“But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

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

*Apathy is the opposite of Faith: Some years ago in South America, a crew of Peruvian Sailors heading up the Amazon River came upon a strange sight. It was like a scene from “The Twilight Zone.” A Spanish ship was anchored off the coast and all the sailors were stretched out weakly on the deck of the ship. As the Peruvians drew closer, they saw*

that the Spaniards were in terrible physical condition. They looked like the picture of death itself - their lips were parched and swollen. They were literally dying of thirst.

“Can we help you?” shouted the Peruvians.

The Spaniards cried out, “Water! Water! We need fresh water!”

The Peruvian sailors, surprised at this request, told them to lower their buckets and help themselves.

The Spaniards, fearing they'd been misunderstood cried back, “No, no we need FRESH water!”

But they received the same reply from the Peruvians to lower their buckets and to help themselves. They finally did lower their buckets into the ocean waters and when they brought the buckets on deck they discovered to their amazement fresh water.

The explanation . . . *They had quit trying.* There at the mouth of the Amazon River, anchored for days too far from land to see the coast, but not too far from the mouth of the River, they had fresh water in abundance.

Apathy had overtaken them and they had quit. They were resigned to die, when all that was needed was to lower their bucket. *A small effort would have made all the difference in their survival. Fortunately for us, our Lord shows us the way! As we journey towards His Holy Nativity together, let us renew our strength and determination to follow Him always to gain the blessings He has prepared for each of us.*

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## Visit of our Metropolis Ierokyrix – Fr. Christodoulos Papadeas – Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and warm regards. Thank you for your support and encouragement of our Lord's Holy Church, as well as your prayers and service in behalf of our parish family and those our Lord places in our midst. We pray for God's mercy, healing, peace, and restoration from all pains and weaknesses in our lives.



The Ierokyrix of our Holy Metropolis, Fr. Christodoulos Papadeas, has returned from Greece. To encourage our spiritual growth and healing, I have invited him to our parish this coming Monday afternoon/evening, November 17th and I have asked Fr. Christodoulos to offer the Sacrament of Holy Confession during the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. No specific appointment times are required, nor will they be assigned - just come and be prayerful until Fr. Christodoulos calls you. I hope you will take this opportunity for this important Sacrament.

*Faithfully yours, +Fr. George*



**Hands of Love: November 2014**

**Fayette Samaritans**

We are collecting non-perishable food items.



Fayette Samaritans is a Christian ministry serving those in need in Fayette County, Georgia. The group provides food, clothing and financial assistance for selected emergency needs. Fayette Samaritans is now supported by more than 50 area churches, businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. It is housed in its own 2400 square foot facility, located at 126 Hickory Road behind the Fayetteville Christian Church.

# 2014 Appetizer/Dessert Sale

*Notify your friends that the  
Order Pick-up is This Coming Weekend!!!*

*All proceeds benefit our Philoptochos Society's local and national charities. (Philoptochos is our philanthropic organization and means "friends of the poor.")*

Please telephone 770/298-4496 to place order(s) with George or email order(s) to [dinatagaloskearns@gmail.com](mailto:dinatagaloskearns@gmail.com)

## Philoptochos Society

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

~Order deadline November 10, 2014 ~

Pick up dates – Friday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Church Address

Saturday Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Church Address

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Order: (specify quantity for each item and include payment for total due)

Spanakopita \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 per dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Kourambiethes \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 per dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Melomakarona \_\_\_\_\_ @\$15.00 per dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Koulourakia \_\_\_\_\_ @\$8.00 per dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SAMPLER DOZEN (Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiethes, Melomakarona

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And on this *the five hundred and thirty-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**

*Nativity Fast began yesterday and continues through December 24*

*Sunday, November 16 (St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist):*

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting

*Monday, November 17 (Ierokyrix's Visit):*

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Confession with our Ierokyrix, Fr. Christodoulos Papadeas *(No specific appointment times are required, nor will they be assigned - just come and be prayerful until Fr. Christodoulos calls you.)*

*Thursday, November 20:*

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

*Friday, November 21 (The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple):*

*Fr. George will offer Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta*

- 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Philoptochos Fall Appetizer/Pastry Sale  
Pick-up at Church

*Saturday, November 22:*

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Philoptochos Fall Appetizer/Pastry Sale  
Pick-up at Church

*Sunday, November 23 (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):*

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 a.m. General Parish Assembly

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