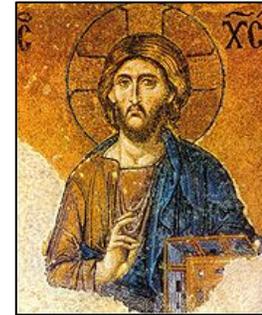




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 17, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Gregory the Wonderworker & Bishop of Neo-Caesarea (+270); Gennadios I, Patriarch of Constantinople (+471); and Righteous Mother Hilda of Whitby. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Gregory – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. You attained your worthy name by deeds, being vigilant in prayer and persevering in the working of miracles. Intercede, O Father Gregory, to Christ our God, that He enlighten our souls lest we fall asleep in sin unto death.

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.

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 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus

said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading (Galatians 2:16-20)

yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 12:16-21)

¹⁶Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose

will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.’” (Romans 10:13)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A subtle temptation that faces Christians in any era: *If we are not careful, we can get diverted from what Christ has called us to do in His behalf.* This happened in Thessalonica not even 20 years after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Some of the followers of Christ got so caught up in expecting and predicting the imminent return of the Lord that they had ceased to do any work and degenerated into idle busybodies who prattled only about the future.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:11-15, St. Paul met the issue head on: *¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. ¹⁴Take note of those who do not obey what we say in this letter; have nothing to do with them, so that they may be ashamed. ¹⁵Do not regard them as enemies, but warn them as believers. He rebuked this tendency to let an over-interest in “the last things” divert us from faithfulness to “the first things.”*

My friends, there is an old story about a warrior who was struck one day by a poisonous arrow. This man happened to be a speculative sort of person, so as he lay on the ground he mused to himself: *“I wonder what kind of wood this arrow is made of? What sort of birds, do you suppose, the feathers come from? I wonder what type of man shot this arrow — tall or short, dark or light.”* His comrades, who saw his plight, could bear it no longer, but cried out in frustration: *“For Heaven’s sake, man! Stop speculating and pull out the arrow!”*

Need I say more? As we progress through the 40-day period leading to our Lord’s Holy Nativity, let us resolve to journey together with a sense of commitment and a desire to put aside our worldly cares that are not critical. With our families, let us take advantage of our worship services and educational opportunities to learn and grow together in faith and spirit. May we seek ways to offer charity to those in need. After searching our hearts and thoughts, let us ask ourselves if we truly serve as inspired witnesses, using our words and actions, on behalf of the teachings and love of Christ. And always, as members of the Body of Christ, let us seek and share communal fellowship with one another... in a spirit of mutual forgiveness, renewal, and unity.

In closing, I lift up the words St. Paul used in the passage I referenced earlier. They serve as a beautiful blessing for all of us: *“¹⁶Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. ¹⁷I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of*

mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16-18)



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Hands of Love Collection for November, 2013

We are collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit Fayette Samaritans.

Items included in Fayette Samaritans' wish list:

pancake mix, syrup, packaged mashed potatoes, oatmeal, grits, juice, powdered milk, cereal, mac and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, canned tuna fish, chicken, beef stew, canned ravioli, canned fruit, canned vegetables.

Fayette Samaritans is a Christian ministry serving those in need in Fayette County. They provide food from their food pantry, clothing and financial assistance for selected emergency needs to residents in Fayette County. At this moment, the ministry is primarily supported by over 65 member churches, including Saint Christopher HOC.

For further information, please see: <http://www.fayettesamaritans.org/>

*****From now to November 24th – large canned food and monetary donations will be matched by Philoptochos!**



IS YOUR FRIDGE BARE???

ARE YOU OUT OF LENTEN MEALS???

Are you out of Lenten Recipes???

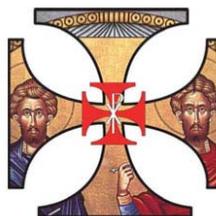
TIRED OF THE HASSLE OF THE GROCERY STORE???

Tired of having to fight crowds, wait in line, pay HUGE prices and then having to go home to cook AND do dishes???



SHOP AT THE LENTEN MARKET!!!!

- **When?** *December 1, 2013*
- **Where?** *Conveniently located in the church bookstore*
- **Why? WHY YOU ASK???**



- **HOMEMADE** meals, prepared by someone **OTHER** than you!
- **NO** real prep work
- **EASY** clean up
- **ALL** money goes to charity!

Philotochos is hosting a Lenten Luncheon (good-will donations welcomed) December 1st! In addition, we will be selling homemade meals, pre-packaged, ready to HEAT AND EAT! It is that simple! Come buy 1, 2, 3 or more meals for the week...the more you buy the less work you have to do each night!!!

And on this the four hundred and eighty-fifth 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

Friday, November 15 – Wednesday, December 24 – Nativity Fast

Sunday, November 17 (9th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/ Memorial - One Year – Evangelia
Pantazopoulos; One Year - Vasiliki Bellos (& Phillip Bellos)

10:30 a.m. General Parish Assembly (*everyone invited*) &
Community Luncheon Sponsored by GOYA

12:00 p.m. Philoptochos General Meeting/GOYA Meeting/
TBA - Packaging of Pastries for Philoptochos Appetizer & Pastry Sale

Monday, November 18:

TBA - Packaging of Pastries for Philoptochos Appetizer & Pastry Sale

Wednesday, November 20 (Eve of Feast – Entrance of the Theotokos
Into the Temple):

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service

6:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (*please bring
fasting food; fish permitted*)

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, November 22):

9:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at 9 am at
Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta 30329

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Greek Appetizer & Dessert Sale Pickup

for Philoptochos Fundraiser

Saturday, November 23 (Metropolis of Atlanta Chapel):

TBA - Parish Outing – Georgia Tech Football Game
9:00 p.m. – noon Greek Appetizer & Dessert Sale Pickup
for Philoptochos Fundraiser

Sunday, November 24 (13th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
11:45 a.m. Let's EAT! - Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St.,
Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations,
Dutch Treat, and open to all...!
5:00 p.m. Book Club Dinner Discussion series continue at
the home of Helen Hayes and Gail Ericsson - everyone
is welcome, even if you haven't come to earlier sessions!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

Peachtree City, GA

Dear Faithful of St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church:

On behalf of our Parish Council and Parish Assembly, we are writing to invite you to attend our Parish General Assembly meeting and GOYAN luncheon scheduled for Sunday, November 17, 2013 following our church services. We hope you will join us and be updated on the progress of our parish.

During our General Assembly we will be nominating parishioners to serve on the Audit Committee, Elections Committee and the Parish Council. Parishioners who serve on these worthwhile committees must be members in good standing. Below are

excerpts from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Uniform Parish Regulations that define a parishioner in good standing. For more information you may visit the website at:

<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/documents/pdf/2007-Regulations-Amended.pdf>.

Article 18:

Section 1, paragraph 2:

“A parishioner in good standing practices all the religious and moral duties as described in this Section 1. At a minimum, a parishioner in good standing must: be eighteen years of age or over; be current in his or her stewardship and other financial obligations to the Parish, abide by all the regulations herein stated and the Parish Bylaws; and cooperate in every way towards the welfare and wellbeing of the Parish. (Stewardship is recommended to be ten percent (10%) of one’s annual income as stated in Holy Scripture to help meet the financial obligations of the Parish, the Metropolis and the Archdiocese.)”

Section 5:

“A parishioner in good standing has the right to attend, participate and vote at Parish Assemblies, as well as to vote in Parish Council elections. Each such parishioner may also be nominated for election to the Parish Council or to represent the Parish at a Local Assembly or the Congress.”

Article 25:

Section 2:

“A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in

accordance with the Faith and canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in canonical and financial good standing as specified in Article 18, Sections 1 through 3.”

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

Peachtree City, GA

Parish General Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 17, 2013

(All parishioners – please join us immediately after church services for our GOYA fundraiser lenten luncheon and meeting)

- 10:15 AM** **Call to Order & Prayer** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:17 AM** **Election of Meeting Chairman** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:20 AM** **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Julie Skouteris
- 10:30 AM** **Pastor’s Report** - Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:45 AM** **Parish Council President’s Report** – George Psihountas
- 10:50 AM** **Parish Council Treasurer’s Report** – Steve Sarantis
- 11:05 AM** **Committee Reports:**
Outreach Committee – Julie Skouteris
Building/Building Fund Committees – George Zavlanos / Costas Soulakos
GreekFest / Air Show – Julie Skouteris / Tammy Soulakos
- 11:15 AM** **Philoptochos Society** – Katie Wilson
- 11:20 AM** **New Business**
Clergy-Laity Report
Approval of 2012 Audit Report
Election of 2013 Audit Committee
Review of 2014 Tentative Budget
Selection of Election Committee
Nominations for Parish Council
GreekFest 2014 – September 20, 2014 proposed date & Chair volunteer
Tenth Anniversary Dinner
- 11:59 AM** **Closing Prayer** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 12:00 PM** **Adjournment**