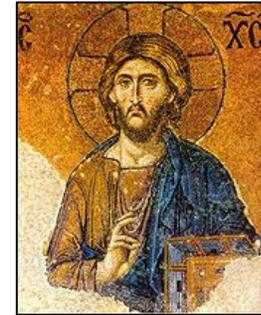




GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: www.patriarchate.org
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Website: www.goarch.org
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta Website: www.atlanta.goarch.org
St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church Website: www.saintchristopherhoc.org

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210
Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

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

Liturgical Guide for Wednesday, November 20, 2013

**ON THIS THE EVE OF THE FEAST DAY, THE CHURCH
COMMEMORATES** the Presentation of the Theotokos into the
Holy Temple of Jerusalem. *By the intercessions of the Theotokos,
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./3./4. Hymn for the Feast of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.182-185):

It is sung *at the end of* Great Vespers and *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

2. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (pg. 28 of Hymnal):

On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas. "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, among the saints glorified, we sing to You, Alleluia."

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. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) – (not in Hymnal):

On the occasion of the feast of the Theotokos, the following hymn is sung instead of "Axion Estin" or "Truly it is proper to call you blessed..." Angels at the entry of the Virgin did marvel on beholding how she entered with glory the Holy of Holies. As a spiritual ark of God, no hand profane can approach. The faithful to the Theotokos sing unceasingly with voice of the angel singing, rejoicing, crying out: Truly you are more exalted than all created things, O Pure Virgin.

7. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.324):

On the occasion of the feast of the Theotokos, the following hymn is sung instead of “Aineite” or “Praise the Lord”: “I will lift the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115[116]). Alleluia.”

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

<p>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</p>
--

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 9:1-7)

Hebr. 9:1 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. 4 In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. 6 Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; 7 but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.

Gospel Reading (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now as they went on their way, He entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so

she came to Him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” While He was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts that nursed You!” But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

On this our eleventh Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple at 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

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

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!