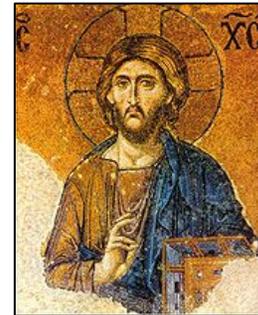




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 23, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our Holy Father Amphilochios, Bishop of Iconium (+394); Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (~600); Holy Ischyron, Bishop of Egypt; Righteous Father Sisinius the Martyr (3rd cent.); Holy Helenos, Bishop of Tarsus; Dionysios, Patriarch of Constantinople; and Metrophanes. *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./3. Hymn for the Feast of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.182-185):

It is sung *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. Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

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 (Mark 16:1-8)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading (Ephesians 2:14-22)

¹⁴For He is our peace; in His flesh He has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through Him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer

strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In Him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

¹⁶*Then 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:

The Pew Potato's Prayer

Dear Lord, please leave me alone. Just let me sit here in my pew on Sunday, and Lord guard my seat, the last seat here in the back row. Please don't let anyone else try to sit here Lord... You know that's my seat and dear Lord please get me home quickly after the

service on Sunday, before these church people try to recruit me to actually do something that I don't want to do. Lord make them understand that I'm happy and content just to show up on Sunday. Heavenly Father, thank you for hearing my prayer but I've got to Go! Kickoff is only a minute away!! You understand Lord.

Thanks God for putting some great games on this week and thank you for all sports cable channels. See you next Sunday Lord. Amen.

Question: What does this say to you... to your family?



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.

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

Nativity Fast continues through December 24

Sunday, November 23 (9th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

10:30 a.m. General Parish Assembly

Monday, November 24 (Eve of Feast - St. Katherine the Great Martyr):

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service

5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner *(please bring Lenten food)*

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day):

Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta – join us!

Friday, November 28:

Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta – join us!

Sunday, November 30 (St. Andrew the 1st-Called Apostle):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

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

11:00 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...!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!