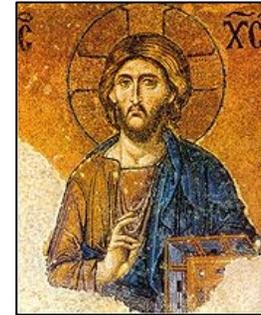




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 24, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE 13TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome (+101); Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (+311); and Hermogenes, the Martyr. *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 (Plagal of the First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Galatians 6:11-18)

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you

to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 18:18-27)

Luke 18:18 A certain ruler asked Him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 19 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. 20 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.’” 21 He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” 22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me.” 23 But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. 24 Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” 27 He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His Name. ” (Ps. 100:4)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Consider the following Scriptural verse as we approach our annual American commemoration of Thanksgiving Day – *“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

(Colossians 3:17)

Let us consider this powerful Scriptural verse as we celebrate our annual Feast of Thanksgiving. It instructs us to give thanks to our God in everything that we do! No matter what we may carry out, no matter what we may say, we are to offer all our being as a gift of thanksgiving to God – with the power, honor, and name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When you consider this approach, it equates the potential of our entire life to becoming worship and thanksgiving to God in all things.

While we like to refer to “coming to church” as an act of worship, St. Paul’s encouragement to the early Christians in Colossae (Asia Minor or present-day Turkey) denotes that there is no single action as “going to worship.” That is, our daily lives, our conversation, all our actions, are to be offered as heart-felt worship and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father as opposed to an isolated action.

May we choose to live our lives for God’s glory – as a living testament of thanksgiving for His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. While we may not always do this as well as we would like, we can choose always to seek to offer our Lord all of our words, our actions, our heart and our mind to bring Him glory – by doing His Will in all things. *Amen!*

And on this the four hundred and eighty-sixth 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 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!

Monday, November 25 (St. Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria):

- 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service
- 5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (*please bring fasting food; fish permitted*)

Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving Day – Let us give thanks to God for all of His Blessings):

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

Friday, November 29:

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

Saturday, November 30 (St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle):

Note: Fr. George will offer Orthros at 7:30 am and Divine Liturgy

at 9 am at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta

Sunday, December 1 (14th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Sacrament of Holy Baptism (*Baby Girl Dabur*)/Memorial Service – One Year – Bishop John of Amorion

10:30 a.m. Philoptochos Lenten Luncheon (*featuring foods offered at Lenten Market*)

10:45 a.m. Philoptochos Lenten Bakaliko (Market)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



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Hands of Love

November 24-December 8

Grant Park Christmas Basket Program at
St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church



We will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves
for adults and gifts for teenagers.

Please pick an angel from the wish tree!

Between November 24 and December 8, a wish tree for needy families will be located in our Church. Please pick an angel from the tree and bring it back with your gift by December 8.

The donations will go to St. John the Wonderworker, and will be distributed in the “Grant Park Christmas Basket Program”.

Grant Park Christmas Basket Program for needy families in the inner city of Atlanta is a Program of St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church of Atlanta, in which they collect food boxes and toys for the children. Every year, the families pick up the gifts on the Saturday before Christmas. The program begins around the first of November with the collection of food and toys.

Personal note:

Every month when we collect donations through our Hand of Love Program, and especially at Christmas when we collect gifts for teenagers and hats and gloves for the adults, I get totally overwhelmed by the great kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness of our parishioners who give with such loving and tender hearts. I feel extremely humbled and lucky to be part of a small church in which the great love manifested by its members makes it seem like there are hundreds or even thousands of people that offer the presents, even though everything comes from a few dozen kindhearted and exceptionally generous people. I personally thank you for all your past donations and I am convinced I will continue to be impressed each time I will look under the wish tree.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas!

Claudia Sliwinski

Hands of Love Coordinator



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 support the Victims of the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in response to Archbishop Demetrios' Encyclical requesting our prayers and offerings of support! [\(Click to read Encyclical\)](#)

Philoptochos 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!!!

To donate food to the Lenten Market, sign-up by copying/pasting link below in your browser:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4DAAAB2FAAFD0-lenten

Soldiers' Angels for Christmas



If you are looking for a way to support our military this Christmas, Philoptochos has joined forces with Soldiers Angels and has made plans to do just that!

Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide aid and comfort to the men and women of all branches of our military, as well as their families on the home front. Some of you may remember the beautiful quilts made by our Philoptochos a few years ago. Those quilts were sent to the largest hospital in

Afghanistan and used for our badly wounded who needed extra comfort on the way home. Our Philoptochos wanted to support our military again, and have adopted an Army family of 6 through *Soldiers' Angels for Christmas*. Because Military families usually live on a very tight budget, putting together Christmas can be a real challenge for some of them.

Here is an excerpt from the email we just received from our family: "I don't know how to say thanks to you and your church. It is an incredible thing you are doing here helping out a family for Christmas, and we are blessed that you received ours. We just got to Fort Stewart here in Georgia a few months ago from Fort Campbell in Kentucky. It has been challenging at times but we wouldn't trade this life now because it's all we really know anymore. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts, you all really are angels!"

The family includes (Dad, Mom and 4 children - Boy 15, Girl 13, Boy 12 and Boy 8). We have a list from the mother of everything the children would like. We are going to send them a nice card from Walmart for food for Christmas dinner and then purchase a gift or two for each child. *If you are interested in participating in this outreach, please contact Faye Georgeo (770-861-4954), fayeg924@yahoo.com.*

NOTE: This effort is not replacing our angel tree for St. John the Wonderworker Christmas program; that will still be going on as well.

Don't want to cook? Let's EAT™

Tired of doing the dishes? Let's EAT™

Been meaning to eat out with your Family? Let's EAT™

Have you been putting off catching up with old friends? Let's EAT™

Wishing you had the opportunity to meet new friends? Let's EAT™

Join Us at Broadway Diner, 535 S Glynn St., Ste. 1009, Fayetteville

Today – Sunday, December 29th, 11:00 am