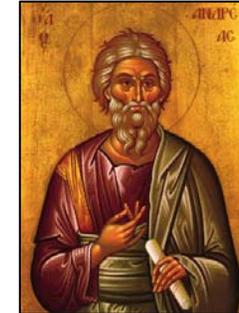
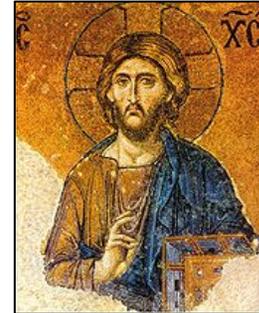




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 30, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy, Glorious, Apostle Andrew of the Twelve, the First to be Called (*the "Protopletos"*) (+62); Righteous Father Froumentios the Ethiopian, Bishop of India (+370); and Alexander the Wonderworker, Bishop of Methymna (+378). *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 (Plagal of the 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp. 126-7):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

3. Hymn for St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle– (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. From among Apostles first called, Brother of the Leader of Apostles, the Bishop of all, St. Andrew pray to God to grant to the world peace, and to our souls grant the 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 – Preparation for the Nativity (11/26-12/24) – (Hymnal-pp.240-243):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds, let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

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

<p><i>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.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Mark 16:9-20)

Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.

Epistle Reading (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

1Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading (John 1:36-51)

John 1:36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, He said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42 He brought Simon to Jesus, Who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John.

You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, He said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” 48 Nathanael asked Him, “Where did You get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” 49 Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” 50 Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” 51 And He said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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:

Phil. 2:1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the Feast of His Holy Nativity, let us remember in our personal prayers as well as our efforts to prepare ourselves leading up to this blessed celebration:

- that we are blessed to serve as parents, religious educators, youth workers, ministry leaders, and instructors
- that through our One God in Three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we are God's One Holy People
- that we should never be a party to any division within the Body of Christ. Rather, our goal is to be perfectly united in mind and heart with all others who follow our Incarnate Lord.
- that we should always strive not to misplace our loyalties with this person or that one
- that Christ, of whom we are a part, is not divided. He is of one mind. So let us and all His people be together and in agreement.

- that we should seek to be like-minded, having the same love, one in spirit and purpose.
- And through the Name of Jesus Christ, the source of our unity and salvation, we can easily accomplish these things and more *for His Glory and not ours.*

May the loyalty of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child be God's gift to you this Christmas time and always. Amen.



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.



"Follow" & "Like" our Facebook page. *Be sure to*

check our status for updates and photos.

And on this *the five hundred and thirty-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

Nativity Fast – continues through December 24

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...!

Tuesday, December 2:

Parish Council Training for *Candidates* (offered at Transfiguration Church in Marietta, GA by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou)

Thursday, December 4:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, December 5:

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

Saturday, December 6 (Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker):

8:00 a.m. Orthros – St. Nicholas

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Nicholas (*all youth and families of our parish are encouraged to attend and receive Holy Communion*)

10:30 a.m. Lenten Breakfast/Community Christmas Tree Decoration

5:00 p.m. Hope/Joy Outing - Atlanta Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights Outing (open to parishioners of ALL ages)

Sunday, December 7 (10th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Petko, Angelina, & Dimitar Boyadzhiev

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

11:30 a.m. Deadline to Schedule Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation Before Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

11:30 a.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!