



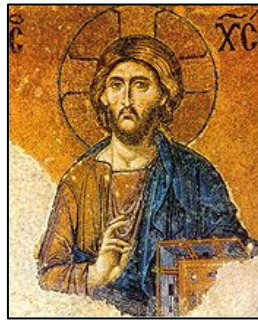
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 15, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE 8TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, & Avivos of Edessa (+322); Holy Martyrs Elpidios, Marcellus, and Eustochios and their companions; Righteous Father Centurion, Bishop of Selefkia; Pious Emperor Justinian (+565) and Empress Theodora (+548) of Constantinople; Holy Thomas the Younger, Archbishop of Constantinople (+665-8); and Holy Martyr Demetrios. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Mission 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 2nd Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

3. Hymn for Holy Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, & Avivos of Edessa– (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O Christ God, You have given us the miracles of martyrs as an invincible rampart. By their supplications, despoil the will of nations, and, as the only good and loving One, strengthen the scepters of the kingdom.

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 (Matthew 28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Eph. 2:4-10)

⁴But God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 10:25-37)

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And He said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the

hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil." *(Psalm 37:8)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Thank you, God, that I can see. There are thousands who cannot see. For them, there is no sunrise or sunset; no autumn colors, no rainbow-tinted flowers, no movies, no delights of the eye.

Thank you, God, that I can hear. There are thousands who cannot hear the voice of their own mother, nor the singing of the birds, nor the radio, nor the laughter of children.

Thank you, God, that I can walk. How brave are those who live life without the use of their legs and are confined to a wheel chair, or even paralyzed from the waist down.



Thank you, God, that I can work. Look at the many who can do nothing with “brain or brawn or hands.” There are so many who have been laid off due to the economy and the fear of uncertain times.

Thank you, God, that I have something to eat. Millions as good as I, maybe even better, have little or nothing to eat. Thousands are dying of hunger, while I never miss a meal and enjoy the comforts of my home and family.

Thank you, God, for my Orthodox Faith, which teaches me to be thankful and to seek Your will in all that I do each day.

Thank you, God, for the freedom to worship You as You wish to be worshipped.

Thank you, God, for our beautiful Church and our comfortable home.

Thank you, God, for the privilege of attending the Divine Liturgy every Sunday and on special Feast Days.

Thank you, God, for permitting me to confess my sins and receive Your Divine Gifts, the Body and Blood of Your only Begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

For all these and more, O Lord, I thank You!

On this the two hundred and ninety-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 – November 15 – December 24

Sunday, November 15 (8th Sunday of St. Luke; 1st Day of Nativity Fast):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 a.m. Operation Homefront & Soldier Angels Quilts Presentation
- 10:30 a.m. Hands of Love – Fayette Samaritans/GOYA Lenten Luncheon
- 11:00 a.m. General Parish Assembly

Monday, November 16:

- 7:00 p.m. Religious Educators & Youth Workers Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Education, Culture, & Youth Diakonia Committee Meeting

Friday, November 20 – Sunday, November 22 – GOYA Advent Retreat at the Diakonia Retreat Center, Salem, SC)

Friday, November 20 – 3-6 p.m. - Philoptochos Greek Appetizer & Dessert Sale Pickup

Saturday, November 21 (Feast of Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 9:00 a.m. – noon Philoptochos Greek Appetizer & Dessert Sale Pickup

Sunday, November 22 (9th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Fellowship Reception
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic Language Class

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

- 6:00 p.m. Evening Orthros Service
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (lenten)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!