



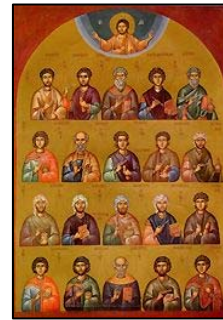
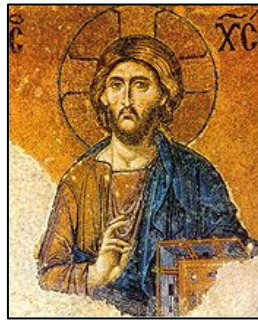
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 1, 2009

ON THIS DAY, THE 5TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Cosmas and Damianos, the Unmercenary Physicians & Wonder Workers of Asia Minor, and their Righteous Mother Theodote; Righteous Father David the Ascetic of Euboia (6th cent.); Holy Priest-Martyrs John the Bishop and Iakovos the Presbyter; Holy Martyr Herminigellos; Holy New-Priest-Martyr Iakovos, and his two disciples, Iakovos the Deacon and Dionysios the Monk (+1520); Righteous Helen of Sinope, New-Martyr (+1771); Holy Women Martyrs Kyrianis and Juliana; and Holy Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, and the other five. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating Saints Cosmas & Damianos – (see handout):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Sainted Unmercenaries and Wonder Workers, regard our infirmities; freely you have received, freely share with us.

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 – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

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 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (I Cor. 12:27-13:8)

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in

tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹³If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 16:19-31)

Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — ²⁸ for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If

they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’’

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

*“And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.”
(James 3: 18)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A vocalist always spent a few minutes alone in her dressing room before a concert. Her maid, who locked the door and stood guard, has told what happened in those last moments of preparation. The singer would stand in the middle of the floor, her shoulders back, and her head up, draw a deep breath, strike a clear, vibrant note, and hold it as long as her breath lasted. When the overtones had all died away, she would look up and say: “Master, Who has given me this undeserved gift, let me ring true tonight.”

When we realize what a gift God’s invitation to His kingdom is to us, we too will try our best to ring true. We have been invited to a grand feast of worship today, and as we come forward to receive His Precious Body and Blood, our lives ought to be changed. Indeed, if we come prepared to worship, ready for prayer, and conscious of our dependence upon God, then our worship will be alive and sincere.

On this the two hundred and ninety-third 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

Sunday, November 1 (5th Sunday of St. Luke; Daylight Savings Time Ends):

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| 7:45 a.m. | Orthros Service |
| 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy |
| 10:15 a.m. | Artoklasia Service (<i>in commemoration of the Patron Saints of National Philoptochos – Saints Cosmas & Damianos</i>) |
| 10:30 a.m. | Ice Cream Sundae Sunday |

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes

11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, November 7:

6:00 p.m. Archangel Michael Honors Banquet (Annunciation Cathedral)

Sunday, November 8 (7th Sunday of St. Luke/Synaxis of Archangel Michael & Bodiless Powers):

(Church Services at Atlanta Cathedral today only)

8:15 a.m. Orthros

9:30 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy/Reception

Monday, November 9 (Feast of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker):

6:00 p.m. Evening Orthros

7:00 p.m. Evening Divine Liturgy, followed by Community Dinner

Saturday, November 14:

9:30 a.m. Goyans meet at Church for departure to Putt-Putt “Glow in the Dark” and Lunch at Steak & Shake (Newnan, GA)

4:00 p.m. Baptism - Sophia Ann Miles, daughter of Rick/Angela Miles

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!