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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 3, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF SAINT MATTHEW, THE SUNDAY AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD INTO THE TEMPLE, WE REMEMBER** the Synaxis of the Holy and Righteous Symeon the God-Receiver and the Holy Prophetess Anna (+0); Stamatios, John, & Nicholas, New Martyrs of Chios (+1822); Holy Martyr Abraham (+344-47); Holy Martyrs Adrian & Evoulos; Holy Martyr Vlasios the Voukolos; the Prophet Azariah; Holy Martyrs Simon & Paul; St. Claudius; Nicholas, Archbishop & Enlightener of Japan; *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. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (Hymnal-p.28):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas, "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, Who was held in the arms of the righteous Symeon, as we sing to You, Alleluia."*

### **2./4. Hymn for the Feast of the Presentation – (Hymnal-pp.212-215):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance: Rejoice, O woman full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who enlightens those in darkness. You too exult and be glad, just and aged Simeon, for you carried in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, who bestows on us the grace of resurrection.*

### **3. Resurrectional Hymn (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.*

### **5. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):**

*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.

**6. Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord (Hymnal-pp.250-253):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

**SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

<p>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. <span style="float: right;">– St. John Chrysostom</span></p>
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**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 During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)**

<sup>21</sup>But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us,  
<sup>22</sup>by putting His seal on us and giving us His Spirit in our hearts as a  
first installment. <sup>23</sup>But I call on God as witness against me: it was to  
spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>I do not mean to imply  
that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your  
joy, because you stand firm in the faith. <sup>21</sup>So I made up my mind not to  
make you another painful visit. <sup>2</sup>For if I cause you pain, who is there to  
make me glad but the one whom I have pained? <sup>3</sup>And I wrote as I did, so  
that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have  
made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would  
be the joy of all of you. <sup>4</sup>For I wrote you out of much distress and  
anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let  
you know the abundant love that I have for you.

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 22:35-46)**

<sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him.  
<sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said  
to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with  
all your soul, and with all your mind.’” <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first  
commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself.’” <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the  
prophets.” <sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus  
asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose  
son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them,  
“How is it then that David by the Spirit calls Him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup>‘The  
Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies  
under your feet”’?” <sup>45</sup>If David thus calls Him Lord, how can He be his  
son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give Him an answer, nor from that day did  
anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

**MEMORY VERSE** *(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

“The LORD is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father’s God, and I will exalt Him.” *(Exod. 15:2)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

**A Winning Cause**

People give to a winning cause, not to a sinking ship. This is an important principle for teaching the concept of “giving” of one’s talents, time, and treasures. *The mission of God is a winning cause.* Our parish family, at its best, is a winning cause.

God calls us to the winning cause of His mission of salvation for everyone. In the process, people will be helped; lives will be changed. There will be times of reconciliation, wholeness, caring, and justice. Much will be accomplished through our faithful efforts to assist our Lord as parish leaders.

In this context, I offer the following prayer. It would be good if we could pray this prayer each day of our life, and live it with our family and friends, with those whom we work with, and with those whom we cooperate and serve with at St. Christopher’s. Indeed, it is a prayer of personal growth for our entire parish family:

*With the help of God, my family and friends, I am growing confidence and assurance in myself and others, developing new possibilities and opportunities, advancing compassion and encouragement, and building vision and hope. I pray I will complain and lament less. I pray that I will forget how to scold and whine. God help me to grow, develop, advance, and*

*build – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, until the ages of ages. Amen.*

May we discover the steps we each can take personally to nurture these gifts, strengths, and competencies even more fully in our own life, our family, and our parish.

## Hands of Love - Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> Super Bowl of Caring

Thank you for bringing 2 canned food goods and \$2 today!

For the 24<sup>th</sup> annual ***Super Bowl of Caring***, organizations and people across the country participate by donating funds and canned food goods to soup kitchens and other organizations that fight hunger. Started by a senior high school youth group in Columbia, SC, to help fight hunger in its community, the idea has grown into a national campaign.

This year, the food and funds collected will be donated to St. John the Wonderworker Church's ***Loaves and Fishes Program***.

The Loaves and Fishes Program is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor daily, Monday through Friday, giving out occasional hot meals, sacks of food, sweets, snacks and sandwiches. ***Thank you again!***

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**St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

*Peachtree City, GA*

**Parish General Assembly Meeting Agenda**

***February 3, 2013***

*(All parishioners – please join us immediately after church services  
for our GOYA fundraiser luncheon and meeting)*

- 10:30 AM**      **Call to Order & Prayer** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:31 AM**      **Election of Meeting Chairman** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:33 AM**      **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Julie Skouteris *(see attached)*
- 10:38 AM**      **Pastor's Report** - Fr. George Tsahakis
- 10:45 AM**      **Parish Council President's Report** – George Psihountas
- 10:50 AM**      **Parish Council Treasurer's Report** – Steve Sarantis *(see attached)*
- 10:55 AM**      **Stewardship Committee Report** – George Psihountas
- 11:05 AM**      **Unfinished Business**  
Approval of 2013 Budget – Steve Sarantis *(see attached)*
- 11:15 PM**      **New Business**  
Clergy-Laity Congress Delegate Selection  
*(The 2013 Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference will take place from June 26 - June 30 2012  
in Boca Raton, FL.)*
- 11:25 PM**      **Phloptochos Society** – Dina Tagalos Kearns
- 11:30 PM**      **Open Questions for Committee Chairs**
- 11:40 PM**      **Closing Prayer** – Fr. George Tsahakis
- 11:40 PM**      **Adjournment & Lunch**

*Fr. George Tsahakis*

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Pastor

*George H. Psihountas*

George H. Psihountas  
President, Parish Council

*Julie Skouteris*

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Secretary, Parish Council

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And on this the four hundred and forty-ninth 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!

## **TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, February 3 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:15 am Philoptochos Hands of Love – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection**

**10:30 am General Parish Assembly & GOYA Gyros Luncheon/Ice Cream Sundae Sunday**

### **Tuesday, February 5:**

**7:00 pm Parish Council Fellowship Dinner (at Julie & George Skouteris')**

### **Wednesday, February 6:**

**The Resurrection of the Church in Albania - A Special Presentation by Fr. Luke Veronis at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta (open to all) - 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis Service, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Presentation**

### **Thursday, February 7:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

### **Saturday, February 9:**

**2:00 pm Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Baby Girl Sarantis (All parishioners are invited to join us.)**

### **Sunday, February 10 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:15 am Special Presentation by Lydia McGee**

**10:45 am Religious Education Classes**

**11:30 am Hellenic Language Class**

**11:45 am Parish Council Meeting**

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***