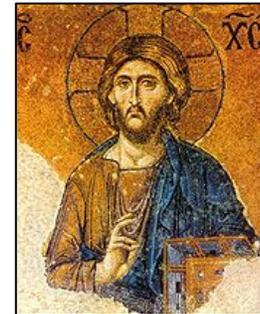




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Liturgical Guide for Saturday, March 23, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE SOULS AND THE SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST, WE REMEMBER THE MARVELOUS WONDER-INVOLVING KOLYVA BY THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS GREAT MARTYR THEODORE OF TYRE. WE ALSO COMMEMORATE the Holy Martyr Nikon and his 199 Martyred Disciples and St. Dometius. *By his 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 and 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./4. Special Hymn for St. Theodore Today – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Great Doxology, and before and after the Small Entrance. Magnificent are Faith's accomplishments! The holy Martyr Theodore greatly rejoiced as he stood in the fountain of fire as if beside the still waters. He was consumed by fire and offered like sweet bread to the Trinity. At his entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

2. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (Hymnal-pp.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, among the saints glorified, as we sing to You, Alleluia."

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 (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.

7. Communion Hymn (Hymnal-pp.328):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever. (Ps. 111[112]). Alleluia."

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

<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>	<i>– St. John Chrysostom</i>
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Epistle Reading (2 Tim. 2:1-10):

2 You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Mark 2:23-3:5):

23 One Sabbath He was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way His disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

3Again He entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. 2They watched Him to see whether He would cure Him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him. 3And He said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." 4Then He said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. 5He looked around at them with anger; He was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

On this the tenth year of celebrating the Saturday of the Souls together at St. Christopher's, 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!

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 23 (Saturday of the Souls – Bring Kolyva):

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (Bring Kolyva)

10:30 a.m. Community Lenten Breakfast/Parish Spring Cleaning – Every parishioner encouraged to come and help *clean & offer needed repairs in church.*

Sunday, March 24 (1st Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy):

7:45 am Orthros Service

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/followed by Procession of Holy Icons
in commemoration of Sunday of Orthodoxy**

10:30 am Greek Independence Luncheon/short GreekFest Meeting

12:00 pm Hellenic Language Class

**6:00 pm Great Vespers – Feast of Annunciation (Annunciation
Cathedral)**

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!