

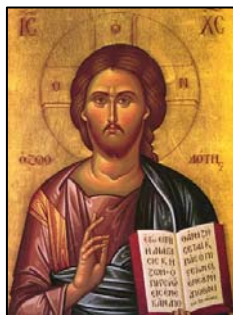


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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 6, 2010

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE our 150 Holy and God-Bearing Fathers assembled in the Second Holy Ecumenical Synod convened in 381 in Constantinople, in the reign of Theodosios the Great; Righteous Father Hilarion the Younger, Abbot of the Monastery in Dalmatia (+844); Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (+466); Righteous Father Attalos the Wonderworker; Holy Five Virgins of Caesarea: Martha, Mary, Cyris, Valeria & Marcia and their Companions. Through the intercessions of the 150 Holy and God-Bearing Fathers, O Christ our God, protect Your Church from every heresy and save our souls. Amen. 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 (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

3. Hymn for Holy Fathers of 2nd Ecumenical Council – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O 150 divine and blessed Hierarchs. interpreters and counselors to the Second Ecumenical Council, who in wisdom preached the power of the Divine Spirit, deliver from harm and pain of heresy all who chant, “Glory to Him by Whom you became wondrous. Glory to Him by Whom you were magnified. Glory to Him through Whom you, confirmed the minds of the faithful.”

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 (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 (Titus 3:8-15)

⁸*The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.* ⁹*But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.* ¹⁰*After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions,* ¹¹*since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.* ¹²*When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.* ¹³*Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing.* ¹⁴*And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive.* ¹⁵*All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.*

Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:18-23)

¹⁸*As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.* ¹⁹*And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people.”* ²⁰*Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.* ²¹*As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them.* ²²*Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.* ²³*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

“Blessings in a Backpack”

Please join our Philoptochos Chapter in bringing a solid color, canvas backpack (North Pak, Cliff Hanger or similar type) without any cartoon characters or company advertising. The backpacks will be collected at the National Philoptochos Conference that will be held July 4 – 8 in Atlanta and donated to:



A national organization that provides food for the weekend to school age children who might otherwise go hungry

Please bring all backpacks to Church by Sunday June 27th.
Thank you for your support and for witnessing our
Faith in Christ through Works!

Save the Date!

Father's Day Luncheon

Sunday, June 20th

(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy)

Sponsored by St. Christopher's Philoptochos

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

FIVE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE SUMMER TIME !!! 1. You have time to read books about your faith. Try reading as much as you can of the Bible! 2. Church is quieter – take advantage of that – listen to God and prayer – fully follow the Divine Liturgy. 3. Summer Camp! Faith, fun, fellowship.... What more could you ask for!? 4. Vacation time can mean checking out other Orthodox Churches throughout the U.S. 5. You can really focus on your faith without the chaos of school, sports, peer pressure! [*Orthodox Observer* – May 2010]

And on this the three hundred and twenty-second 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!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fast of the Apostles continues through June 28th

Sunday, June 6 (Second Sunday of St. Matthew):

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

Thursday, June 10:

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 6 (Third Sunday of St. Matthew):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship Reception
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 am Hellenic Dance Practice (*for 8th Graders - Adults*)
- 11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!