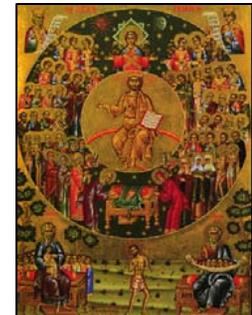
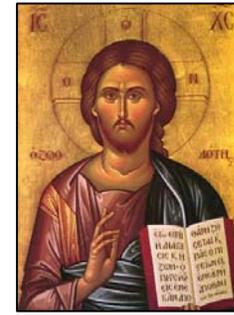




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*Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople:* [www.patriarchate.org](http://www.patriarchate.org)  
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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 15, 2014**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW – THE SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THE MEMORY OF ALL THE SAINTS OF GOD FROM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN ASIA, LIBYA AND EUROPE, IN THE NORTH AND IN THE SOUTH: THE RIGHTEOUS PROPHETS, MARTYRS, CONFESSORS, BISHOPS, TEACHERS, ASCETICS, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GLORIFIED GOD THROUGH HOLY LIVING AND DYING, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE NOT ESPECIALLY COMMEMORATED ON SOME SPECIFIC DAY IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH YEAR. THE ALL-HOLY THEOTOKOS AND THE HOSTS AND ANGELS ARE ALSO HONORED ON THIS DAY. WE ALSO REMEMBER Amos the Prophet (+750 B.C.); our Righteous Father Hieronymus; Augustine the Blessed, Bishop of Hippo (+430); Jerome the Righteous; Achikos, Stephanas, & Fortuanatos the Apostles; Father among the Saints Jonas, Metropolitan of Kiev; and Lazar of Serbia. By the intercessions of Your pure Mother, and of all Your Saints, from all time, have mercy on us, O Christ our God, and save us, as the only Good and Loving One. 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./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance. From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

### **3. Hymn for Today's Feast of All Saints – (Hymnal-pp. 174-175):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Throughout the world Your Church is adorned with the blood of the martyrs as with royal purple and fine linen. Through them she cries out to You, Christ our God: Grant Your lasting peace to all the world and bestow on our souls Your great mercy.

### **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 All-Saints Sunday – (Hymnal-pp.282-283):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. To You, O Lord, Creator of the universe, the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of creation. Through

their prayers, and through those of the Theotokos, keep Your Church in perfect peace, O Savior rich in mercy.

**6. Communion Hymn for Sunday of All Saints – (Hymnal-pp.323):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is usually sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Exalt, You Just, in the Lord; from the upright praise is fitting. Alleluia!" (Psalm 32[33]:1)*

**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."*

**Epistle Reading (Hebrews 11:33-12:2)**

*...who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,*

*looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)**

*"Everyone therefore who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father in heaven; but whoever denies Me before others, I also will deny before My Father in heaven. Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed You. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*

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

*"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." (Mt. 28:19-20)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

Many labor under the wrong concept of success. This is the idea of achieving possessions, status, and power. A person's self-image is measured by what he or she earns or possesses, by what he or she socially can do or economically control. However, the Saints teach another radically different concept of success based on faithfulness and

discipleship. True success is measured by the depth of one's personal communion with God, concern for the salvation of souls, and the advancement of the Kingdom. A truly successful person is a *saint* – one who seeks wholeness in God, who strives to grow in the image of Christ . . . who finds fulfillment and happiness in loving God and mankind, and serving others for God's glory. Amen.

And on this *the five hundred and fourteenth* 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**

### **Sunday, June 15 (Feast of All Saints):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Philoptochos Father's Day Luncheon**

**11:30 am GOYA Meeting**

### **Monday, June 16 – Fast of the Apostles Begins and Ends June 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Thursday, June 19:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

### **Sunday, June 22 (Second Sunday of St. Matthew/Father's Day):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**11-00 am Let's EAT™** Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all...!

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

## Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew Joins Pope Francis at a Vatican Invocation for Peace

June 8, 2014



*From left, Israel's President Shimon Peres, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Pope Francis, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pose for photographers at the end of an evening of peace prayers in the Vatican gardens, Sunday, June 8, 2014. (AP Photo/Max Rossi, Pool)*

NEW YORK – With a renewed commitment to Christian unity and an enduring desire to include people of all faiths in dialogue, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, spiritual leader of over 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, and his brother Pope Francis joined hands at the Vatican during an Invocation for Peace. Together with the Pope and the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas participated in the interfaith service of Jews, Christians and Muslims.



*From left, Israel's President Shimon Peres, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, Pope Francis, and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas walk together at the end of an evening of peace prayers in the Vatican gardens, Sunday, June 8, 2014. (AP Photo/Max Rossi, Pool)*

The leaders read passages from the scriptures and offered prayers of thanksgiving for God's creation and asked for God's forgiveness and peace in the Middle East. Reading from the Book of Isaiah, His All-Holiness reminded the people of the region that God had not abandoned them, and that He would *answer before they call, and hear while they yet speak* (65: 24).

The Ecumenical Patriarch also called upon God's blessings upon the Jewish, Christian and Muslim children of the Holy Land and prayed that their *shared thanksgiving for all of God's blessings may remind them that they are brothers and sisters*.



*Pope Francis plants an olive tree with Israel's President Shimon Peres, left, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, second from left, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, right, in a sign of peace during an evening of peace prayers in the Vatican gardens, Sunday, June 8, 2014. (AP Photo/Max Rossi, Pool)*

Following the prayer service, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew shook hands with Presidents Peres and Abbas. As a clear sign of their desire for mutual reconciliation and an equitable and sustainable solution to the conflict in the Middle East, the four leaders planted an olive tree in the Vatican gardens.

*His All-Holiness Bartholomew is the Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and the Ecumenical Patriarch. He is the 269th successor to the First-Called Apostle Andrew, the founder of the 2,000-year old Christian Church of Constantinople. The Ecumenical Patriarch is a living witness to the world of Orthodoxy's painful and redemptive struggle for religious freedom and to the innate dignity of humankind. As a citizen of Turkey, His All-Holiness' personal experience provides him a unique perspective on the continuing dialogue among the Christian, Islamic and Jewish worlds. He is known throughout the world as the "Green Patriarch" for his groundbreaking environmental initiatives and ecological theology. For his inspiring efforts on behalf of religious freedom and human rights, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was heralded as a Bridge Builder and Peacemaker and awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by the U.S. Congress in 1997.*