



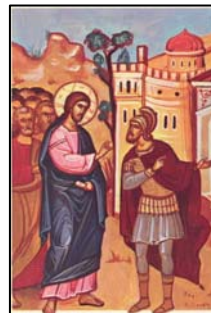
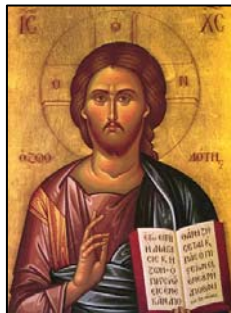
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 20, 2010

ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE Holy Priest-Martyr Methodios, Bishop of Patara (+312); Nicholas Cavasila (4th cent.); and Righteous Father Kallistos, Patriarch of Constantinople (+1363). 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.

**Today, please join us for our
Annual Father's Day Luncheon**
(Immediately following today's Divine Liturgy)
Sponsored by St. Christopher's Philoptochos Society

SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

3. 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.

4. 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 (Luke 5:14-19)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Epistle Reading (Rom. 6:18-23)

¹⁸*and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.* ¹⁹*I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.* ²⁰*When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.* ²¹*So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.* ²²*But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.* ²³*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Gospel Reading (Matthew 8:5-13)

⁵When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, appealing to Him
⁶and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible
distress.” ⁷And He said to him, “I will come and cure him.” ⁸The centurion
answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only
speak the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under
authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to
another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does
it.” ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, He was amazed and said to those who followed
Him, “Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you,
many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and
Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be
thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.” ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you
according to your faith.” And the servant was healed in that hour.

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

“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.” (Mt. 21:22)

“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!

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

In Tribute of Father's Day Today

“We live out our vocation as Christian fathers within the struggles of our children’s lives. This means that to be a Christian father is to be present and actively involved in our children’s lives. We need to be in their schools, in their activities and in their hearts, listening to their struggles, their pains, their hopes and their desires. Our involvement in our children’s lives communicates to them that they are valuable and loved. As an image of God the Father, we communicate to them that they are valued and loved by God. It is only when we are interested and involved, communicating our care by taking care, that we can exercise our authority.”

A father’s presence models male authority to children. A Christian father is called to model Christ-like love for his children, teaching them that God’s authority is not self-serving, but one of love and sacrifice (1 Cor. 11:1).

“And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:44-45)

(In honor of Father’s Day and to lift up the sacred task of fatherhood, Fr. George offers the above excerpt from an article by one of his seminary classmates, entitled “The Sacrament of Fatherhood.” It was written by Dr. Philip Mamalakis, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. It appeared in the Winter, 2008 issue of Praxis Magazine. Fr. George expresses “Happy Father’s Day” to all of our fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, and future fathers!)

And on this the three hundred and twenty-fourth 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 20 (Fourth Sunday of St. Matthew/Father's Day):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**10:30 am Father's Day Luncheon Sponsored by Philoptochos Society,
followed by Community Commemoration & GOYA Meeting**

Thursday, June 24:

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 27 (Fifth Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Religious Education Classes

**11:30 am RSVP Deadline to Fr. George for Spiritual Nature Walk on
7/10/10 (Check payable to Church for \$15, which includes \$10 park entry
fee and \$5 for lunch that will be provided.)**

11:30 am Hellenic Dance Practice (for 8th Graders - Adults)

11:30 am Greek Fest Meeting (entire parish invited to join us)

Monday, June 28 (Eve of Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul the Holy Apostles):

6:00 pm Orthros Service (Evening)

7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)

**8:15 pm Community Dinner (Please bring non-fasting food. Note; we end
our Apostles Fast at the conclusion of church services tonight.)**

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!