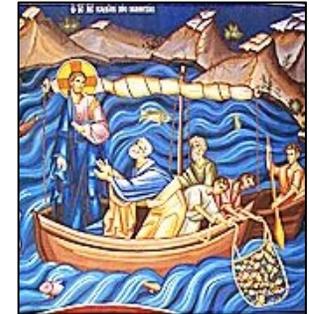
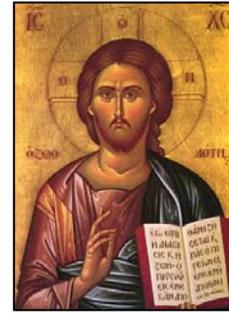
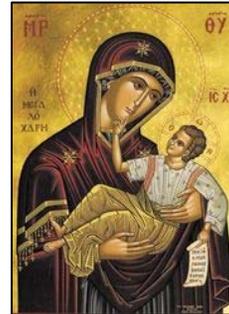




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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 22, 2014**

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata; Zenon the Martyr & his servant Zenas of Philadelphia; and Anastasios the Serbian. *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./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 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**

<p><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></p>	<p>– St. John Chrysostom</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 (Romans 2:10-16)**

*<sup>10</sup>but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God shows no partiality. <sup>12</sup>All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup>When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. <sup>15</sup>They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse them <sup>16</sup>on the day when,*

*according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.*

**Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:18-23)**

*<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. <sup>23</sup>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)

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

**Committing To Be A Follower of Christ**

St. John Chrysostom was the Patriarch of Constantinople in the fourth century. One of the stories surrounding this faithful witness concerns the occasion when the Roman Emperor had him arrested and charged with being a Christian. If St. John Chrysostom did not renounce Christ, then the Emperor would have this Christian leader

banished from the kingdom. St. John Chrysostom responded to the threat by saying that the Emperor could not do so, “because the whole world is my Father’s kingdom.” “Then,” replied the Emperor, “I will take away your life.” To which St. John Chrysostom said, “You cannot, for my life is hid with Christ in God.” Next, he was threatened with the loss of his treasure, and this saint replied, “You cannot, for my treasure is in Heaven where my heart is.” The Emperor made one last effort: “Then I will drive you away from here and you shall have no friend left.” But again St. John Chrysostom responded, “You cannot, for I have one Friend from whom you can never separate me. I defy you for you can do me no harm.”

Living as we do in our Western, religiously-tolerant society, we may never face a crucial moment such as St. John Chrysostom did some 16 centuries ago. We do, however, face similar temptations to renounce our faith, ignore our commitments, or compromise our loyalties. We will be tempted to deny we ever heard of the one called Jesus the Christ. We will be enticed to deny His power over our lives with phrases like: “Come on, everyone else is!” or “It will be fun, and no one will ever know.” We are daily forced to choose between the easy way, the quick fix, the promise of glamour, and the way of Christ. Those who choose to acknowledge Christ must do so not just with lips, but also with hearts and minds. Amen.

And on this *the five hundred and fifteenth* 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 28<sup>th</sup>*

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

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service (2 yrs.) – Dimitar Koleva**

**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...!

## Thursday, June 26:

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

## Saturday, June 28:

**9:00 am "Teach the Teachers" Workshop for all Teachers/  
Ministry Leaders**

## Sunday, June 29 (Apostles Peter & Paul):

**8:00 am Divine Liturgy—Note Earlier Starting Time**

**9:30 am Fr. George will be away from Atlanta until 7/13/14**

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



*Hands of Love for June, 2014*

*Fayette County DFCS*

Throughout the month of June, we will be collecting gift cards (for Target, Walmart, T.J. Maxx) and monetary donations for Fayette County Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS).

The **Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)** is the part of the Department of Human Services (DHS) that investigates child abuse; finds foster homes for abused and neglected children; helps low income, out-of-work parents get back on their feet; assists with childcare costs for low income parents who are working or in job training; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help troubled families.

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