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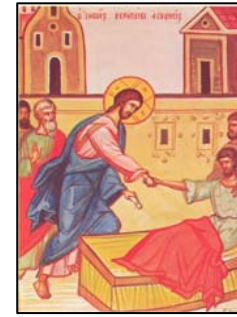
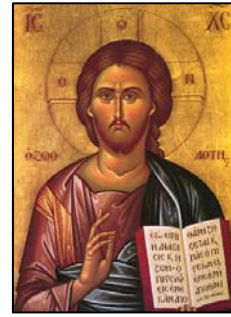
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 20, 2014

**ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** *the fiery ascension of the Holy, Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah) into the heavens (8<sup>th</sup> cent. B.C.); Righteous Elias, Patriarch of Jerusalem (+518); and Flavius, Patriarch of Antioch (+518).* 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 (Plagal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

### **3. Hymn of Prophet Elias – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Incarnate Angel, Founder of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious. Grace from on high was send down to Eliseus; illnesses he disperses and lepers he cleanses. Therefore to those who honor him flow healings.

### **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**

<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> – St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:36-53)**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned*

to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. Amen.

### **Epistle Reading (James 5:10-20)**

*James 5:10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. 13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.*

### **Gospel Reading (Matthew 9:1-8)**

*<sup>0</sup>And after getting into a boat He crossed the sea and came to His own town. <sup>2</sup>And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup>Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? <sup>6</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —He then said to the paralytic—‘stand up,*

take your bed and go to your home.” <sup>7</sup>And he stood up and went to his home.  
<sup>8</sup>When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God,  
who had given such authority to human beings.

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

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for  
the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31)

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

There is an ancient legend about a monk who found a precious stone, a precious jewel. A short time later, the monk met a traveler, who said he was hungry and asked the monk if he would share some of his provisions. When the monk opened his bag, the traveler saw the precious stone and, on an impulse, asked the monk if he could have it. Amazingly, the monk gave the traveler the stone.

The traveler departed quickly, overjoyed with his new possession. However, a few days later, he came back, searching for the monk. He returned the stone to the monk and made a request: “Please give me that which enabled you to give me this precious stone!”

A commitment of the whole heart, that’s what God requires of His followers. Jesus did not say the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great price. He said the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant who finds a great deal on a flawless stone and does everything in his power to close the sale. That’s commitment to a greater cause. That’s sacrifice and hard work. That’s what Heaven is like. Amen.



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And on this *the five hundred and eighteenth* 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, July 20<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew/ Feast of St. Elijah the Prophet):

7:45 am Orthros Service  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship  
10:30 am G.O.Y.A. Meeting  
10:45 am Philoptochos General Meeting

Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):

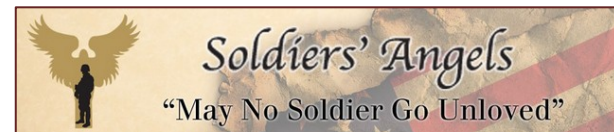
7:45 am Orthros Service  
9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 am Let's EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009,  
Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all!

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



## *Hands of Love for July, 2014* *Soldiers' Angels*

Throughout the month of July, we will be collecting  
*monetary donations to benefit Soldiers' Angels.*



Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to provide aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, their families, and to improve the lives of a growing veteran population. For more information about Soldiers' Angels, please visit: <http://soldiersangels.org>

Looking for fun OAR fellowship?

Grab the RAFT and don't let this opportunity SLIP away!

It's going to be WAVES of excitement!



### The WATERY Details:

- **Rafting and Tubing Prices and Times:**
  - **Classic Rafting:** ages 7+
    - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
    - ONLY \$16.25
  - **High Water Rafting:** ages 12+
    - 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
    - ONLY \$23.75
  - **Double Dipping:**
    - Do both the Classic and the High Water
    - ONLY \$32.75
  - **Flat Water Tubing:**
    - Any time
    - \$5.00
- **Infantry Museum at Fort Benning:**
  - Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - \$5.00 donation per person requested
- **Hotel Accommodations: Columbus Marriott**
  - \$109.00-**SPECIAL RATE ONLY UNTIL July 13:**  
2 double beds per room
  - Phone: Call Meisha and reference St. Christopher  
Hellenic Orthodox Church (706) 223-3872
  - [Click here for St. Christopher Online Booking](#)

### General DROPLETS of Information:

**What:** GOYA Alumni Trip (open to ALL- yes, even non-GOYA Alumni & all parishioners ☺)

**When:** Sat. & Sun., August 9 -10, 2014

**Where:** Columbus, GA

### Featured Activities:

- WHITE WATER RAFTING
- TUBING
- Infantry Museum at Fort Benning
- Church in Columbus, GA on Sun.

**ALL MONEY FOR RAFTING/ TUBING IS REQUIRED BY JULY 13, 2014.** This is the only way to secure your RSVP. Anyone who wishes to add on after July 13 is NOT guaranteed to be in a raft with our church! Make checks payable to St. Christopher and give to either Ana Pelky or Katie Wilson.



### Final SPLASHING Particulars:

- For questions please contact Ana Pelky: (404) 819-6206 or [Afp171@aol.com](mailto:Afp171@aol.com)
- Transportation is on your own...we do recommend car pooling

**Prayer Requests for Dormition of the Theotokos Fast**  
**August 1 – 14, 2014**

**Names of the LIVING**

*(Please print names of those you wish Fr. George to pray for during our August Paraklesis Services on August 1, 4, 8, 11, & 13, and give to Fr. George.)*

***“We pray for mercy, life, health, peace, salvation, visitation, forgiveness and remission of sins, of the servants of God...”***

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