



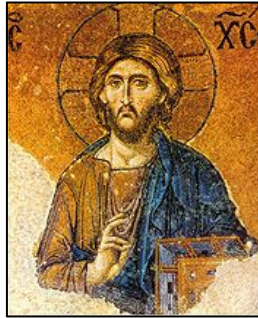
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 11, 2010

ON THIS DAY, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Great and all-praised Martyr, Euphemia (+303); Holy Martyr Cyndius the Presbyter; Righteous Leo of the sheep-fold; Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrocles; The All-Praised Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Princess of Kiev (+969); Holy Righteous New-Martyr Nektarios of Vryoula (+1820); Righteous Nicodemos, a monk of Vatopethou; Holy Righteous New-Martyr Nicodemos (+1722); New-Martyr Nicholas; and Verification of the Proceedings of the 4th Ecumenical Synod in Chalcedon (+451). *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 (Plagal of the 2nd Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

3. Hymn of Great Martyr Euphemia – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O Euphemia, beautiful virgin of Christ, you brought great joy to the Orthodox and shame to the heretics, for you confirmed all that the Fathers of the Fourth Council had well decreed. O glorious martyr, beseech Christ God to grant us 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 – (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 (John 20:1-10)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Epistle Reading (2 Cor. 6:1-10)

6As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For He says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience,

kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 9:27-35)

²⁷As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” ²⁸When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹Then He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” ³¹But they went away and spread the news about Him throughout that district. ³²After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to Him. ³³And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” ³⁴But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons He casts out the demons.” ³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

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

“We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.” (2 Cor. 6:8-10)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Newspaper Columnist Ann Landers once wrote, *“Be kind to people. The world needs kindness so much. You never know what sort of battles other people are fighting. Often just a soft word or a warm compliment can be immensely supportive. You can do a great deal of good by just being considerate, by extending a little friendship, going out of your way to do just one nice thing, or saying one good word.”*

As members of the Body of Christ, being civil to one another is an indication of our respect for all whom God created. In fact, St. Paul exhorted early Christians to live their lives in this manner: *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.”* (Colossians 3.12) As we depart from today’s church services, may we share God’s love and mercy with all whom we will encounter . . . today and always.

Hands of Love



July, 2010: St. John the Wonderworker’s

Loaves & Fishes Ministry

*Please bring canned goods and
non-perishable food items**

Thank you!



The Loaves and Fishes Program is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor daily, Monday through Friday, at 10-10:30AM and 2-2:30PM giving out occasional hot meals, sacks of food, sweets, snacks and sandwiches. All the Orthodox Churches of the city of Atlanta, with the blessing of the local Greek Orthodox Bishop, Metropolitan Alexios, support the feeding of the poor and homeless of Atlanta through the food program at St. John’s Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Churches supply the program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers.

**If you prefer, there is a basket near the Church entrance for monetary donations.*

“For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, ‘You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land.’” (*Deut. 15:11*)

And on this the three hundred and twenty-sixth 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 11 (Seventh Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Emanuel Ellinas (5 Years) & Sylvia/Sevasti Ellinas (40 Days)/Coffee Fellowship

3:00 pm Wedding - Nicholas & Ashley Kristina Spanenberg invite our parishioners to join them as Fr. George offers them the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Thursday, July 15:

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Greek Appetizer Batter Preparation - Spanakopites - Join Presbytera Marinda and help prepare *batter* for Saturday’s Spanakopites assembly. We welcome parishioners of all ages and cooking abilities. We will teach those who are not familiar. Please bring a bag lunch. For further information, please telephone Presbytera Marinda, 770/381-1842.

Saturday, July 17:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Appetizer Baking for Greek Fest and Philoptochos Fundraiser - Spanakopites - Join us as we prepare Spanakopites for our upcoming Greek Fest and Fall Fund-raiser. We welcome parishioners of all ages and cooking abilities. We will teach those who are not familiar. Please bring a bag lunch. For further information, please telephone Presbytera Marinda, 770/381-1842.

Sunday, July 18 (Sunday of the Holy Fathers):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Religious Education Classes

11:30 am GOYA Meeting

11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting

12:30 am Hellenic Language Class

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!