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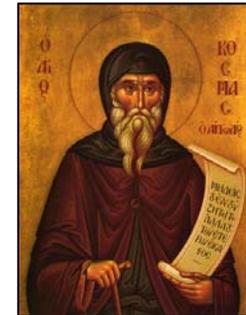
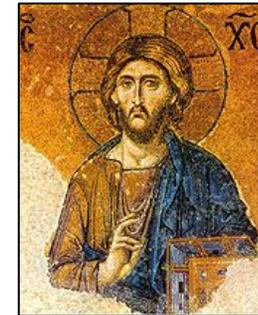
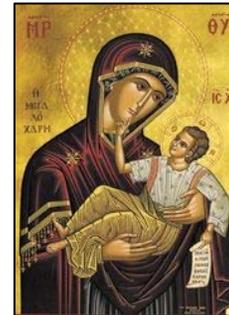
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 24, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES *Eutyches, Holy Priest-Martyr and Disciple of St. John the Theologian (2nd cent.); New Priest-Martyr Kosmas of Aitolia, Equal-to-the Apostles (+1779); Translation of the Holy Relics of Dionysios, Bishop of Aegina, the Wonderworker of Zakynthos (+1624); Righteous Father and Confessor George of Limnos; Translation of the Holy Relics of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow, and Holy Martyr Tattion.* 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 (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.228-231):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus free from the stain of sin, we, your people, honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our life.

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 (John 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 9:2-12)

²If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. ³This is my defense to those who would examine me. ⁴Do we not have the right to our food and drink? ⁵Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? ⁷Who at any time pays the

expenses for doing military service? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not get any of its milk? ⁸Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law also say the same? ⁹For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? ¹²If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 18:23-35)

Matt. 18:23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; 25 and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebr. 13:16)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A strong person works out every day to keep his body in shape, but a follower of our Lord with strength kneels in prayer to keep his soul in shape.

A strong person isn't afraid of anything, but a follower of our Lord with strength shows her courage in the midst of fear.

A strong person won't let anyone get the best of him, but a follower of our Lord with strength gives the best of himself to everyone.

A strong person walks sure-footedly, but a follower of our Lord with strength knows God will catch her when she falls.

A strong person wears the look of confidence on his face, but a follower of our Lord with strength wears grace.

A strong person has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a follower of our Lord with strength has faith that in the journey she will become strong.

Are we merely strong . . . or do we rely on our faith to provide the strength to overcome life's difficulties and gain victory with our Lord?

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GreekFest 2014

**Saturday
September 20th**

Menu

Spanakopita
Tiropita
Dolmathes
Greek salad
Lemon chicken
Greek potatoes
Pastitsio
Gyros
Baklava
Kourabiedes and more!
All you can eat!
Soft Drinks
Beer and Wine
Live Music and Dancing!

**6:30pm Appetizers
7:30pm Dinner**

Individual Tickets
\$50.00

Dixie Wing Commemorative
Air Force Hangar
Falcon Field Airport
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*For Ticket and Sponsorship
information contact:
Costas or Tammy Soulakos 404-625-4663*

Individual Ticket Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ # of tickets _____

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Mail reservation form and check to:
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YOU'RE INVITED

What: 7 Rolling and Baking PARTIES

When:

* August 14- Batter Prep 7:30pm

* August 16- Baking 9:00am- 4:00pm (Tiropita/
Spanakopita)

* August 21- Batter Prep 6:30-8:00pm

* August 23- Baking 9:00am-4:00pm (Tiropita/
Spanakopita)

* September 6- 9:00am- 2:00pm (Dolmathes)

* September 13- 9:00am-2:00pm (Kourabiethes/
Koulourakis)

* September 18- 6:00pm (Galactoboureko)

Where:

Conveniently located at
St. Christopher Church



And on this *the five hundred and twenty-third* 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!



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COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 24th (11th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Athanasios Skouteris (40 Days)/
Open House for New Religious Education Classes (*join us for this 2-part Event – before Antidoron distributed – Teachers present overviews and after Coffee Fellowship – Teachers host OPEN House – all parishioners invited to visit each classroom, meet teachers, review lesson plans*)

Thursday, August 28th (Eve of Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist):

5:00 pm Great Vespers (Evening)

4:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening), Memorial Service – Dimitar Boyadzhiev (2 yrs.),
followed by Community Dinner (*please bring fasting food*)

Friday, August 29th (Strict Fast Day – Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist):

(Church services celebrated on the Eve of Feast – Thursday, 8/28)

Sunday, August 31st (12th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Sacrament of Holy Baptism/Memorial Service – Dimitar Boyadzhiev (2 yrs.)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!