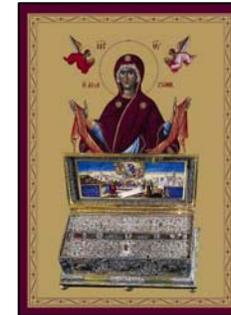
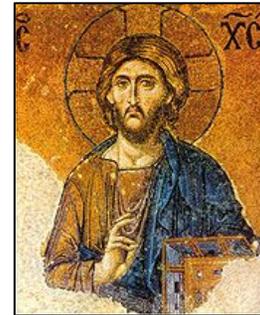




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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 31, 2014**

**ON THIS DAY, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** *the Placing of the Honorable Sash (Sacred Belt) of the Most Holy Theotokos (+1101) at Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos; Cyprian the Priest-Martyr & Bishop of Carthage; and Gennadius Scholarus, Patriarch of Constantinople.* 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 (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 for the Sacred Belt of the Theotokos – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protection of humankind, you have granted to your city the garment and sacred belt (cincture) of your immaculate body, a mighty vesture which through your Son, seedlessly conceived, remained immutable, for in you, both time and nature are renewed. Wherefore, we beseech you, grant peace to your world and to our souls great mercy.

### **4. Hymn for the Evrytanian Saints – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance.* For the people and the region of Evrytania, you are the protectors, ready helpers and shining stars, unassailable guardians of Greece, and intercessors praying for the entire world, O host of martyrs and monastics saints, the offspring of Aitolia and Agrapha. Glory to Christ Who glorified you! Glory to Him Who strengthened you! Glory to Him Who now grants His blessings to us all through you!

### **5. 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.

**6. Kontakion for the Sacred Belt of the Theotokos – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. O Theotokos, your precious belt which encompassed your God-receiving womb, is an invincible power for your city and an inexhaustible treasure of good, O only ever-Virgin birth giver.*

**7. Special Hymn instead of Trisagion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.292-293):**

*On the occasion of today's baptism, we sing the following hymn instead of the Trisagion hymn: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia. (3)"*

**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 (Matthew 28:16-20)**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.*

**Special Epistle Reading for Today's Baptism (Rom. 6:3-11)**

*<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

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### **Regular Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebr. 9:1-7)**

*<sup>9</sup>Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup>For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup>Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. <sup>4</sup>In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; <sup>5</sup>above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. <sup>6</sup>Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; <sup>7</sup>but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.*

### **Regular Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 19:16-26)**

*Matt. 19:16 Then someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One Who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to Him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." 22 When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24*

*Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“I treasure Your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You.” *(Psalm 119:11)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”  
(Gal. 3:28)*

Wouldn't it be great if we could tear down all the walls that divide us — racial, social, economic, and gender... in fact prejudice or hatred of any kind. The Apostle Paul spent his entire life trying to do just that: to tear down the walls that divided people by bringing them to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the reality of His Cross. There are no positions of superiority or inferiority at the foot of the Cross, only a place for those who discover God’s might displayed in sacrifice and God’s love displayed even when under attack at the hands of human cruelty. While the forces of culture and human selfishness are always finding ways to divide us, we must remember that in our Savior, Christ Jesus, and only in Him, can we be one *with Him*.

***A Suggested Prayer:*** *Forgive me, God, when I have let prejudice, suspicion, and dislike of any kind keep me from fully enjoying fellowship with those whom You have created as Your children. I pray that my life will be an example of Your love, mercy, and unity as I seek to love all of Your children — my brothers and sisters - as You did with Your dying prayer for unity on Your Cross. I humbly ask these things in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. AMEN!*

## THE EVRYTANIAN SAINTS



*The Evrytanean Saints is a title given by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece to define the twelve saints associated with the region of Evrytania in Greece. The feast of All Evrytanean Saints was established by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece in 1971 to honor these elect servants on the last Sunday of August.*

### ***These Saints include:***

1. St. Andrew the Hermit and Wonderworker (May 15)
2. St. Michael the Mavroudis (Thursday of Bright Week)
3. St. Damian the Monk (February 14)
4. St. Seraphim the New Priest-Martyr (December 4)
5. St. Nicholas the Pantopolis, the New Martyr from Karpenisi (September 23)
6. St. Cyprian the New Righteous-Martyr (July 5)
7. St. Akakios the New, the Kavsoalyvites (April 4)
8. St. Gerasimos the New, the Karpenisiotis (July 3)
9. St. Evgenios the Aitolos (August 5)
10. St. Romanos the New Righteous-Martyr (January 5 & February 16)
11. St. Kosmas the Aitolos (August 24)
12. St. John the New Martyr and Former Hagarene (September 23)

***Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.***

And on this *the five 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!



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## **COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

### *Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):*

7:45 am Orthros Service

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

### *Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year/Labor Day*

### *Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>:*

Note: Join Fr. George for Orthros at 8:00 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

### *Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> :*

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### *Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> :*

9:00 am GreekFest Baking - Dolmathes

### *Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (Sunday before Feast of the Holy Cross):*

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial - 40 Days - George Yankovich & 1- Year – Evangeline Georgeo

10:30 am First Full Day of Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

11:15 am Memorial Luncheon in honor of Evangeline & John Georgeo

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

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# GreekFest 2014

**Saturday  
September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Individual Tickets  
\$50.00**

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## Menu

Spanakopita  
Tiropita  
Dolmathes  
Greek salad  
Lemon chicken  
Greek potatoes  
Pastitsio  
Gyros  
Baklava  
Kourabiedes and more!  
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