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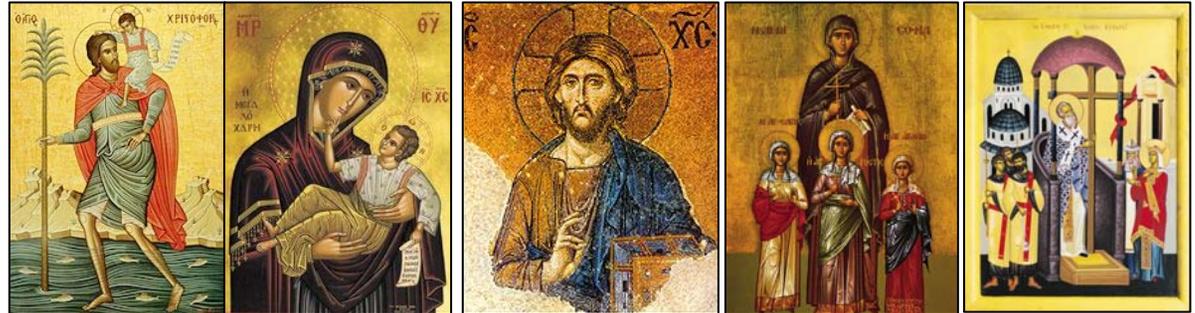
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY**, we commemorate Saint Sophia, and her three daughters, Faith, Hope & Love, and Herakleides & Myron, Bishops of Crete. *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<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon Hymn Commemorating the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-p. 28):**

*This hymn replaces hymn on pgs. 28-29. Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh, as we sing to you, Alleluia.*

### **2./5./11. Hymn for Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.180-181):**

*This hymn, "Save, O Lord" – is sung before and after the Small Entrance, and at the end of the service instead of "We have seen the light". It is sung during today's Elevation of the Holy Cross and also on the occasion of the Veneration of the Holy Cross on the Third Sunday of Great Lent. Save, O Lord Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.*

### **3. Small Entrance Exclamation of the Priest:**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the Priest intones the following at the Small Entrance: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool, for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh, as we sing to You, Alleluia.*

### **4. Hymn for Ss. Sophia, Faith, Hope, & Love - (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.*

### **6. 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.*

### **7. Kontakion for the Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.232-235):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. Bestow Your mercies on the people called by Your Name, Christ God, Who freely let Yourself be raised on the Cross. To all who battle evil give joy in Your power, by gracing them with victory over every foe, for having You as their ally they possess a weapon of peace, an invincible trophy of victory.*

### **8. Trisagion Hymn for Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.290-291):**

*Instead of singing the Trisagion Hymn on pgs.38-41, we sing:* Before Your Cross we bow down, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**9. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) – (not in Hymnal):**

*Instead of “Axion Estin” or “Truly it is proper to call you blessed...”:* A mystic paradise are you, Theotokos. You are the garden bringing forth Christ, by Whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on the earth. Thus, bowing before the Cross, which now is raised on high, we magnify you.

**10. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p.325):**

*For today’s Feast of the Holy Cross, we sing the following:* Let the light of Your face shine on us, O Lord. Alleluia. [Psalm 4]

**SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY’S 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
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**Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 8:16-24, 9:1-5)**

*<sup>16</sup>But thanks be to God Who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have.<sup>17</sup>For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord.<sup>18</sup>With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming the good news;<sup>19</sup>and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill.<sup>20</sup>We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering,<sup>21</sup>for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord’s sight but also in the sight of others.<sup>22</sup>And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you.<sup>23</sup>As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.<sup>24</sup>Therefore openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you. <sup>9</sup>Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints,<sup>2</sup>for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them.<sup>3</sup>But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I*

said you would be;<sup>4</sup> otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking.<sup>5</sup> So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 3:23-28, 4:1)**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus was about thirty years old when He began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli,<sup>24</sup> son of Matthat, son of Levi, son of Melchi, son of Jannai, son of Joseph,<sup>25</sup> son of Mattathias, son of Amos, son of Nahum, son of Esli, son of Naggai,<sup>26</sup> son of Maath, son of Mattathias, son of Semein, son of Josech, son of Joda,<sup>27</sup> son of Joanan, son of Rhesa, son of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, son of Neri,<sup>28</sup> son of Melchi, son of Addi, son of Cosam, son of Elmadam, son of Er,<sup>29</sup> son of Joshua, son of Eliezer, son of Jorim, son of Matthat, son of Levi,<sup>30</sup> son of Simeon, son of Judah, son of Joseph, son of Jonam, son of Eliakim,<sup>31</sup> son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David,<sup>32</sup> son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon,<sup>33</sup> son of Amminadab, son of Admin, son of Arni, son of Hezron, son of Perez, son of Judah,<sup>34</sup> son of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham, son of Terah, son of Nahor,<sup>35</sup> son of Serug, son of Reu, son of Peleg, son of Eber, son of Shelah,<sup>36</sup> son of Cainan, son of Arphaxad, son of Shem, son of Noah, son of Lamech,<sup>37</sup> son of Methuselah, son of Enoch, son of Jared, son of Mahalaleel, son of Cainan,<sup>38</sup> son of Enos, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. 4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

On this our tenth Feast of Saints Sophia, Faith, Hope, & Love at 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!

### **SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, September 17th (Feast of Ss. Sophia, Faith, Hope & Love):**

**5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (note NO Vespers Service beforehand)**

**7:00 pm Community Dinner (please join us)**

**7:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting**

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