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



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 22, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Phocas the Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sinope (+117); Phocas the Cyprian; Isaac & Martinos the Martyrs; and the 26 Monk-Martyrs of Zographou Monastery. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

#### **3. Hymn for St. Phocas the Martyr– (not in Hymnal):**

*This hymn is sung after the Small Entrance:* In the manner of the Apostles, and as successor to their thrones, God-inspired One, you deemed action above contemplation. Thus, rightly teaching the word of truth, you contended in faith to a bloody end, Priest-Martyr Phocas. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

#### **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 unflinching 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 (Mark 16:1-8)**

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (I Cor. 16:13-24)**

<sup>13</sup>Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. <sup>14</sup>Let all that you do be done in love. <sup>15</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; <sup>16</sup>I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. <sup>17</sup>I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; <sup>18</sup>for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such persons.

<sup>19</sup>The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. <sup>20</sup>All the brothers and sisters send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>21</sup>I, Paul, write this

*greeting with my own hand. <sup>22</sup>Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord. Our Lord, come! <sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.*

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 5:1-11)**

*Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if You say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with Him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Him.*

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

“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name;  
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name’s sake.”

*(Psalm 79:9)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

***What Do You Lack?***

In ancient Greece it was customary for peddlers who walked the streets with their wares to cry out, “What do you lack?” The idea was to let people know they were in the vicinity, and also rouse the curiosity of the people. Coming

out of their houses they would want to know what the peddler was selling. It might be something they lacked and needed, or simply something they desired.

*What do you lack?* We may have sight and hearing, but what do we lack? Take an honest inventory of yourself. Have you found contentment? Are you close enough to God to receive His guidance and strength? Have you secured peace of heart and peace of mind, invaluable assets in life? Deciding what we lack is the first step in securing it. Christ can fulfill our needs – needs that are to some extent physical, but, more so, the deepest needs of heart, mind, and soul.

Our Lord Jesus Christ encountered those who were deaf. They lacked the physical ability to hear. But many of us lack the spiritual ability to hear. We suffer a kind of a spiritual deafness. The affliction of not listening to people, or, to put it another way, the affliction of physically listening to people, yet failing to comprehend, to understand, and come to grips with what they are saying, is a plague upon the Church. For, you see, it is possible to listen to a person, yet fail to really hear them.

To carry this notion of proper spiritual understanding further, I encourage you to reflect inwardly on the question, “Who Is Our True Leader?” Amidst so much international, national, and local debate about whom to follow and whom to select as our leaders, I hope we will consider reflecting upon what our world truly lacks . . . the acknowledgment and faithful response to our one true leader - our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

### ***Thank You, Parishioners!***

We thank all our parishioners who assisted at the 2013 Peachtree City International Festival this weekend. Net proceeds will be used to help us build our new building on Ebenezer Road. *Congratulations to our Tri-Co-Chairmen, George & Julie Skouteris and Manny Haldopoulos, and all of our faithful parishioners who assisted.*



**Hands of Love Collection for September, 2013**  
September, 2013: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox  
School of Theology

*We will be collecting monetary donations to benefit  
Holy Cross School of Theology / Hellenic College.*



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And on this the four hundred and seventy-eighth 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 SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:30 am Lunch & GreekFest Clean-up at Dixie Wing Commemorative Hangar, with GOYA Meeting at 11:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

**Sunday, September 30 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Kostas Kalloniatis**

**10:45 am Religious Education Classes**

**11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting**

**12:30 pm Let's EAT™ - open to all for fun, food, and fellowship**

**5:00 pm Book Club Dinner Discussion (at George & Helen Psihountas' Home, 106 Kimmer Road, PTC, GA 30269)**

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