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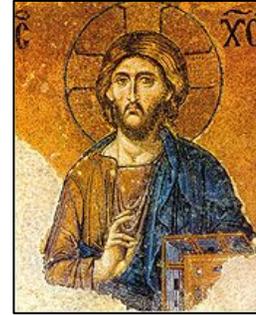
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 28, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Righteous Father and Confessor Chariton (+350); Holy Prophet Baruch (7th cent. B.C.); Neophytos & Auxentios the Martyrs of Cyprus; Wenceslaus the Martyr, Prince of the Czechs; Holy Martyr Efstathios the Roman; Holy Martyr Alexander and his 30 Companions; Holy Martyrs and brothers, Alexander, Alpheus, and Zosimos; Righteous Father Alkeisonus, Metropolitan of Nicopolis (Old Epirus); Holy Martyr, Mark the Shepherd, Holy Martyrs Nikon, Neon, Heliodoros, and the remainder of virgins and children. *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 (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

3. Hymn for St. Chariton – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. With the rivers of your tears, you have made the barren desert fertile. Through sighs of sorrow from deep within you, your labors have borne fruit a hundredfold. By your miracles you have become a light, shining upon the world. O Chariton, our righteous Father, intercede to Christ our God, to save our souls.

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

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| <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 (Luke 24:12-35)

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since

these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then He said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (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! ³*We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry,* ⁴*but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,* ⁵*beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger;* ⁶*by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love,* ⁷*truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;* ⁸*in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true;* ⁹*as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed;* ¹⁰*as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

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.

For proper spiritual understanding, 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.



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September, 2014: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
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And on this *the five hundred and twenty-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 28th (1st Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service - Kostas Kalloniatis (5 yrs.) & Gregory Theos (2 yr.)
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)*
- 11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting
- 12:30 pm Let's Eat! *(Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all...!)*

Thursday, October 2nd:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 5th (2nd Sunday of St. Luke/National Church Musicians Sunday):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Trisagion Service (40 Days) – Athanasios "Tom" Kleto
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)*
- 11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

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