



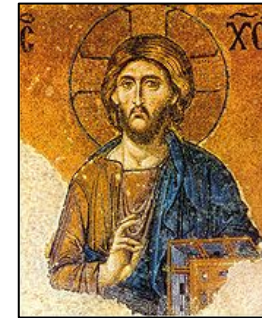
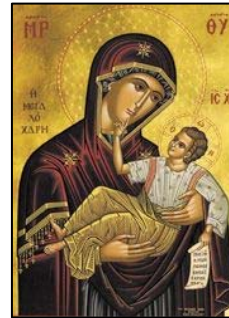
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 29, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our Righteous Father Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine (+557); Martyr Petronius; Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza; and Dionysios I, 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 (Plagal of the First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Cyriacus – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O our God-bearing Father Cyriacus, you proved yourself, a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh and a wonder worker. Having received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigils and prayer, you heal the sick and the souls of those who in faith, turn to you. Glory to Him Who gave you power, glory to Him Who crowned you, glory to Him, Who through you, heals all.

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

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 16:9-20)

Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does

not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)

²¹But it is God Who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us,²²by putting His seal on us and giving us His Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.²³But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth.²⁴I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. 2So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit.²For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained?³And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you.⁴For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:31-36)

Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

(Romans 12:17-18)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

This morning, I wish to share an insightful story about a man on a boat. He is not alone, but acts as if he were. One night, without warning, he suddenly begins to cut a hole under his seat.

The other people on the boat shout and shriek at him: “What on earth are you doing? Have you gone mad? Do you want to sink us all? Are you trying to destroy us?”

Calmly, the man answers: “I don't understand what you want. What I'm doing is none of your business. I paid my way. I'm not cutting under your seat. Leave me alone!”

What the fanatic (and the egotist) will not accept, but what you and I cannot forget, is that all of us are in the “same boat.” Scriptural verses that inspire us to live in mutual harmony include: “*If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*” (Rom. 12:18) “*Therefore, my brothers, let us set an example to our kindred, for their lives depend upon us, and the sanctuary—both the temple and the altar—rests upon us.*” (Judith 8:24)



Hands of Love Collection for September, 2013

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*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-ninth 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 29 (2nd Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Kostas Kalloniatis, Gregory Theos, & Orthodox Miners who perished at Dawson, NM 100 years ago

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)

Thursday, October 3:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 6 (3rd Sunday of St. Luke; National Church Musicians Sunday):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Prayer Service for Choir & Chantors

10:15 a.m. Philoptochos Greece & Cypress Luncheon (*see inside*)

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

11:30 a.m. Hellenic Language Class

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



Philoptochos

Greece and Cyprus Luncheon

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Please fellowship with us during lunch after Divine Liturgy.

We will be accepting donations to aid the people of Cyprus and Greece in support of our National Philoptochos' campaign.

We also will sell baked goods for parishioners to honor/celebrate our choir members and chantors with on National Church Music Sunday, 10/6.

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