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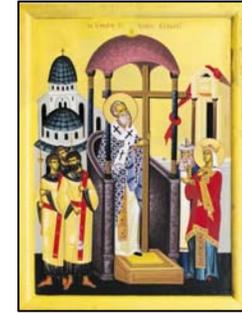
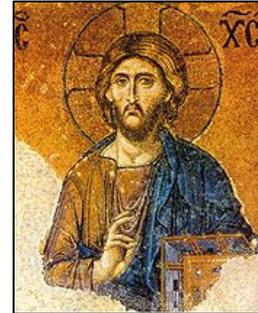
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 7, 2014

ON THIS DAY, THE SUNDAY *BEFORE* THE FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY, PRECIOUS, AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, we commemorate *Holy Martyr Sozon (+304); Holy Apostles Evodos and Oneisiforos; New-Martyr Athanasios; Righteous Kassiane; and Righteous Luke of Egumen.* 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 the Preparation of the Nativity of the Theotokos – (see handout):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: From the root of Jesse and from the loins of David, God's maiden Mary is born to us this day. Hence the universe is renewed and becomes deified. Hence heaven and earth rejoice together. Sing her praises, nations of the world. Joachim rejoices, and Anna celebrates the feast crying out, "The One who was barren gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

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 for Preparation of Nativity of the Theotokos - (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Quickened by the Holy Spirit, the universe cries out in joy at your birth worthy of veneration: "Joy to you, O Virgin, glory of Christians!"

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 (Gal. 6:11-18)

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (John 3:13-17)

¹³No one has ascended into Heaven except the One Who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

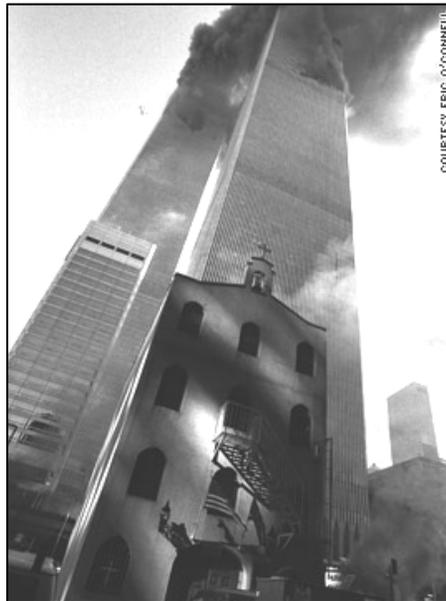
THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“He called the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.’” (Mark 8:34)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

[On the occasion of the 13th Anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, Fr. George would like to pay tribute to the memory of all victims and heroes who perished on that day. We continue to pray for the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, the only house of worship destroyed on September 11, which was crushed by the debris of the South Tower when it collapsed.

In recognition of the 13th anniversary of this national tragedy and the loss our country sustained, Fr. George would like to share with you the following prayer offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, at the Prayer Services at Boston City Hall on September 13, 2001.]



***Prayer Remembering
September 11, 2001***

Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – Benevolent Lord, Creator and Sustainer of us all, hear us, Your children, at this time of national crisis and unbearable pain. We come to You because You are our Savior and Benefactor Who grants peace and solace to peoples and nations. It is You Who bore our sins on Your precious

Holy Cross. It is only You that can heal our wounds and ease our suffering.

You have blessed our nation abundantly and guided us in times of sadness and despair. Yes, You have blessed America. “You have stood beside her, and guided her through the night with a light from above.”

Protect, we pray, our nation and its citizens at this time of tragedy of trial and crisis. Shield us under the shadow of Your Cross. Grant to us Your peace, Your love and help. Bestow solace and strength to the families of the innocent victims of the barbaric acts of violence in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

Open Your loving arms and welcome into Your tender embrace our brothers and sisters, our relatives, our friends and neighbors. . .the countless anonymous innocent who (in but an instant) were consumed in the horrific holocaust of hate.

Strengthen, we pray, our brave police and firefighters, the doctors, the nurses, and rescue workers who have rushed to the side of the victims. Their eyes have seen unspeakable violence, human pain and tragedy.

We pray for our President, the members of Congress and all in Public Service. Guide them and inspire their decisions at this time of national trial and travail.

Help us and people throughout the world to comprehend that we are all Your children. We are all brothers and sisters created in Your image and likeness. Guide us to live in harmony with one another, respectful of each other’s human rights and human dignity. We ask this of You, for You are a benevolent and loving God and to You do we ascribe glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And on this *the five hundred and twenty-fifth* 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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GreekFest 2014

Saturday September 20th

6:30pm Appetizers
7:30pm Dinner

Individual Tickets \$50.00

Menu

- Spanakopita
- Tiropita
- Dolmathes
- Greek salad
- Lemon chicken
- Greek potatoes
- Pastitsio
- Gyros
- Baklava
- Kourabiedes and more!
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- Soft Drinks
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COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 7th (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

Monday, September 8th (Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos):

- 5:00 pm Great Vespers Service
- 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by community dinner (*bring non-fasting food*)

Wednesday, September 10th:

- 7:00 pm Special Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, September 11:

- TBA GreekFest Baking – Dolmathes
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, September 12th:

Please bring freshly cut basil leaves/stems in water before 4:00 p.m. and leave in kitchen refrigerator for preparation for Service of the Holy Cross on Sunday

Saturday, September 13th:

- 9:00 pm Greek Fest Baking - Kourambiethes & Koulourakia (*come join us and help*)

Sunday, September 14th (Sunday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Strict Fast):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service, followed by Service of the Holy Cross at 8:45 a.m.
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, followed by Religious Education Classes at 10:15 a.m.
- 11:00 am General Parish Assembly (informational updates – please join us); Fr. George will be away from Atlanta after 1:00 p.m. today through Wednesday.

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



Hands of Love Collection for September, 2014

September, 2014: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
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