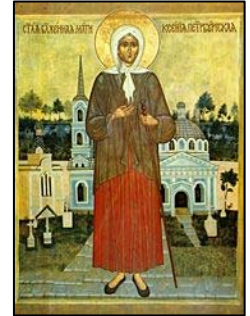
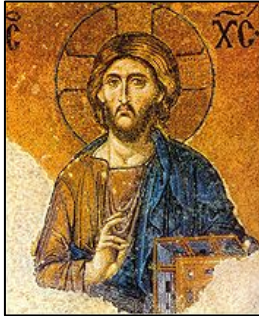




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 24, 2010

ON THIS DAY, THE 16TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE PERIOD KNOWN AS **TRIODION** BEGINS, WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE PARABLE OF THE PUBLICAN (TAX COLLECTOR) AND THE PHARISEE TAKEN FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST. ON THIS DAY, WE ALSO COMMEMORATE our Righteous Mother Xenia, Deaconess of Rome and her two servants (+450); St. Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ; Holy Priest-Martyr Babylas of Sicily and his two companions, Agapios and Timothy (3rd cent.); Righteous Father Macedonios; Translation of the Relics of the Righteous Martyr Anastasios the Persian; Philon, Bishop of Karpasa, Cyprus (+5th cent.); Righteous Father Neophytos the Recluse; Holy Martyrs &

Brothers Paphserios, Theodotion, and Paul (3rd cent.); Holy Martyrs Hermogenes and Minas; Righteous Father Philip the Presbyter; Holy Martyr Varsimos and his two brothers; Holy Elladios the Komentarisian; Righteous Zosimas; and Righteous Father Dionysios on Olympus. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Mission 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 THE SMALL ENTRANCE

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp. 126-7):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

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.

4. Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord – (Hymnal-pp.250-253):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

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 (John 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he

was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading for Today (2 Timothy 3:10-15)

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.]

Regular Gospel Reading for Today (Luke 18:10-14)

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people:

thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."]

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!". (Luke 18:13)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

(Excerpt from the Canon of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee)



Sixth Ode: AS I LOOK UPON THE RAGING SEA OF LIFE, WITH ITS ROUGH WATERS OF TEMPTATION, I RUN TOWARDS YOUR CALM HAVEN AND CRY ALOUD TO YOU: LEAD MY LIFE FROM CORRUPTION, GREATLY MERCIFUL ONE!

*GLORY TO YOU, OUR GOD,
GLORY TO YOU!*

The Publican and Pharisee both ran in the race of life, but the one was overcome by foolish pride:

He was brought to a shameful shipwreck, while the other was saved by humility.

Changing to a righteous course of life, let us emulate the wisdom of the Publican:

Let us run from the hateful conceit of the Pharisee, so letting ourselves attain to life.

Let us eagerly follow the ways of Jesus the Savior, and His humility, in our desire to attain the eternal dwelling of joy, and to find rest in the land of the living.

You have shown Your disciples, Master, the humility that raises men on high: girding Your loins with a towel, You washed their feet, preparing them to follow Your example.

The Pharisee spent his life in virtue, and the Publican in sin; but the one was foolishly brought low through his pride, while the other in his humility of mind was raised up to the heights.

Theotokion: I was created naked in innocence and simplicity; then the enemy clothed me with the garment of sin and passionate flesh. But now I am saved, O Maiden, through your intercession.

LET US, BELIEVERS, CLAP OUR HANDS IN GLADNESS, FULFILLING THE MOST PRECIOUS FEAST. BY KNOWING GOD THROUGH THE THEOTOKOS, LET US GLORIFY HIM WHO WAS BORN OF HER.



PHILOPTOCHOS HANDS OF LOVE

Looking Ahead to Sunday, February 7th

Our Philoptochos Society will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations to help the Fayette Samaritans as part of the National Souper Bowl of Caring effort to be conducted.

Thank You for your Hands of Love!

And on this the three hundred and fourth 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, January 24 (Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee; Triodion Begins):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - *Nicholas Christodoulopoulos & Svetan Andreev***
- 10:30 am Parish St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival**
- 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship Reception**

The Week of January 25 - 30 is Fast-Free – First Week of Triodion
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Thursday, January 28:

- 7:00 pm Choir Practice – *please join us!***

Friday, January 29:

- 7:30 pm Parish Council Fellowship Dinner**

Saturday, January 30 (Feast of the Three Hierarchs):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, January 31 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship Reception**
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes**

Monday, February 1 (Eve of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple):

- 6:00 p.m. Orthros (Evening)**
- 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Evening)**
- 8:00 p.m. Community Dinner (*non –fasting food - please join us*)**

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!