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Liturgical Guide for Saturday, January 5, 2013

ON THIS DAY, THE EVE OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, WE COMMEMORATE Holy Martyrs Theopemptos and Theonas; Apollinaria of Egypt; and our Righteous Mother Syncletike of Alexandria. *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. Special Hymn for the Eve of Holy Theophany – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: River Jordan was turned back by Elisseus' mantle once, when the fiery man of zeal Elias had been taken up; then were its waters divided hither and thither. The running streams became dry passage unto him, truly as a sign and type of Baptism, whereby we pass to the other side of the shifting stream of this fleeting life. Christ hath appeared in the Jordan River, to sanctify the waters.

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 for the Eve of Holy Theophany – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: Today the Lord Christ has appeared in the Jordan's waters, and He has cried out to John: "Do not fear to baptize Me, for by My own will I have indeed come to save Adam, the first-created man."

5. Communion Hymn – (not in Hymnal):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Blessed are those You have chosen and taken to dwell within Your courts, O Lord. Their memory will endure from generation to generation. (Ps. 64[65]). Alleluia."

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

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Tim. 3:13-16, 4:1-5)

¹³for those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, ¹⁵if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. ¹⁶Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

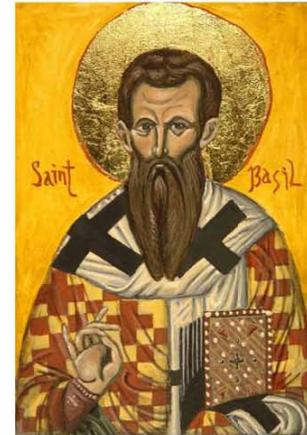
Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ²through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. ³They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; ⁵for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 3:1-6)

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²'Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven has come near.' ³This is the One of Whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."' ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

St. Christopher Phloptochos Society Invites You to Celebrate the

"Event of the Season"



St. Basil's Day

Saturday, January 12th

6 PM until 10 PM

THE EVENT CENTER at 313 DIVIDEND DRIVE

DINNER & FAMILY FUN!

SILENT & LIVE VASILOPITA AUCTIONS*†

****NOTE THIS CHANGE: PLEASE BRING ONE BEVERAGE for 6+ PEOPLE AND
VEGETABLE/FRUIT SIDE OR DESSERT FOR 6+ PEOPLE**

**Proceeds benefit St. Basil's Academy of Garrison NY*

On this the eleventh year of our preparation for the Holy Theophany 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

Saturday, January 5 (Eve of the Holy Theophany of our Lord-Strict Fast):

7:30 am Service of the Great Hours of Holy Theophany

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom/Blessing of Water

Sunday, January 6 (Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior):

7:30 am Orthros Service for Holy Theophany

**8:45 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Holy Theophany & Blessing of Water/
Ice Cream Sundae Sunday**

10:45 am Religious Education Classes (for all ages/grades)

Monday, January 7 (St. John the Baptist):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)/Memorial Service - Tzvetan Andreev

7:00 pm Community Dinner (please bring non-fasting food)

Thursday, January 10:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, January 12:

6:00 pm Philoptochos' Vasilopita Dinner at Event Center (see inside)

Sunday, January 13 (Sunday After the Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior):

7:45 am Orthros Service

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/40-Day Memorial Service – Bishop John of Amorion/
Oath of Office for 2013 Parish Council/Coffee Fellowship**

10:45 am Religious Education classes

11:30 am Hellenic Language Class

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting/Parish Council Officer Elections

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!