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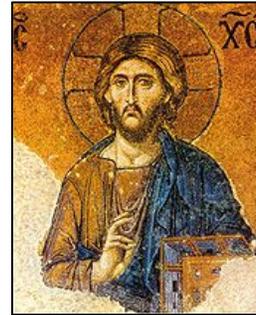
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Liturgical Guide for Tuesday, January 17, 2017

ON THIS DAY, WE COMMEMORATE our Righteous Father, Anthony the Great (+356 – St. Anthony is known as the Founder of Christian Monasticism.); our Righteous God-bearing Father and Wonderworker, Anthony the Younger, an ascetic of the Skete in Verroia; Righteous Achillas; Holy New-Martyr George of Ioannina (+1838); and Pious King Theodosios the Great. *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./3. Hymn of St. Anthony the Great – (not in Hymnal):

This hymn is sung at *the end of Great Vespers* and *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Imitating the manners of Elijah the Zealot, and following the straight paths of John the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you colonized the desert, and you supported the Empire by your prayers. Therefore intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p. 328):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever." (Ps. 111[112]). 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 (Hebrews 13:17-21)

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you. ¹⁸Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. ²⁰Now may the God of peace, Who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹make you complete in everything good so that you may do His will, working among us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:17-23)

Luke 6:17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them. 20 Then He looked up at His disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry

now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

And on this 14th annual celebration of the Feast of St. Anthony the Great Martyr 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

Tuesday, January 17 (St. Anthony the Great):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by Community Dinner (*non-fasting food and join us!*)

7:30 pm Parish Council Officers Meeting

Thursday, January 19:

6:30 pm Choir Practice – *please join us!*

Sunday, January 22 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Nick Christodouloupoulos & Evangelia Pantazopoulos

10:30 am HANDS OF LOVE - COMMUNITY VASILOPITA (ST. BASIL'S BREAD) DINNER

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!