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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 18, 2015

ON THIS DAY, we commemorate our Fathers among the Saints, Athanasios (+373) and Cyril (+444), Patriarchs of Alexandria; Holy Martyr Theodoule; and Saint Xena. *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 THE SMALL ENTRANCE

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

3. Hymn for Ss. Athanasios & Cyril – (not in Hymnal):

This hymn is sung after the Small Entrance: Having shone with deeds of Orthodoxy and extinguished all impious doctrines, you have rightly won the trophies and victory. Since you enriched all the world with correct belief, greatly adorning the Church with your words and deeds, you therefore have worthily found Christ God, Who by your prayers grants to all the great mercy.

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 sung in anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord (to be celebrated 2/2) (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 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was

now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 13:7-16)

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by His own blood. ¹³Let us then go to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through Him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 17:12-19)

¹²As He entered a village, ten lepers approached Him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then He said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE *(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

*"Get up and go on your way; your faith
has made you well." (Luke 17:19)*

PASTORAL APPEAL FROM FR. GEORGE:



Dear Parish Family,

Today, January 18, 2015, I make a special and sacred appeal to you. Having presented the extraordinary videos and shared my overwhelming support for the new St. Nicholas National Shrine this morning, on behalf of your Church family, I call upon you to help rebuild the only Church destroyed on 9/11 and to assist in launching Orthodox Christianity into American consciousness at a level previously unimaginable. The Saint Nicholas Church of Lower Manhattan is being resurrected as The Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero and each Church of our Archdiocese is asked to support this critically important effort.

This tiny Greek Orthodox Church, a spiritual colossus among mountains of steel and glass, will rise in the middle of Sacred

Ground. The visionary edifice will mark not only the events of 9/11, but through this House of Prayer, the Orthodox Christian Church will offer a place of solace, inspiration, and healing for all who visit Ground Zero. Inspired by Hagia Sophia, the Great Church of Christ itself, Saint Nicholas will be the most visible presence of our Faith and Community in America. As the Parthenon was rebuilt after the destruction and burning of Athens, so the Saint Nicholas National Shrine will rise from the ashes of 9/11 to be a monument to those who died and to the sacrificial love of the heroic first responders.

Our National Shrine at Ground Zero stands in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Just as Lady Liberty holds her lamp at the “Golden Door”, welcoming the “huddled masses” and “tempest-tossed”, so Saint Nicholas will be our own light on a hill, offered to all, the only religious presence in the sixteen-acre site of the new World Trade Center. It will be a beacon of peace guiding millions of souls to the spiritual harbor of our Lord, Jesus Christ. What an opportunity for witness! Never before has there been such a Church on public land, in such a public place. In the next few years more than fifty million people will see The Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine at Ground Zero. It will truly be a place of pilgrimage for the Nation and the world.

Presbytera Marinda, Julie Skouteris, Parish Council President, and Katie Wilson, Philoptochos Society President, each have joined me in giving a personal gift of \$100 to help re-build Saint Nicholas. We are hoping you will add to this initial \$400 your gift of only \$100 so that it also can be recorded in the new edifice, and will

count toward our Parish goal of \$10,000. We aim to complete and endow Saint Nicholas by 2016, marking the one-hundredth anniversary of the St. Nicholas Parish. This is an extraordinary moment for Orthodoxy in America, in which the nihilistic hatred and violence of 9/11 are visibly overcome by a positive act of love and peace.

Please join us, and make your donation check *payable to Saint Nicholas National Shrine*. Your patronage of \$100 can either be mailed to our Church office or dropped in the special collection basket by March 1, the end of our Parish campaign for this year. After we collect all gifts through March 1, we will mail in one envelope all our checks *as a group* to the Archdiocese so that our gifts can be individually recorded and tallied towards our overall parish goal of \$10,000. If we don't reach our goal this year, we will seek once more next January, and hopefully, those who support this year will do the same next year if needed to raise our \$10,000. *But don't wait... give your gift today!*

I thank you for your consideration as we come together as the Church family for the good of our Church and of all people, to rebuild the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox National Shrine at Ground Zero! *I pray our Lord help us realize our goal... thank you again!*

Faithfully yours,

+Fr. George Tsahakis



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And on this 542nd 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!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, January 18 (12th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service/Parish Luncheon

11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting

Thursday, January 22:

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

Sunday, January 25 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

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

11:45 am Let's EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement
are essential and appreciated!***