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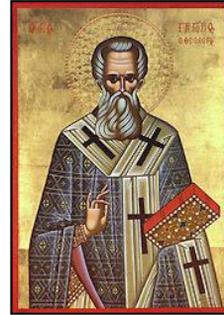
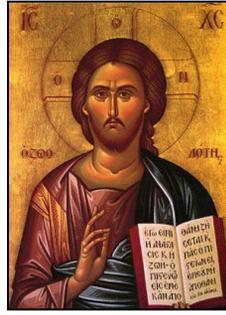
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 25, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE 15TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, we commemorate our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (+388); Righteous Father Castinus, Bishop of Byzantium; Righteous Father Publius; Righteous Father Maris; Holy Martyr Medoula and her Companions; Righteous Father Demetrios the Skevophylax; Righteous Father Apollos of the Thebaid; and Holy New Martyr Auxentios. *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 (Plagal of the 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):

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 for St. Gregory the Theologian – (not in Hymnal):

This hymn is sung after the Small Entrance: The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpets of the orators; for as you delved into the depths of the Spirit, so you were endowed with the power of eloquence. Father Gregory, intercede with Christ 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 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 21:15-25)

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 During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 7:26-8:2)

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, He has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for those of the people; this He did once for all when He offered Himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. ⁸Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²a Minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 19:1-10)

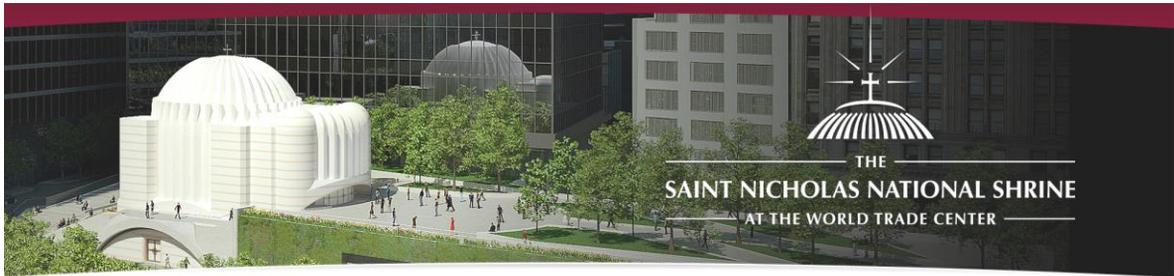
¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him,

“Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

TODAY’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“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.” (John 3:17)

PASTORAL APPEAL FROM FR. GEORGE:



Last Sunday, 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 *I am calling 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.

Ground Blessing Service for The St. Nicholas National Shrine at the World Trade Center

To support this appeal further this morning, Fr. George will highlight several aspects of the Ground Blessing Service offered on Saturday, October 18, 2014 in New York. The service is based on the Service of Laying the Cornerstone for a Church. For Saint Nicholas National Shrine, *cairns* (a memorial collection of stones) were built up in imitation of the cairn at Gilgal that the Prophet Joshua fashioned to commemorate the crossing over of the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua, ch. 4). In this service, two cairns were constructed, in memory of the Twin Towers, and these cairns will eventually be installed permanently at the entrance to the church.

The Blessing Service was made up of hymns in honor of Saint Nicholas, Scripture readings, and prayers for the Blessing of Water, which were then be sprinkled on the site. Before the service commenced, water was drawn from the 9/11 Memorial fountains by family members of the victims who perished during the tragic event of 9/11. After they had filled their vessels for the sanctification of the water, Psalm 150 was chanted. A procession followed and the water was deposited into a special fount. After the water was sanctified and sprinkled by the Archbishop, the cairns were constructed by representatives of the entire community.

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!*



Next Sunday, February 1

*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 nationwide next Sunday. **Please bring \$1 and one LARGE canned good for each family member to offer the needy.***

Thank You for your Hands of Love!

And on this 543rd 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 25 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

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

Thursday, January 29 (Eve of Feast of the Three Hierarchs):

- 5:00 pm Great Vespers**
- 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)**
- 7:00 pm Community Dinner (*please bring fasting food*)**

Sunday, February 1 (Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee Beginning of Triodion):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship**
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**
- 11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting (*rescheduled from 1/18*)**

The Week of February 2-7 is Fast-Free!

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