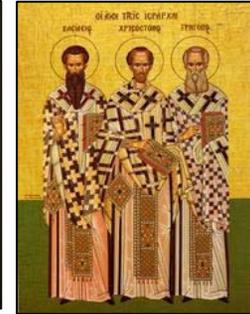
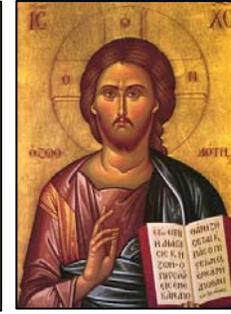




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Liturgical Guide for Thursday, January 29, 2015

ON THIS DAY, ON THE EVE OF THE FEAST, WE REMEMBER the memory of our Holy Fathers among the Saints and Ecumenical Teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; Holy Priest-Martyr Hippolytos, Pope of Rome and his followers, Cencrinus, Sabianus, Chrysus and the others (+236); Holy Martyr Theophilus the New; Holy New-Martyr Theodore the Mytileneos (1784); and Athanasia the Martyr and her three daughters. *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 the Three Hierarchs – (not in Hymnal):

This hymn is sung *at the end of Great Vespers, and before and after* the Small Entrance: The Three Great Hierarchs, light shining of the three-sun brightness of Godhead who enlightened all the world with rays of God's teachings and with flowing rivers of wisdom, have filled all creation from springs of knowledge of God. St. Basil the Great, and Gregory the Theologian, and known by all, St. John, the golden-tongued orator. Everyone loves their words. Let us all honor them with hymns, these three great Saints, for us they always pray to the Lord.

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 – (not in Hymnal):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Into all lands their sound has gone out; and their words unto the ends of the world. (Psalm 18[19]) Alleluia. (3) "

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S 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 13:7-16)

7 Remember 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 for ever. 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 (Matthew 5:14-19)

14 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven. ¹⁷'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of Heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of Heaven.

MEMORY VERSE *(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name’s sake.” *(Ps. 79:9)*

On this our twelfth Feast of the Three Hierarchs at our St. Christopher parish, 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

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 *(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!***