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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Saturday, January 30, 2016**

**ON THIS DAY, 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, Cencerinus, 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 *after* the Great Doxology 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 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 Divine Liturgy (John 10:9-16)**

*John 10:9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

### **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. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. 9 Do 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. 10 We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. 11 For 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. 12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by His own blood. 13 Let us then go to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through Him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess His name. 16 Do 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. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In 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. <sup>17</sup>'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For 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. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, 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.*

### Looking Ahead to Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>



*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.*

*Thank You for your Hands of Love!*

And on this 13<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs 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**

### **Saturday, January 30 (Feast of the Three Hierarchs):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

### **Sunday, January 31 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – George Tagalos**

**10:30 am General Parish Assembly & GOYA Gyros Luncheon**

**3:00 pm Trisagion Service for George Tagalos – Greenwood Cemetery**

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