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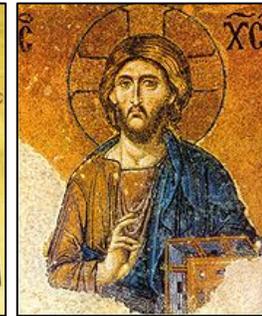
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 16, 2011**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the Holy and Blessed Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council who, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving monarchs Constantine and Irene, convened once again in Nicaea against those who impiously, in ignorance and inconsideration, labeled the Church of God idolatry, and removed the revered and holy icons (+787). We also commemorate Holy Martyr Longinos the Centurion and the Two Soldiers with him, Martyrs of the Cross (+36); Holy Martyrs Leontios, Dometios, Terentius and Dominus; and Righteous Father Malos. *God have mercy on us through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers. 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. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 of the Holy Fathers – (Hymnal-pp.170-171):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, Glory to You.

### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see handout):**

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 – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

### **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 (Luke 24:36-53)**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city*

*until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.*

### **Epistle Reading for Today (Titus 3:8-15)**

*Titus 3:8 The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. 9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, 11 since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. 14 And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy for Today (Luke 8:5-15)**

*<sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As He said this, He called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” <sup>9</sup>Then His disciples asked Him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I*

*...speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'* <sup>11</sup>“Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

Picture a little village in the mountains of Italy where the people grow grapes. The mountain sides are covered with vineyards and each family in the community contributes to the making of wine. Visitors claim it is some of the finest wine in the world. Each village has a number of different recipes. Each family brings its wine to the center of the village and pours it into one large keg. As a result, the wine is a mixture of many recipes which makes it unique.

One particular year, the weather was not favorable and the vineyards did not produce an abundance of grapes. One of the wine makers decided that since things would be tight that year, he would sell his wine

elsewhere. He then filled his barrel with water and poured it into the town keg, thinking that one barrel of water in the gigantic keg would go unnoticed and not impact the outcome of the wine.

The wine in the keg aged for seven years. At the end of seven years, the villagers all gathered around that particular keg to sell their wine to merchants who had come from all over the world. The entire community depended on the sale of their wine to provide for them until the next season. As in other years, villagers gathered around the giant keg and it was tapped. A pitcher was placed at the tap. Imagine the surprise of the villagers when nothing came out but pure water. It seemed that everyone in the village had the same idea – no one had put in their wine. Since everyone held back, there was no wine to sell.

*What message is revealed to us with this story?* On the surface, the villagers refused to share their wine with their neighbors; consequently, no one ended up with anything. In spiritual terms, the story describes the kingdom of God. It reminds us that we are here temporarily on earth, and we are God's guests. God wants us to be grateful for all that we have and to share what we have been given. If we choose not to, we betray the mission He has entrusted to us, and we fail to fulfill the potential He desires from each of us.

***How are our individual and collective wine making efforts going? Can visitors claim it is some of the best in the world?***



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## ***GreekFest 2016***

### ***Volunteer Thank You Community Dinner***

*Thank you to our St. Christopher family!  
You helped make GreekFest 2016 a success!*

*Please join us along with your family  
Sunday, October 16, 2016*

4:00 pm  
207 Woodruff Way  
Peachtree City

*Main Course, Desserts & Drinks will be provided*

*Please bring your favorite side dish to share*

*Please call Tammy Soulakos @ 404-625-4663 for more information*

And on this 628<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, October 16 (Sunday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Evangelia & John Georgeo**
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship/G.O.Y.A. Meeting**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic Dance Practice**
- 4:00 p.m. GreekFest Thank You Party (*at Costas & Tammy Soulakos' Home*)**

### **Tuesday, October 18 – Thursday, October 20:**

***(Fr. George will be at Clergy Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center through Thursday.)***

### **Friday, October 21 – Sunday, October 23:**

***(9<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Weekend at Clergy Retreat at Diakonia Retreat Center.)***



### **Sunday, October 23 (Sixth Sunday of St. Luke):**

- 7:45 am Orthros Service (at Diakonia Retreat Center)**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (at Diakonia Retreat Center)**

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