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



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 18, 2015**

**ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** St. Luke the Apostle & Evangelist (1<sup>st</sup> cent.); Holy Martyr Marinos the Elder; Righteous Father Julian of Euphrates; Saint Mnason, Bishop of Cyprus, and the Holy 40 Youths; Righteous Fathers Theodore and Symeon and the Righteous Efrosini; and Holy, Newly-Found Martyrs Gabriel and Kermidolis (1522). *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 (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

### **3. Hymn Commemorating St. Luke – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

### **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 unfailling 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.

## **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": "Their proclamation has gone out to all the earth, their words to the limits of the universe. (Ps. 18[19]). Alleluia."*

## **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 20:19-31)**

*"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.' When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe.' A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name."*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Col. 4:5-11, 14-18)**

<sup>5</sup>Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup>Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. <sup>7</sup>Tychicus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow servant in the Lord. <sup>8</sup>I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts; <sup>9</sup>he is coming with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you about everything here. <sup>10</sup>Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, as does Mark the cousin of Barnabas, concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him. <sup>11</sup>And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These are the only ones of the circumcision among my co-workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. <sup>14</sup>Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. <sup>15</sup>Give my greetings to the brothers and sisters in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. <sup>16</sup>And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. <sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, “See that you complete the task that you have received in the Lord.” <sup>18</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 10:16-21)**

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to Me, and whoever rejects you rejects Me, and whoever rejects Me rejects the One Who sent Me.”<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in Your Name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” <sup>21</sup>At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and the

*intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

*(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118-24)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**



*What a week...* After months of promoting and encouraging our annual DRC Volunteer Weekend to paint eight eco-cabins, Fr. George learned in the past few days that numerous conflicts from

our parishioners will keep them from participating in our annual volunteer DRC work weekend, 10/23-25. No worries... we understand conflicts cannot be avoided. The good news is that we WILL have about a dozen adult volunteers willing to paint at least four (4) of the eco-cabins THIS Saturday. We also are glad several children and their parents can join us and encourage our efforts. They will cheer us on!

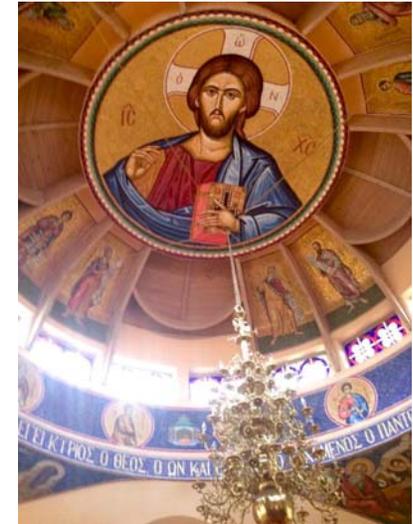
Those who have RSVP'ed will arrive either Friday afternoon/evening or early Saturday morning at the DRC. We will paint until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and those coming can stay through Sunday or leave after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (as Presbytera Marinda and Fr. George are).





**With such a low turnout, Fr. George decided to return to offer Sunday liturgy at our parish where more parishioners could be served.** However, with our church interior being painted *this coming week*, Fr. George has been advised that the new paint smells will cause breathing difficulties next Sunday, not to mention the logistics of putting the facilities back in order since painting could take up to this Thursday or Friday.

**Since Fr. George doesn't want to rush such a good thing,** he has scheduled next Sunday's Divine Liturgy to be offered at our Metropolis Archangel Michael Chapel. **And here is the blessing...** it will be the first time our parishioners can join Fr. George for Sunday Divine Liturgy at the Metropolis Chapel and share the beautiful sacred space that Fr. George gets to pray in every day. This Chapel is a jewel of the Holy Metropolis and is named for our patron saint, Archangel Michael.



**To ensure adequate time to drive there, the Divine Liturgy is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday.** Fr. George & Presbyteria Marinda will offer a brief tour of the Metropolis Offices where our Bishop, Fr. George, and their staff work on behalf of ALL the parishes of our Holy Metropolis. **Fr. George feels very blessed...** not only is our parish helping the Metropolis by volunteering at the DRC, both those who are and those who cannot **CAN SHARE** in the beauty and witness the diakonia/service of our Holy Metropolis

where Fr. George serves every day.

***We look forward to seeing you at the Metropolis Chapel next Sunday for the Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.*** For those who wish to come early, Orthros is offered at the Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. We will return to our regular worship at St. Christopher's on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



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And on this 579<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 18 (St. Luke the Evangelist):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – James & Antonia Poulos (parents of Peter Poulos)/Memorial Coffee Fellowship offered in their memory**
- 10:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (for all ages)\*\*\***

***\*\*\*For Fr. George's Adult Religious Education class, we are joining together for a "service project" – helping the Chairman of our Church Painting Project, Kirk Panayis, "pack up" the church so that the entire facility can be painted this week. We hope you will join us. Plus, we hope you can help us "restore everything back to normal" on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. We thank Kirk and all of you for helping us with these two service projects in behalf of beautifying our church and the space we use each day!***

**Noon Let's EAT™** Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Dutch Treat and open to all!

**Thursday, October 22:**

**6:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

**Friday - Sunday, October 23-25:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual DRC Volunteer Work Weekend – we’re painting 4 eco-cabins to assist the Metropolis of Atlanta. Arrive Friday late afternoon and leave Saturday or Sunday.**

**Sunday, October 25 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke) – Church being painted – since we’re unable to host services at PTC today – join us at the Metropolis of Atlanta Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329 where Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy – note *later* starting time:**

**9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel, followed by brief tour of Metropolis of Atlanta Offices by Fr. George & Presbytera Marinda – join us for this opportunity to worship on Sunday at our Metropolis Headquarters... what a blessing! [For those wishing to arrive early, Orthros is offered at the Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. – SEE INSIDE for further information and overview]**

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



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**Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale**

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pickup Dates: Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address  
Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Church Address

Order Deadline: November 10, 2015

|  | Quantity | Cost/Dozen | Total |
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| <b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle   |          | \$ 10.00   | \$    |
| <b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle   |          | \$ 10.00   | \$    |
| <b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey     |          | \$ 18.00   | \$    |
| <b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted butter cookies    |          | \$ 15.00   | \$    |
| <b>Melomakarona:</b> cookies with olive oil, walnuts and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup                           |          | \$ 15.00   | \$    |
| <b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookies    |          | \$ 8.00    | \$    |
| <b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia   |          | \$ 20.00   | \$    |
| <b>Pastitsio:</b> lasagna layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection  |          | \$35.00    | \$    |
|  |          | 12"x9" pan | \$    |
| <b>TOTAL DUE:</b>  |          |            | \$    |

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