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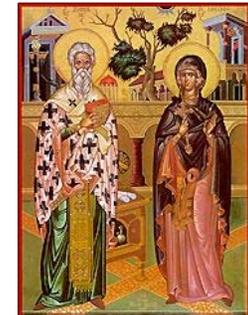
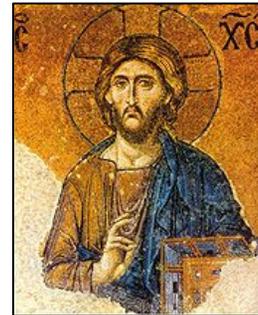
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 2, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy Priest-Martyr Cyprian and Justine the Virgin-Martyr of Nicomedeia (+304); Eleutherios and Roustikos, the Athenian Martyrs; Holy Father Theophilos the Confessor; and New-Martyr George (1794). *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 2nd Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. Cyprian – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching that our souls be saved.

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 24:1-12)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 4:6-15)

⁶For it is the God Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into His presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:31-36)

Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the

same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”
(Romans 12:17-18)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

This morning, I wish to share an insightful story about a man on a boat. He is not alone, but acts as if he were. One night, without warning, he suddenly begins to cut a hole under his seat.

The other people on the boat shout and shriek at him: “What on earth are you doing? Have you gone mad? Do you want to sink us all? Are you trying to destroy us?”

Calmly, the man answers: “I don't understand what you want. What I'm doing is none of your business. I paid my way. I'm not cutting under your seat. Leave me alone!”

What the fanatic (and the egotist) will not accept, but what you and I cannot forget, is that all of us are in the “same boat.” Scriptural verses that inspire us to live in mutual harmony include: “*If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*” (Rom. 12:18) “*Therefore, my brothers, let us set an example to our kindred, for their lives depend upon us, and the sanctuary—both the temple and the altar—rests upon us.” (Judith 8:24)*

National Church Music Sunday – Today

This Sunday, our Church honors two very important groups that make up the Body of Christ. Firstly, we shall honor our Orthodox Christian college students and Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), the organization that helps them maintain their roots during their years of secondary schooling. Sunday October 2nd is also Church Music Sunday, an opportunity to thank those who, through their talents, help to make our worship services so beautiful and meaningful, through the chanting and singing of hymns.

– excerpt from Metropolitan Alexios' message emailed to parishioners this past Friday



Welcome to our Guest Chantor

Today, Fr. George thanks and recognizes the contributions of our church musicians. He and Presbyteria Marinda are giving each of them a special gift icon of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church music. Likewise, inasmuch as our chantors could not be with us this morning, Fr. George thanks Mr. Lefteris Chasanidis, from Thessaloniki, Greece, for chanting today's Orthros Service. As a further tribute honoring our church musicians, Fr. George asked Lefteris to present a brief overview of Byzantine music as found in our liturgical worship. We thank him for his service today and welcome him to return! May God bless Lefteris and our church musicians always.

Each year, on the first Sunday in October (on or after the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians on 10/1), parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate **NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**. This commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America in 1982, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America.

NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY is a day we set aside particularly to honor the contributions of local choir members, *psaltai*, and music educators who serve their churches through the hymnology of our Orthodox Church. In addition, it is a day when we recognize the work of the diocesan choir federations as well as the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, who through their music ministry, strive to enhance the development of church choirs, church musicians, and liturgical music at diocesan and archdiocesan levels.

Orthodox College Students & OCF

Today, Fr. George thanks and recognizes the contributions of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) in serving our Orthodox college students. He and Presbytera Marinda are giving our collegians a special gift icon of St. Katherine the Great Martyr, the patron saint of Orthodox Christian Fellowship. May God bless them always.

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. ***Its patron saint is Katherine the Great Martyr.***

OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students—and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith—to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by:

- Supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith;
- Providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service



projects; and,

- Training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.



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Τι νέα . . .

*Beginning this Sunday, parishioners wishing to share public announcements will do so while our parishioners have a chance to enjoy food and drink during Coffee Fellowship. They are asked to use the portable microphone so all parishioners can hear. So beginning today, when you hear Kirk Panayis or Peter Poolos ask, **“Τι νέα...”** or **“What’s the news...”**, you know how to respond! Thanks!*

During today’s coffee fellowship, we also will be accepting donations for leftover donated beverages. All funds raised will be added to our GreekFest total and go to our Building Fund! Thank you!

Hands of Love: October



"For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land." (Deut. 15:11)



We will be collecting **non-perishable food** items for
The Loaves and Fishes Program

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The Loaves and Fishes Program is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor twice daily with two hot meals. Also, they have a monthly distribution of socks of groceries to individuals. All the Orthodox Churches of the city of Atlanta, with the blessing of Metropolitan Alexios, support the feeding of the poor and homeless of Atlanta through the food program at St. John's Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Churches supply the program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers.

For more information, please visit <http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org/>

A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who donated to One Roof in August. We collected 73 pair of new underwear/socks, 36 school supply items, 15 pair of shoes, 18 food items, 5 towels, bed rail, 12 toothbrushes, and 7 shirts.

Kim Poolos
Hands of Love Coordinator

And on this 626th 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, Oct. 2 (2nd Sunday of St. Luke – National Church Musicians & OCF Sunday)

- 7:45 am** Orthros Service
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship/GreekFest leftover beverages available
- 10:45 am** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:00 am** GreekFest Meeting for ALL - suggestions to improve for next year! Join us!

Thursday, October 6th:

- 6:30 pm** Fall Pastry Sale Prep – Make Spanakopita Batter

Saturday, October 8th:

- 6:30 pm** Fall Pastry Sale Prep – Fold Spanakopites

Sunday, October 9 (Third Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 a.m.** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 a.m.** Parish Council Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!