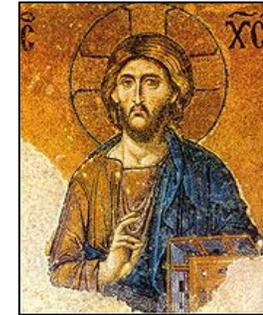




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Liturgical Guide for Saturday, October 24, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Holy Great Martyr Arethas & Syncletiki and her two daughters & Sebastiane the Martyr. *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. Hymn Commemorating Saint St. Arethas – (see handout):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance. Be entreated, O Lord, by the sufferings endured for You by the Saints, and we pray You, heal all our pain.

3. Hymn for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.222-223):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

4. Hymn for Feast of the Holy Cross – (Hymnal-pp.180-181):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Save, O Lord Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

5. Hymn for St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle– (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader, O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.

6. 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 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 (2 Cor. 3:12-18)

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness,
¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.
¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:1-10)

¹After Jesus had finished all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ²A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. ³When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Him, asking Him to come and heal his slave. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they appealed to Him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having You do this for him, ⁵for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." ⁶And Jesus went with them, but when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; ⁷therefore I did not presume to come to You. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and

to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this He was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed Him, He said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.



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On this the twelfth anniversary of Arethas & Syncletiki 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!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24 (at the Diakonia Retreat Center Chapel):

7:30 am Divine Liturgy, followed by Breakfast and Day of Painting Eight Eco-Cabins – thank you for your presence and your great efforts!



Sunday, October 25 (6th 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 & Presbyteria 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.]

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!