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



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 25, 2015**

**ON THIS DAY, THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Holy Martyrs Markianos and Martyrios the Notaries (+355); Holy Martyr Chrysaphos; Holy Martyrs Chrysanthe and Tabitha the Merciful, who St. Peter raised from the dead (1<sup>st</sup> cent.); Holy Martyr Anastasios; Holy Martyr Valerinus; Holy Martyr Savinus; and Holy Martyrs Valerius and Chrysafos. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

### **3. Hymn Commemorating Saints Markianos & Martyrios – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by you the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

### **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 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 (Gal. 2:16-20)**

<sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

#### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:26-39)**

*Luke 8:26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. Luke 8:27 As He stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met Him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before Him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me" — 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with*

*chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that He might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'" Then the devil left Him, and suddenly angels came and waited on Him. (Matt. 4:10-11)

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*On this 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Christopher Church, we thank our Lord for all of His blessings, including our parishioners and beautiful property. And we thank each of you for your faithful efforts, beginning twelve years ago, and always! Glory to God!*

1. *Today*, as your Pastor these past twelve years, I commend each of you for having shared a faith as precious as ours with all who have entered into our midst.
2. *Today*, through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ, we re-commit ourselves to serving Him faithfully through our worship, fellowship, witness, service, love, and mercy.
3. *Today*, as we affirm our continued desire to share His Holy Spirit with all who will join us in the future, let us call upon our Heavenly Father to renew our pledge and guide our efforts in building His permanent church in the Peachtree City, Georgia area for the glory of God!

4. *Today*, as a witness of God's love for each of us, let us proclaim: *"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever."* (Ps. 145:21)
  
5. *Today and always*, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. Amen!



To All Clergy, Parish Staff, and OCMC Ambassadors:

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**2016 Orthodox Mission Teams Now Available!**

2016 Orthodox Mission Teams are now available! Please prayerfully consider joining one of the teams that will be serving in Alaska, Albania, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Mexico, and Uganda. Spend two weeks volunteering at a youth camp, teaching the faith, empowering Orthodox women, restoring a church, or providing healthcare. All are needed, and anyone over 18 can serve! Visit [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org), e-mail [teams@ocmc.org](mailto:teams@ocmc.org), or call 1-877-463-6784 for more information or to volunteer.

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## 2015 ST PHOTIOS GREEK ORTHODOX NATIONAL SHRINE CONTEST

St. Augustine, FL - Senior High School Students are invited to submit a 4-minute video or 1,000 word essay comparing the immigrant story of the Greek Colonists who came to America in 1768 with the story of a friend or family member who emigrated to America. The deadline for submission is November 21, 2015

Arguably, this generation is the end bead of those generations before it. This is an opportunity for the author to compare and contrast the story of the New Smyrna Colonists with the story of someone he or she knows. The submission then becomes part of Shrine Family History Archives. A 4 minute oral history can be recorded and uploaded or a 1,000 word essay can be submitted to Shrine Director, Mrs. Polaxeni Hillier at [phillier@stphotios.com](mailto:phillier@stphotios.com). Submissions must be sent for consideration by Friday, November 20, 2015.

Information about the New Smyrna or Andrew Turnbull colony can be found on the Shrine website ([www.stphotios.org](http://www.stphotios.org)), in the book, The New Smyrna Colony, an 18<sup>th</sup> century Odyssey by Dr Panagopoulos and by researching the topic on line. Authors and researchers on this subject include but are not limited to, Dr. Daniel Schaffer, Kathleen Deegan and David Nolan.

Results of the contest will be posted via press release on the [www.stphotios.org](http://www.stphotios.org) website on Monday, January 4, 2016. Those oral or written essays placing first, second and third will win \$500, \$250 and \$100. Prizes and certificates of participation signed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America will be sent January 15, 2015.

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And on this 580<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 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 & 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.*]

**Saturday, October 31:**

**9:00 a.m.** Philoptochos Fall Pastry Sale - Preparation of Baklava/Melomakarona

**\*\*\* Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday (Move clocks one hour back before going to bed)**

**Sunday, November 1 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service

**9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

**10:45 a.m.** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

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