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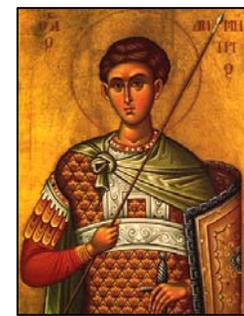
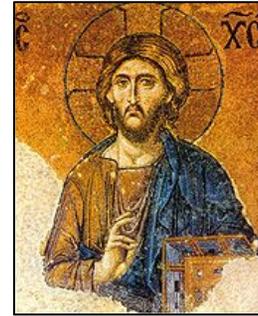
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Liturgical Guide for Tuesday, October 25, 2016

*EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST. DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR
& THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR PARISH*

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy, Glorious, Great Martyr Demetrios the Myrrhbearer and Wonderworker (306 A.D.); Holy Martyrs Artemidoros and Vasilios; Holy Martyr Leptina; Holy Martyr Glycus; and the memory of the great and awesome earthquake in Constantinople (+741). *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./4. Hymn for St. Demetrios the Great Martyr – (Not in Hymnal):

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, and before and after the Small Entrance. A Great Champion in dangers the world found in you Demetrios, victorious, turning the nations back. You did restrain the arrogance of Laius, inspiring Nestor with courage in the stadium. O Holy and Great Martyr Demetrios, with Christ our God, plead to grant to us the Great Mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating the Earthquake – (Not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. You Who look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the frightful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God. Send down Your abundant mercies on us, at the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord and only Friend of humanity.

5. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

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.

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.

7. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p.328):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever. (Ps. 111[112]). Alleluia."

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

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| 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 |
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Epistle Reading (2 Timothy 2:1-10)

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (John 15:17-16:2)

John 15:17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. 18 "If the world hates you, be aware that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world

— therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But they will do all these things to you on account of My name, because they do not know him who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father. 25 It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’ 26 “When the Advocate comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who comes from the Father, He will testify on My behalf. 27 You also are to testify because you have been with Me from the beginning. 16:1 “I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God.

On this the fourteenth celebration of the Feast of St. Demetrios 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 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 25 (Eve of the Feast of St. Demetrios & 13th Anniversary Founding of our Parish):

5:00 pm Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by Community Dinner (fasting)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

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| On this 13 th anniversary of St. Christopher Church, we thank our Lord for all of His blessings, including our parishioners and beautiful property. Glory to God always! |
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