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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 4, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our Father among the Saints, Hierotheos the Areopaghite, Bishop of Athens (1st cent.); Holy Priest-Martyr Peter of the Capitoline; Krispos the Apostle; Holy Martyr Domnina and her daughters Verine and Prosdoke; Holy Martyr Avdaktos and of his daughter Kallisthene; Righteous Father Ammoun the Egyptian; Holy Martyrs Faustus, Gaius, Eusebius, and Hairemon, the Deacons; & John the Hermit. *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 (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

3. 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.

4. 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 (John 20:1-10)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He Who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

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:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we anticipate the approach of Hurricane Joaquin, I join you in praying to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ for His protection from this and all storms. Likewise, we ask for His mercy for all who have been and will be affected through the loss of life, injuries, loss of property and other hardships. We ask for God's strength, courage, and support for those who will help with relief efforts and emergency needs as required. Lord, have mercy and spare us from the elements of nature that are dangerous and life-threatening. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear

into trust and praise of Your goodness. We ask these requests through the intercessions of the Theotokos, and all the Saints, in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Family Life Ministry
Helps Orthodox families live Christ-centered lives with an updated blog, family retreats, and teaching materials

FLM Blogs:

- "Dad's Corner": Reflections on Orthodoxy, written by Deacon Stephen Muse
- A step-by-step guide on ways to create and grow Orthodox Mommy & Me (and Daddy Too) Programs, written by Eleni Alexiou, LCSW
- Presbytera Jocelyn Mathewes' series on Orthodox Motherhood, "Joyful Noise," and Mrs. Edna King's reviews of Orthodox children's books
- A special seven-week series devoted to teaching children about an Orthodox perspective of death

Pre-Marital Seminar:

- Journey of Marriage Pre-Marital seminar, *mandatory* for all engaged couples in the Metropolis

Family Retreats:

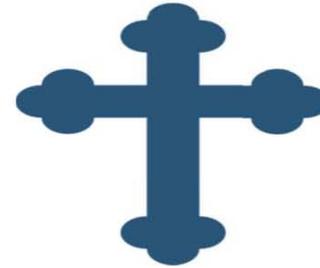
- Manna from Heaven: A Retreat for single mothers and their children Friday, October 16th (6:00 p.m.) through Sunday, October 18th (12:00 p.m.)

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TODAY – NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

On October 4, the Sunday closest to the name day of St. Romanos, the patron Saint of Church Musicians, parishes throughout our Archdiocese will observe Church Music Sunday. Although our Choir Director, Jeanie Ellinas and two Chantors, George Skouteris and George Zavlanos will be away today, we offer our sincere thanks and daily prayers for them. We thank all of our choir members and chantors, as well as you the faithful who join them in praising and glorifying God communally during our services. God bless you as you continue to offer your time and talent to the music ministry of our faith.



On Sunday, October 11, 2015, Kim Poolos will receive the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation during the Divine Liturgy. Kim has chosen to be named after St. Eugenia (remembered on 12/24).

On behalf of our St. Christopher parish family, Fr. George looks forward to welcoming her into the Holy Orthodox Church. He commends her and her husband Peter for choosing this decision. Let us all pray that God give them many more years of good health, joy, and Spirit-filled life together.

To insure everyone can share fellowship and their joy, her Godparents, DeDee & Kirk Panayis are hosting a **CELEBRATION LUNCHEON** in Kim's honor and are inviting everyone to join them.

In keeping with our tradition of parish community luncheons, Kirk & DeDee are providing the Entrée (Roast Beef with Potatoes) as well as Dessert. Since parishioners often ask to bring their favorite side dishes, if you choose (not required), feel free to bring for six or more persons items below:

<u>Last Name Begins with</u>	<u>Food Item</u>
A-H	Fruits
I-M	Salads
N-R	Sodas/Iced Tea/Beer/Wine
S-Z	Side Dishes



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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: _____

Email: _____

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 20th – 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 21st – 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

Order Deadline: November 10, 2015	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
Spanakopita: Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
Tiropita: Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
Baklava: layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 18.00	\$
Kourambiedes: sugar dusted butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
Melomakarona: cookies with olive oil, walnuts and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup 		\$ 15.00	\$
Koulourakia: twisted butter cookie 		\$ 8.00	\$
Sampler Dozen: Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona and Koulourakia		\$ 20.00	\$
Pastitsio: luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$35.00 12"x9" pan	\$
TOTAL DUE:			\$

Paid:		
Cash	Check #	CC

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And on this 577th 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 4 (2nd Sunday of St. Luke – National Church Musicians

Sunday):

- 7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – 40 Day Memorial for Jo-Carole (Georgia) Whitlock/Coffee Fellowship/
- 10:45 a.m.** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

Sunday, October 11 (Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council):

- 7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy/Sacrament of Chrismation (Kim Poolos)
- 10:30 a.m.** Special Community Luncheon (Everyone welcome)
- 11:30 a.m.** Hellenic Dance Practice
- 11:45 a.m.** Parish Council Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

Adults...

Join us for Religious Education Class today. Katie Wilson will review the article “The Emerging Reconciliation Between Religious & Science” in the PRAXIS magazine you have received.

Classes continue for all our grades! Please join us!