



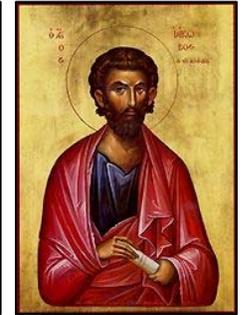
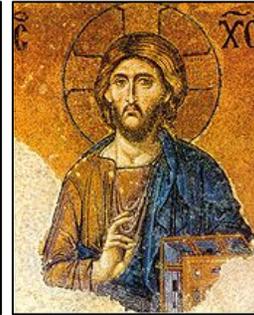
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 9, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES James the Apostle of the 12 (Iakovos), Son of Alphaeus (+62); Andronicus & his wife Athanasia of Egypt (+379-395); Poplia the Confessor of Antioch and Martyr (4th cent.); Abraham the Righteous & his nephew Lot (2,000 B.C.); Righteous Father Peter; and Righteous Father Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre. *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 (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating St. James (Iakovos) the Apostle – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O Holy Apostle James, make intercession to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

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 24:12-35)

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. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then He said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged

Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:1-10)

6 As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For He says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)

Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. 12 As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, "Do

not weep.” 14 Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on His people!”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”

(Ps. 62:8)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A small boy was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless, he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. His father met him in the living room and said nothing.

At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed. The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son. When that boy grew up, he said, “All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night.” *For me, this story is a stark reminder of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus Christ made in our behalf. Indeed, God's grace is a costly gift.*



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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 sacks 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/>

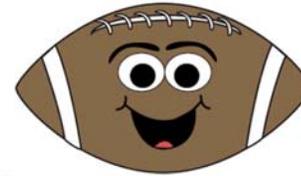
A sincere THANK YOU to all who donated to One Roof in August. We collected 73 pair of new underwear/socks, 36 school supply items, 15 pair of shoes, 18 food items, 5 towels, bed rail, 12 toothbrushes, and 7 shirts.

Kim Poolos
Hands of Love Coordinator

Τι νέα . . .

As with last Sunday and from now on, 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!

St. Christopher Football Outing



Georgia Southern vs. Georgia Tech

Saturday, October 15

Game starts @ TBA

Please join us for pre-game tailgating.
We'll grill hamburgers and hotdogs.
Bring a side and drink to share.



Tailgating location:
355 Tenth St., NW A/G 30318
(Directly across from GT campus)

Tickets are \$55 each. If 20 or more parishioners purchase tickets,
we will qualify for a group rate of \$36 per ticket.

Order deadline is October 9.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, please contact
Tammy Soulakos @ (404) 625-4663 or tammy@peachcity.com

We hope you'll join us 😊

And on this 627th 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 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)**
- 11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 13th:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice**

Saturday, October 15th:

- 12:30 pm St. Christopher Community Football Outing – GA TECH
Yellowjackets vs. GA SOUTHERN Eagles at Bobby Dodd Stadium**

Sunday, October 16 (Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Evangelia & John Georgeo**
- 10:30 a.m. G.O.Y.A. Meeting**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (for all ages)**
- 11:30 a.m. Hellenic Dance Practice**
- 4:00 p.m. GreekFest Thank You Party (at Costas & Tammy Soulakos' Home)**

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



Today, we welcome to our parish Deacon Tikhon Cobb, *his wife, Katherine, and their three children, Anna, Zoe, and Christopher* from Tuscaloosa, AL. While visiting friends in Hiram, they chose to visit us today. The ministry of Deacons (Diaconate) has been an essential part of the Orthodox Church since the time of Christ until the present day. The Deacon ministers to the Priest and Bishop in church services, assisting in the celebration of the Sacraments, offering the petitions, reading Holy Scripture, and calling the faithful according to the blessing and direction of his Priest or Bishop. St. Stephen the First Martyr is considered the prototype for the diaconate (see Acts 6:1-6). May God bless Dn. Tikhon and his family with joy and good health always.