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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 1, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE 5TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Cosmas and Damianos, the Unmercenary Physicians & Wonder Workers of Asia Minor, and their Righteous Mother Theodote; Righteous Father David the Ascetic of Euboa (6th cent.); Holy Priest-Martyrs John the Bishop and Iakovos the Presbyter; Holy Martyr Herminigellos; Holy New-Priest-Martyr Iakovos, and his two disciples, Iakovos the Deacon and Dionysios the Monk (+1520); Righteous Helen of Sinope, New-Martyr (+1771); Holy Women Martyrs Kyrianis and Juliana; and Holy Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, and the other five. *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 (Plagal of the First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

3. Hymn Commemorating Saints Cosmas & Damianos – (see handout):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, visit our infirmities. Freely you received, freely give to us.

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 unfailling 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 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that

Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (I Cor. 12:27-13:8)

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
²⁸And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.
²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹³If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 16:19-31)

Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at

his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27 He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — 28 for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' 30 He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

*"And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace."
(James 3: 18)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

An ancient rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day was on its way back.

"When you see an animal in the distance and can tell what kind of animal it is" answered one pupil.

"No" replied the rabbi.

"When you see a tree in the distance and can tell what kind of tree it is" replied another.

"No" answered the rabbi.

"Well then" his pupils asked "how can we tell when night has ended and day has arrived?"

"It is when you look into the face of another man or woman and see that he or she is your brother or sister. If you can't do this, no matter what time it is, it is still night."

Jesus is the Light of the World and the most important thing we can do is to let His light shine by ‘loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength’ and ‘Loving our neighbor as our self.’”



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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: _____

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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:			\$

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Today Is Special...

Today, we commemorate the Patron Saints of the National Ladies Philoptochos Society – Saints Cosmas and Damian. Their lives serve as reminders that all of us are called to place the needs of others before our own so that we might be instruments of the grace of God, Who alone works wonders. We extend our appreciation to all our Philoptochos members and especially to Katie Wilson, Chapter President and her Board for their leadership throughout the year. Chronia Polla!

And on this 581st 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, November 1 (5th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 2:00 a.m.** Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday
- 7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy/40-Day Memorial for Penelope Spetsios/
Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m.** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:45 a.m.** GreekFest Committee Chairs Meeting

Thursday, November 5:

- 6:30 a.m.** Choir Practice

Sunday, November 8 (7th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m.** Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m.** Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 a.m.** Stewardship Sunday Presentation/General Parish Assembly

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!