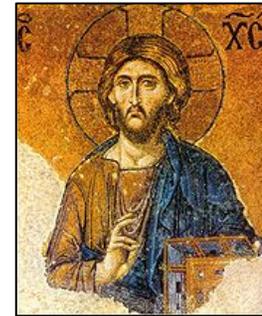




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 20, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple; Righteous Father Gregory of Decapolis (+816); Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople, a pupil of the blessed John Chrysostom who became his successor (+447); Maximos and Anatolios, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Righteous Sozomenos, Wonderworker, Holy Martyr Dasios of Dorostolos (+299); Holy Martyrs Nirsos the Bishop, Joseph his pupil, and the others martyred with them; Holy Martyrs Efstathios, Thespesios, and Anatolios; and St. Theoktistos. *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 the Preparation of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Today righteous Anna solicits joy for us all, the opposite of pain and sorrow, having brought forth her fruit, the only ever-virgin Maid; and today in fulfillment of her prayer and her promise, to the Temple of the Lord she joyfully leads her who is truly the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

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 for the Preparation of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: On this day the whole wide world is filled completely with great joy and merriment on the occasion of the feast of the Theotokos and cries aloud: "She is the heavenly tabernacle indeed."

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 (Galatians 6:11-18)

¹¹*See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!* ¹²*It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.* ¹³*Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.* ¹⁴*May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.* ¹⁵*For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!* ¹⁶*As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.* ¹⁷*From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.* ¹⁸*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.*

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 12:16-21)

¹⁶*Then He told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.* ¹⁷*And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’* ¹⁸*Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.* ¹⁹*And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’* ²⁰*But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’* ²¹*So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.’” *(Romans 10:13)*

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Yesterday, I saw a noteworthy saying on a church sign near my home: “Give God what is *right*, not what is *left!*”

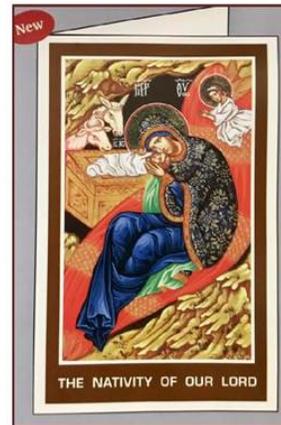
Wow... every day we learn of new, diverse, and endless needs among our brothers and sisters. Knowing our Philoptochos Society never stops seeking to help address them, I gladly choose to support its ministries, knowing they will use every dollar raised to help others. *We work together and make a BIG difference!*

“Give God what is *right*, not what is *left!*” Toward that aim, just days before our Thanksgiving Holiday, I want to introduce to you a beautiful effort that combines spreading the GOOD NEWS of our Incarnate Lord’s Blessed Birth some 2,000 years ago, while at the same time, seeking to deliver help to the needy.

I commend our Philoptochos Society for inaugurating our annual Nativity and Pascha Greetings Cards to witness our Lord’s Incarnation and His Pascha (Passover) from death to life as a parish family! I humbly ask each family to sign up to support this worthy effort for a donation of \$25.00 per household. Please use the attached handout to offer your commitment, and if you don’t see this email before tomorrow... no worries... there are more sign-up copies in the Narthex that you can use.

Thank you for your support, your care and concern, and your encouragement. "Give God what is *right*, not what is *left!*"

For our families that have moved away, we consider you our family and invite you to join us!



You are invited to share your family's name(s) in our first ever

St. Christopher Church Parish Christmas Card

to be distributed to all parish families before Christmas. Proceeds will be used to assist our needy brothers and sisters.

The donation per family is \$25.00.

St. Christopher Church Parish Christmas Card

Print Name(s) exactly as you wish to appear in the card...

(e.g., Haralambos, Xanthippe, Tassos & Zoe Pourlos, or Mr. & Mrs. Haralambos Pourlos & Children, or The Pourlos Family)

Ordered by: _____, Phone _____

Attach check made payable to "St. Christopher Philoptochos" for \$25.00 and give directly to Lydia McGee or Presbyteria Marinda no later than Sunday, 12/11/16, 11:30 a.m. (please do not mail)

Today is IOCC Sunday: A Day Of Sharing!

IOCC Sunday: A Day of Sharing is designated each year by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America to highlight the humanitarian outreach of Orthodox Christians through their official agency, IOCC. The observance of IOCC Sunday is an opportunity for parishes to focus on the meaningful change that your support brings to families devastated by disaster.



 **"Follow" & "Like"** our Facebook page. *Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.*

And on this 632nd 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!



Today, we welcome **Margo Toscas Kelley** who will make a special presentation on the Orthodox Christian Mission Center prior to the General Assembly meeting. In addition, she will offer remarks on her mission trip and presentation of our prayer shawls to the Old Harbor Community to the Philoptochos at its General Meeting. *Thanks to Susan Kleto for arranging her visit.*

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesday, November 15 – Saturday, December 24 – Nativity Fast

Sunday, November 20 (9th Sunday of St. Luke/Forefeast of Theotokos):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:15 a.m. General Parish Assembly (*everyone invited*)
11:30 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting/OCMC Program

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Wednesday, November 23 (Thanksgiving Eve):

FR. GEORGE WILL OFFER ORTHROS AT 8:00 A.M. AND DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHAPEL AT THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA.

Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Holiday):

Let us give thanks to the Lord for all of His blessings!

Friday, November 25 (St. Katherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria):

FR. GEORGE WILL OFFER ORTHROS AT 8:00 A.M. AND DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHAPEL AT THE METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA.

Sunday, November 27 (13th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship/Angel Tree Begins
11:00 a.m. Let's EAT!, Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!