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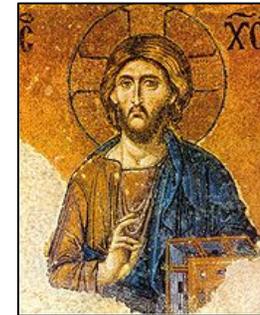
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 22, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Archippus the Apostle and Philemon the Apostle and his wife, Apphia, and Onesimos the Disciple of Paul (1st cent.); Holy Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, and Tibertius (+230); Holy Martyrs Mark, Stephen, and another Mark; Holy Martyr Procopius in Palestine; Holy Martyr Menignus the Fuller; Righteous Abba; Saints Christopher and Efimia; Thallelaios and Anthimos; Righteous Kallistos; Saint Thaddeus; and Holy Martyrs Agapion, Sisinius the Priest-Martyr, and Agapios. *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./3. Hymn for the Feast of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.182-185):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Today is the prelude of God's generosity, the herald of the coming of salvation for all mankind. In the temple of God the Virgin is revealed to all, her presence foretelling the coming of Christ. With all our hearts let us, therefore, cry out to her: Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

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 Feast of the Theotokos (11/21) – (Hymnal-pp.236-239):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Behold the temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the

grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

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 (Mark 16:9-20)

Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Ephesians 4:1-7)

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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

¹⁶Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then 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. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But 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?' ²¹So 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:

A Thought for Thanksgiving Day...

During a harvest festival in India, an old widow arrived at her church with an extraordinarily large offering of rice – far more than the poor woman could be expected to afford. The itinerant pastor of the church did not know the widow well. But he did know that she was very poor and so he asked her if she were making the offering in gratitude for some unusual blessing. “Yes,” replied the woman. “My son was sick and I promised a large gift to God if he got well.” “And your son has recovered?” asked the pastor. The widow paused. “No,” she said. “He died last week. But I know that he is in God’s care; for that I am especially thankful.”

IOCC EXPRESSES SORROW FOR RECENT ATTACKS

November 16, 2015

Baltimore, MD (IOCC) — Joining with the hierarchs of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Executive Director, Constantine M. Triantafilou, expressed sorrow at the recent attacks and senseless loss of life in France, Lebanon, and Egypt.

"In the face of this inhumanity, we pray for those communities and families who have been affected by these terrible acts," said Triantafilou. He added that the global staff of IOCC will "recommit ourselves to demonstrating our care and assistance for people around the world who are confronted daily with violence and oppression, and for those in need of aid who have fled unspeakable brutality, especially in the Middle East."

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and Chairman of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, also expressed deep sorrow and unequivocal condemnation for the barbaric terrorist attacks this weekend in Paris.

Archbishop Demetrios, while on a pastoral visit to Dallas, Texas stated: "Today the whole civilized world is yet again in shock, indignation and mourning. I express, on behalf of the Holy Eparchial Synod and the entire Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, our unequivocal condemnation for these horrific acts of violence and terrorism in Paris. We, here in America are no strangers to such acts of terror and violence. We stand together in pain and prayer with the people of France, the families of the victims, and our Orthodox hierarchs, clergy, and the faithful members of our communities in Paris. We stand together with each other as we ask our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to help us get through this unthinkable tragedy and to guide and strengthen us. As we face the aftermath of this despicable event, we are encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul: neither death, nor life...nor

things present, nor things to come, nor powers ... nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (*Romans 8:38-39*)."

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

IOCC is the official humanitarian aid agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. Since its inception in 1992, IOCC has delivered \$534 million in relief and development programs to families and communities in more than 50 countries. IOCC is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy. To learn more about IOCC, please visit our website at iocc.org.



IOCCSUNDAY *A Day of Sharing*

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NOVEMBER 22, 2015
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Until December 31, 2015, your generous gift will be **matched dollar-for-dollar** to provide relief to those in need worldwide.

To donate, go to <https://9586.thankyou4caring.org/pages/iocc-sunday-donation>



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Hands of Love: November, 2015



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"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)



Fayette Samaritans is a Christian ministry serving those in need in Fayette County, Georgia. The group provides food, clothing, and financial assistance for selected emergency needs.

It was chartered in 1991, with representatives from 11 Fayette County churches, to assess and coordinate the critical needs of area residents who may not qualify for assistance from other agencies.

Fayette Samaritans is now supported by more than 50 area churches, businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. It is housed in its own 2400 square foot facility, located at 126 Hickory Road behind the Fayetteville Christian Church.

Top Ten Needs:
Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken, Salmon, Beef Stew, Sloppy Joe), Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Jellies and Jams, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruits, Dried Beans, Boxed Potatoes, Rice, Canned Vegetables, and Soup.

Miscellaneous:
Office supplies and printing and copying assistance are ongoing needs.

Other Ongoing Needs:
Oatmeal, Jell-O, Muffin Mix, Crackers, Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Juice, Laundry and Dish Soap, Multi-purpose Cleaners, Personal Care Items (Bar Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine Products, Razors, Toothbrushes, and Toothpaste), and Infant Diapers in larger sizes (4-6).



Please consider showing your gratitude by
donating to this worthy cause!
Thanks be to God!

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And on this 583rd 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 SCHEDULE

Nativity Fast – continues through December 24

Sunday, November 22 (9th Sunday of St. Luke/IOCC Sunday):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Fellowship Reception
- 10:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 a.m. Philoptochos General Assembly

Monday, November 23 (Archangel Michael Chapel in Atlanta):

- 9:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Feel welcome to join him.

Wednesday, November 25 (St. Katherine the Great Martyr):

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Orthros at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Feel welcome to join him.
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Feel welcome to join him.

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)

Thanksgiving Day - "But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15.57)

Sunday, November 29 (13th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Fellowship Reception
- 11:00 a.m. Let's EAT! Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all...!

Monday, November 30 (Feast of St. Andrew, the First-Called Apostle):

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Orthros at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Feel welcome to join him.
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Divine Liturgy at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329. Feel welcome to join him.
- 6:00 p.m. ECYDC & Religious Educators Conference Call Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!