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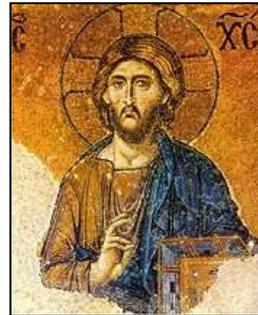
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 26, 2017

ON THIS DAY, THE 13TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis; Nicon; Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia; George the New Martyr of Chios; Innocent of Irkutsk; and Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in *The Ladder*. *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 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.

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 – Preparation for the Nativity (11/26-12/24) – (Hymnal-pp.240-243):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds, let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

5. Trisagion Hymn – (Hymnal-p. 292-293):

On the occasion of today's baptism, we sing the following hymn instead of the Trisagion hymn: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia. (3)"

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.

Special Epistle Reading for Today's Baptism (Rom. 6:3-11)

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰The death He died,

He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Special Gospel Reading for Today's Baptism (Mt. 28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.

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

4 I 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.

Regular Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 18:18-27)

Luke 18:18 A certain ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. 20 You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" 21 He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." 22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." 23 But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. 24 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through

the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” 27 He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”

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

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His Name. ”
(Ps. 100:4)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

This week, as we celebrated the American holiday of Thanksgiving, I realized *how* we respond each day to God’s blessings is all a matter of perspective . . . *We can be grateful or we can be bitter. We can seek wisdom or we can live foolishly*, like the rich man in St. Luke’s Gospel whom Jesus told, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.” (Luke 12:20-21)

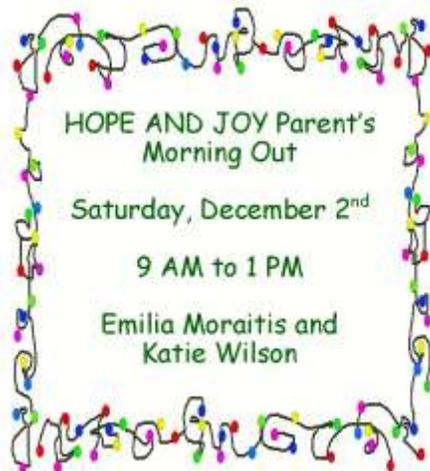
My brothers and sisters in Christ, this Thanksgiving weekend and always, may we give thoughtful consideration to the countless blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, and seek to use them to build up His Kingdom now and always. By searching for what the Lord’s will is for each of us, rather than filling ourselves with unwise choices, we will find what our Lord already has planted for us . . . *and is awaiting its bountiful harvest.*



Casting Call for 2017 Christmas Pageant

As we prepare for the Holy Nativity of our Lord on December 25th, Fr. George has selected a special Christmas Pageant that brings together our parish family of all ages. Parents are encouraged to sign-up their children to participate as *Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angels, and animals* that witnessed the Good News of our Savior's blessed birth. **Parents, please notify Katie Wilson by next Sunday, December 3rd, at 11:30 a.m. if your children and you would like to participate (yes, we need adults also).**

Call or text Katie at 404/434-0877. Before signing up, please be reminded of the mandatory practice on Saturday, December 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. *The pageant is on Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m.*



HANDS OF LOVE

Hands of Love: November

"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 ready in your land." (Levit. 19:11)



All Sundays in November: Ecumenical Patriarchate Charities

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptechos Society will be accepting monetary donations to support the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey is the seat of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, *primus inter pares* or "first among equals" with the other leaders of the various Orthodox Churches.

His All Holiness is the direct administrative superior of dioceses and archdioceses serving believers in modern day Turkey, South and North America, West Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as Mount Athos. He is widely known and respected for his efforts promoting religious freedom and human rights. His initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's faithful, together with his work toward international peace and the protection of the environment, have earned him the respect and admiration of many religious and civil leaders. For more information about the Ecumenical Patriarchate please visit: <https://www.patriarchate.org>

Yours in Christ,

Anna Andreova Nagdenova, Hands of Love Coordinator

"And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men." Mark 6:43-44



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On this the 682nd 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!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Nativity Fast – continues through December 24th

Sunday, November 26 (13th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Sacrament of Holy Baptism/
Community Brunch
- 1:00 p.m. Deadline for Election Committee to Receive P.C.
Election Nominations

Wednesday, November 29 (Eve of Feast of St. Andrew the 1st-Called Apostle):

- 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service
- 5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (*please bring
fasting food; wine/oil permitted*)

Thursday, November 30:

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Training for Candidates (offered at
Transfiguration Church in Marietta, GA by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou)

Saturday, December 2 :

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hope & Joy at Church (for Parents Morning Out)

Sunday, December 3 (14th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes
- 11:30 a.m. Community Christmas Tree Decorations

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement
are essential and appreciated!***