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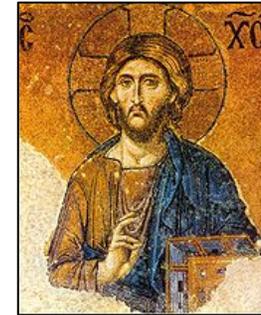
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 29, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE 13TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Holy Martyr Paramonos of Balsatia and the 370 who were martyred with him (+251); Holy Martyr Philoumenos; Holy Martyr Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth (+182); Holy Urban, Bishop of Macedonia; Righteous Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonika, and the Holy Priest-Martyr John in Persia; and the Holy Six Martyrs; Holy Martyr Phaedros; Righteous Pankosmios; Righteous Pituron; Holy Martyr Valerian; 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 (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:1-12)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Ephesians 5:8-19)

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

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:

Phil. 2:1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a

slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the Feast of His Holy Nativity, let us remember in our personal prayers as well as our efforts to prepare ourselves leading up to this blessed celebration:

- that we are blessed to serve as parents, religious educators, youth workers, ministry leaders, and instructors
- that through our One God in Three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we are God's One Holy People
- that we should never be a party to any division within the Body of Christ. Rather, our goal is to be perfectly united in mind and heart with all others who follow our Incarnate Lord.
- that we should always strive not to misplace our loyalties with this person or that one
- that Christ, of whom we are a part, is not divided. He is of one mind. So let us and all His people be together and in agreement.
- that we should seek to be like-minded, having the same love, one in spirit and purpose.

- And through the Name of Jesus Christ, the source of our unity and salvation, we can easily accomplish these things and more *for His Glory and not ours.*

May the loyalty of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child be God's gift to you this Christmas time and always. Amen.



TWICE THE GOOD
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE WILL BE DOUBLED

"For I was thirsty and you gave Me drink" — Matthew 25:35

Celebrate Thanksgiving by Helping Those in Need

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Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church. *Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.*

Hands of Love: November, 2015



The flyer features a red border and contains the following elements:

- Top Left:** An illustration of two hands shaking inside a red heart.
- Top Center:** The title "Hands of Love: November 2015" in a red, cursive font.
- Top Right:** An illustration of a turkey.
- Center:** A quote in italics: "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).
- Below Quote:** The Fayette Samaritans logo, which includes a red heart and the text "Fayette Samaritans" on a dark background.
- Text Body:** Several paragraphs describing the organization's mission, its history (founded in 1991), and its current support from over 50 area churches and businesses. It lists specific needs such as canned meat, pasta, and various household items.
- Bottom Left:** An illustration of a heart made of autumn leaves.
- Bottom Right:** A call to action: "Please consider showing your gratitude by donating to this worthy cause! Thanks be to God!"

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And on this 584th 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 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

Tuesday, December 1:

- 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Training for Candidates (offered at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta, GA by Fr. Paul Kaplanis)
- 6:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 3:

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, December 5:

- 9:00 a.m. Parish Council Training for Candidates (offered at Transfiguration Church in Marietta, GA by Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou)

Sunday, December 6 (10th Sunday of St. Luke/St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)

- 7:30 a.m. Orthros Service
- 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy
- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service (3 years) - Παναγιωτη Ζωγραφος
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 a.m. Community Christmas Tree Decoration/Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!