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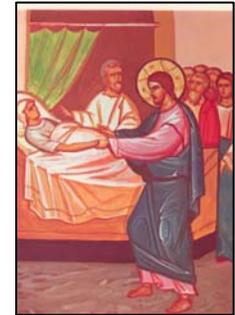
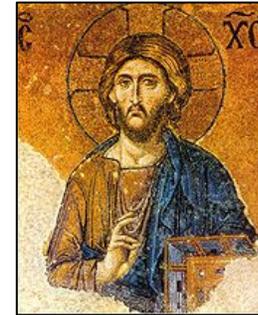
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 6, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE 7TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES our father among the saints, Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople the Confessor (+350); Righteous Father Luke of Tauromen (+800-820); Righteous Paul, the Fool for Christ; and Holy Martyr Nikandros. *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 (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

3. Hymn Commemorating Paul of Constantinople – (see handout):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Your confession of the true divine faith manifested you unto the whole Church as another Paul and zealot among the priests. With you together is shouting the righteous blood of Zacharias and Abel unto the Lord. Holy Father Paul, beseech Christ our God fervently, entreating that He grant us His great mercy.

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 unfailing 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 20:19-31)

“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.’ When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe.’ A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.”

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Gal. 1:11-19)

¹¹For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; ¹²for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. ¹⁴I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵But when God, Who had set me apart before I was born and called me through His grace, was

pleased ¹⁶to reveal His Son to me, so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. ¹⁸Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; ¹⁹but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:41-56)

⁴¹Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As He went, the crowds pressed in on Him. ⁴³Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴She came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵Then Jesus asked, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround You and press in on You." ⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I noticed that power had gone out from Me." ⁴⁷When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." ⁴⁹While He was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." ⁵⁰When Jesus heard this, He replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." ⁵¹When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵²They were all weeping and wailing for her; but He said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But He took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" ⁵⁵Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then He directed them to give her something to eat.

⁵⁶*Her parents were astounded; but He ordered them to tell no one what had happened.*

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

¹⁹"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone." (Ephesians 2: 19-20)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Those who are baptized in Jesus Christ do not need to strive after a new life. They have already attained new life through dying with Christ – as noted in the Epistle lesson from St. Paul's letter to the Romans (6:3-11) which is read during Orthodox Baptisms.

But, they do need to nurture that new life so it can grow and mature. That's what our Lord's Holy Church is for. That's what constant prayer is for. That's what faithful worship with our families is for. That's what consistent reading of Holy Scripture is for. That's what the Orthodox faith is for. It is like the Parable of the Sower. Many of those seeds sprouted up, but only a few grew into maturity. The rest withered and died.

The baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ is dying to our self-centered endeavors and being resurrected into a life marked by His grace and love. When we live in the baptism of Christ our Savior, we touch the hearts of others and help open them to the Holy Spirit and new life in Christ.

Can you afford to take a moment to consider whether you are living and growing in the new life you were given when you were baptized and chrismated into the Holy Orthodox Church – the Body of Christ.



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Hands of Love: October



"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)

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for
The Loaves and Fishes Program

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The Loaves and Fishes Program is one of the ministries of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Atlanta. They are feeding the poor twice daily with two hot meals. Also, they have a monthly distribution of sacks of groceries to individuals. All the Orthodox Churches of the city of Atlanta, with the blessing of Metropolitan Alexios, support the feeding of the poor and homeless of Atlanta through the food program at St. John's Orthodox Church. The Orthodox Churches supply the program with canned goods, left over catering items, money, and volunteers.

For more information, please visit <http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org/>

A sincere THANK YOU to all who donated to One Roof in August. We collected 73 pair of new underwear/socks, 36 school supply items, 15 pair of shoes, 18 food items, 5 towels, bed rail, 12 toothbrushes, and 7 shirts.

Kim Poolos
Hands of Love Coordinator



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Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry Sale

"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to promote the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions"

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 18th - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 19th - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm @ Church Address

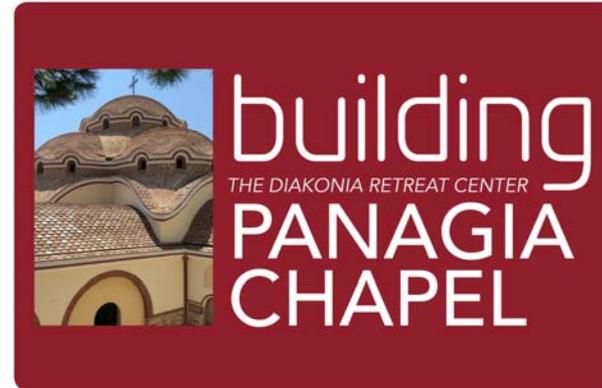
Order Deadline: November 10, 2016	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
Spanakopita: spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
Tropita: Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 10.00	\$
Baklava: layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 18.00	\$
Kourambiedes: sugar dusted butter cookies 		\$ 15.00	\$
Melomakarona: cookies with olive oil, walnuts and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup 		\$ 15.00	\$
Koulourakia: raised butter cookies 		\$ 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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WHAT IS MISSING?
YOU ARE.

The Panagia Chapel at the Diakonia Retreat Center depicts different designs that derive from the Byzantine era. It will allow visitors to connect with a civilization that dates back over a thousand years. By connecting with our roots and tradition through the design of the chapel we are engaging our “Ellinochristianikos Politismos,” or our “Helleno-Christian Civilization.”

Donate today to be a critical part of making this vision a reality.

**IN RESPONSE TO METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS’ APPEAL FOR ALL HIS CLERGY
TO INTRODUCE THE NEW PANAGIA CHAPEL & FURNISHINGS NEEDED, FR.
GEORGE WILL MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AND SOLICIT YOUR HELP!**

And on this 631st 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

Sunday, November 6 (Seventh Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:45 am Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

1:30 pm Philoptochos Board Meeting

Friday, November 11:

Order Deadline for Fall Pastry Sale

Saturday, November 12:

10:00 am Metropolis Strategic Planning Meeting (all invited – Carlos Hall)

7:00 pm Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Banquet

Please join us this coming Saturday at the Cathedral for the Annual Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Banquet. Let us join our parishioners as we honor Kirk Panayis and Eva Sarantis, our parish honorees. Although the deadline was this past Friday, Fr. George has arranged for those still wishing to go to call his office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 7th and give your credit card to JoAnne, 404/634-9345, x15. Tickets are \$65.00.

Congratulations to Kirk & Eva, our honorees.

Sunday, November 13 (No church services in Peachtree City Today – join us at Annunciation Cathedral, 2500 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329):

8:00 am Orthros Service (Annunciation Cathedral)

9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Annunciation Cathedral)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!