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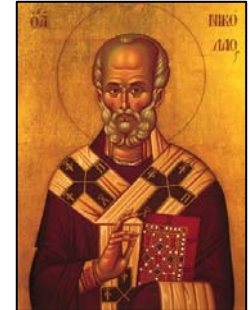
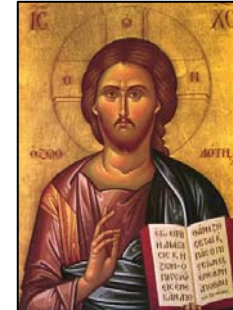
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Monday, December 5, 2016

**ON THIS DAY, THE EVE OF THE FEAST, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** our Father among the Saints, Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra of Lycia and Holy New-Martyr Nicholas of Asia Minor (1657). *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./4. Hymn for St. Nicholas the Wonderworker– (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung at the end of Great Vespers and before and after the Small Entrance.* The actual facts of your life manifested you to your flock as a rule of faith and an icon of gentleness and a teacher of self-control. By humility, therefore, you acquired the things on high, and riches through poverty. Father holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

#### **2. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (pg. 28 of Hymnal):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas, "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, among the saints glorified, we sing to You, Alleluia."*

#### **5. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):**

*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.

#### **6. 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.

### **7. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p. 328):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever." (Ps. 111[112]). Alleluia."*

### **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

<p>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</p>
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### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 13:17-21)**

*Hebr. 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing — for that would be harmful to you. 18 Pray for us; we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. 19 I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you very soon. 20 Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 make you complete in everything good so that you may do His will, working among us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:17-23)**

*Luke 6:17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them. 20 Then He looked up at His disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they*

*exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

*On this our 14<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker at St. Christopher parish, 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Nativity Fast continues through December 24**

*Monday, December 5 (Eve of Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker):*

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service

5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (*please bring fasting food; fish permitted*)

*Thursday, December 8:*

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

*Sunday, December 11 (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):*

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Parish Council Elections

10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes

11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting

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