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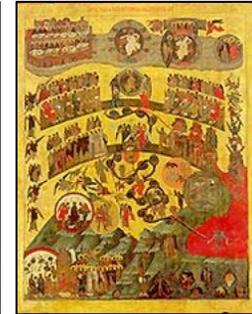
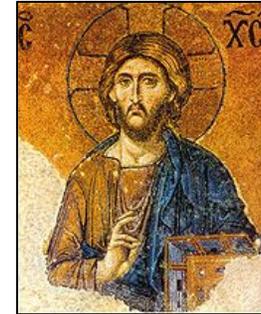
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 15, 2015**

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE TRIODION PERIOD WHICH WE REFER TO AS MEAT FARE SUNDAY, WE CALL TO MIND THE SECOND AND INESCAPABLE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ALSO COMMEMORATE Onesimus the Apostle of the 70; our Righteous Father Anthimus the Elder of Chios; and Eusebius the Righteous of Syria. *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.*



**Please join us here this coming Saturday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup>,  
as we commemorate  
*the Saturday of the Souls.*  
Orthros, 7:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.,  
followed by Memorial Service for our departed  
brethren. *For those who are able, please bring  
Kolyva.***

### **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER THE 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 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.

#### **4. Kontakion for Meat Fare Sunday – (Hymnal-pp.260-263):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* When You come to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all creation will tremble and a river of fire will flow before Your throne of judgment. The books will be opened and the secrets of all will be revealed. On that day, O just Judge, deliver me from eternal flames and make me worthy to stand at Your right.

## 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 (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)**

*"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their*

*conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.*

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 25:31-46)**

*"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you gave Me clothing, I was sick and you took care of Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from Me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not give Me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not*

*do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**MEMORY VERSE** *(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):*

"Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." *(Matthew 11:29-30)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*He's The Clumsy One*

Perhaps you have heard about the father who introduced his children in this manner:

"This is Pete. He's the clumsy one of the lot."

"That's Kathy coming in with mud on her shoes. She's the sloppy one."

"As always, Mike's last. He'll be late for his own funeral, I promise you."

That father did a thorough job of labeling his children with their faults and mistakes.

People do it to us and to those we love all the time. They remind us of our failures, our errors, our sins, and they won't let us live them down. Try as you may to free yourself from the past, there are people who will continue to remind you of it.

Next Sunday, you are invited to participate in our annual *Forgiveness Service* – a special tradition in our Holy Orthodox Church. Through this reconciliation to our brothers in sisters in Christ, and further, by exercising it with all our family and friends, our Lord enables us to have a chance to begin again.

When we don't let people forget their past, when we don't forgive, we label people with those mistakes. We refuse to see them as more than the sum total of their errors. On the other hand, when we forgive, we gently pry the doer of the hurtful deed away from the deed itself, and we say that the past is just that – it's in the past . . . it's over and done with. *I hope you will join us!*

## **PASTORAL APPEAL FROM FR. GEORGE:**



***I am asking EACH OF OUR ADULTS to donate \$100 (or more if you would like)! We need all of our families to help us achieve our SUPER goal of \$10,000 no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>! DON'T DELAY – MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY!***

***Make checks payable to Saint Nicholas National Shrine. I am calling upon you to help rebuild the only Church destroyed on 9/11 and to assist in launching Orthodox Christianity into American consciousness at a level previously unimaginable. The Saint Nicholas Church of Lower Manhattan is being resurrected as The Saint Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero and each Church of our Archdiocese is asked to support this critically important effort.***



***Our Philoptochos sponsored***

***Hands On Clean Up Day***

***is right around the corner...***

**Save the Date: February 28, 2015**

**10:30-3:00 (following church  
services and breakfast)**

**Please sign up to help- signup  
sheet is in the Narthex**

**☺ WE DON'T DISCRIMINATE:  
YOUNG OR OLD WE HAVE A JOB  
YOU CAN DO ☺**

**\* HOPE/JOY ACTIVITY \***

EVERY YOUTH IS INVITED!  
LIGHT SNACK\*COLORING\*FUN ACTIVITY\*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

DURING GENERAL PARISH ASSEMBLY  
MEETING (10:30AM)

Snack: COOKIES & DRINKS

Activity: LET'S MAKE A CROSS



And on this 546<sup>th</sup> 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**

Today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Triodion period – *Great and Holy Lent begins Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

**Sunday, February 15 (Judgment/Meatfare Sunday/ no meat after today for those seeking strict fast during Great Lent):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:30 am General Parish Assembly**

**12:15 pm GOYA Meeting**

**Thursday, February 19:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, February 21 (Saturday of the Souls – Bring Kolyva):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service (Bring Kolyva)**

**10:30 a.m. ECYDC Meeting – Tentative Time**

**Sunday, February 22 (Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday –no dairy Products after today for those seeking strict fast during Great Lent/OCMC Mission Sunday):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**10:15 a.m. Vespers of Forgiveness**

**11:00 a.m. Religious Education Classes (for all ages)**

**11:45 am Let's EAT™** Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St.,  
Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214

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