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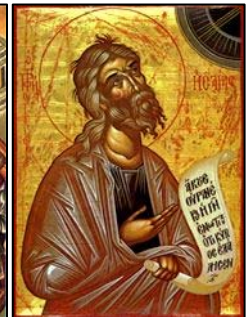
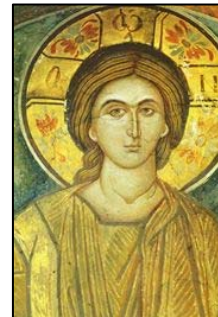
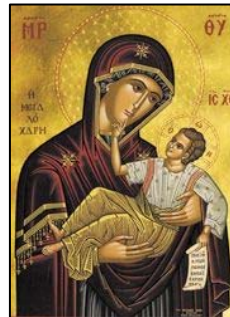
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Saturday, May 9, 2015

**ON THIS DAY, AFTER THE FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST, WE COMMEMORATE** the Holy and Glorious Prophet Isaiah; the Holy Martyr Christopher of Lycea, who is the Patron Saint of our Parish; the Holy Martyrs Epimachos and Gordian of Rome; the Holy Martyrs Callinica and Aquilina, who believed in Christ through St. Christopher and were perfected in martyrdom, the first being pierced with a long spit from foot to shoulder and the second being hanged by the hair of her head with a heavy stone tied to her feet. *In your infinite mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on 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./5. Hymn of Mid-Pentecost – (Hymnal-p.166):**

*Sung after the Great Doxology and after the Small Entrance:* In the midst of this Paschal season, Savior, let my thirsty soul partake of the waters of true worship; for You call out inviting all: Let those who thirst come to Me and drink. O Fountain of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

#### **2./3./10. Hymn for the Feast of Pascha (our Lord's passover from death to life):**

*Sung three times after the opening of the Divine Liturgy, before the Small Entrance, and after the distribution of Holy Communion:* Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

#### **4. Small Entrance Exclamation of the Priest:**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the Priest intones the following at the Small Entrance:* "In your choirs, bless the Lord, you of Israel's wellspring. Save us, O Son of God, who did rise from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia!"

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. Kontakion for Mid-Pentecost – (not in Hymnal):**

*Sung after the Small Entrance:* The feast according to the Law at its midpoint, as the Creator and the Master of all things, O Christ our God, to those who were present there You said, "Come that you might draw from Me the

water of immortality.” Hence with faith we cry to You, as we prostrate before You. Grant Your compassions unto us, O Lord. For You, O Savior, are the fountain of our life.

**8. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) for Mid-Pentecost– (not in Hymnal):**

*Today, the following hymn is sung instead of "Axion Estin" or "Truly it is proper to call you blessed...":* “Virginity is a state alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to those who are virgins. But in you, Theotokos, have both of these been accomplished. And therefore we of every race on earth unceasingly pronounce you blest.”

**9. Communion Hymn – (not in Hymnal):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord...":* “Those who eat My flesh and drink My blood abide in Me and I in them.” So said the Lord. (John 6:56)

**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
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**Epistle Reading (Acts 12:1-11)**

*12About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. 6The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. 7Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. 8The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. 11Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent His angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."*

## **Gospel Reading (John 8:31-42)**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, “If you continue in My word, you are truly My disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered Him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do You mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup>I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill Me, because there is no place in you for My word. <sup>38</sup>I declare what I have seen in the Father’s presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.” <sup>39</sup>They answered Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing what Abraham did, <sup>40</sup>but now you are trying to kill Me, a Man Who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup>You are indeed doing what your father does.” They said to Him, “We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God Himself.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on My own, but He sent Me.



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And on this the twelfth anniversary of the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Christopher, 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!

## **WORSHIP & COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 9 (Feast Day of St. Christopher the Martyr – Name Day of our Parish):**

**8:15 a.m. Orthros Service**

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

**10:15 a.m. Parish Breakfast**

**10:30 a.m. Baking for GreekFest (Spanakopites)**

**Sunday, May 10: (Sunday of the Samaritan Woman/Mother’s Day):**

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

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Mother’s Day & Parish Name Day Luncheon**

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