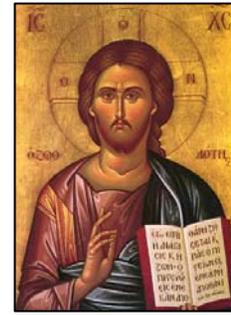
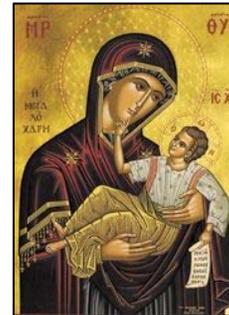




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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, June 14, 2015**

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE Elisha the Prophet (+850 B.C.); Methodios the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (+858); and Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna (Crete). *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

*Fr. George welcomes our Metropolis Ierokyrix, Fr. Christodoulos today and thanks him for his visit. Fr. George & Presbyteria Marinda are away from Atlanta.*

### **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 Elisha the Prophet – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias (Elijah), who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

### **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 (Mark 16:1-8)**

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

### **Epistle Reading (Romans 2:10-16)**

<sup>10</sup>*but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. <sup>11</sup>For God shows no partiality. <sup>12</sup>All who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup>For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous in God's sight, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup>When Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, these, though not having the law, are a law to themselves. <sup>15</sup>They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, to which their own conscience also bears witness; and their conflicting thoughts will accuse or perhaps excuse*

them <sup>16</sup> on the day when, according to my gospel, God, through Jesus Christ, will judge the secret thoughts of all.

### **Gospel Reading (Matthew 4:18-23)**

<sup>18</sup>As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. <sup>21</sup>As He went from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and He called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

#### **THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

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

*“People were bringing little children to Him in order that He might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’”*

As sons and daughters of our Lord, Jesus Christ instructs us not to do anything to prevent our children – whether our babies or young children – from knowing the grace and power of Jesus! Even more than that, we

must actively encourage and help the Lord's "little children" to find their place in Jesus' family, have their needs fulfilled by Jesus' grace, and use their gifts as part of Jesus' Body.

### **Prayer for Our Parish Families in Support of Our Youth:**

*O Heavenly Father, thank You for our precious children. Please help me to never put off a child who needs to know Your love. Help me and use me, O Lord, to show all our youth Your love and help them grow in Your image and likeness to serve for your glory. May Your Holy Spirit guide me in my responsibilities with a spirit of love and mercy.*



*May all children live a life of love and share that love with those around them. May they always be strong and courageous in their character and in their actions. Help them to do what is right and just and fair. Grant that they will learn responsibility, and help them to live a life of thankfulness. Give them health and strength and show them Your path. Take them into Your arms and bless them as You embraced children when You visited us on earth. Hear their prayers each day, and ever remind them that You are always with them. Make them sleep in peace and awaken in the morning to love You and serve You. For to You we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

And on this 561<sup>st</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!

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## **COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, June 14: (Second Sunday of St. Matthew):**

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

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship/Sacrament of Holy Confession offered by our Ierokyrix, Fr. Christodoulos**

**Fast of Holy Apostles continues through June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, June 18:**

**6:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

**Sunday, June 21: (Third Sunday of St. Matthew/Father's Day):**

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

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Father's Day Luncheon/GOYA Meeting**

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

## **Hands of Love: June, 2015**



**Georgia Division of Family and  
Children Services**

In order to assist the Fayette County division of DFCS, we will be collecting gift cards for food and clothing. The Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) is the part of the Department of Human Services (DHS) that investigates child abuse; finds foster homes for abused and neglected children; helps low income, out-of-work parents get back on their feet; assists with childcare costs for low income parents who are working or in job training; and provides numerous support services and innovative programs to help troubled families.