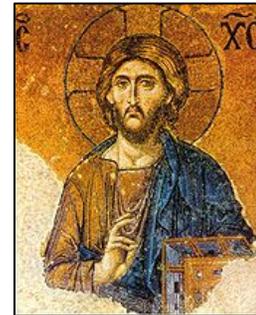




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 17, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon (+451); **WE ALSO COMMEMORATE** Marina the Holy Great Martyr of Antioch (+289); Veronika & Speratos the Holy Martyrs; and Martyr Faust and those martyred with him. *Through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O God, have mercy upon 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 of the Holy Fathers – (Hymnal-pp.170-171):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, Glory to You.

4. Hymn of St. Marina the Great Martyr – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly, O Jesus and she says, "For my Bride-groom, do I long, and seeking You I now contend; and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. I die for You, that I may also live in You. Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice as I offer myself to You with love." At her entreaties and intercessions, save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

5. 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.

6. 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

<p><i>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.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:1-12)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Epistle Reading (Titus 3:8-15)

Titus 3:8 The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. 9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, 11

since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. 14 And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:14-19)

Matt. 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.” (Psalm 29:2)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGEZ

(PARTIAL RE-PRINTING FROM LAST SUNDAY, 7/10/16):

[In respect and support for His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, and with the hope and goal of bringing the core message of this past week’s Clergy Laity

Congress in Nashville as a seed to be planted, nurtured, and its fruit harvested at our St. Christopher Church, I share the Keynote Address of Archbishop Demetrios. I also thank Tom Farmakis, Pat MacDougall, Dina Tagalos Kearns, and Alexandra Tagalos for joining me and donating their time to represent our parish family.]

You Are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World
As the Father has sent me, so I send you
(John 20:21)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

By His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America

43rd CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

Nashville, TN

Monday, July 4, 2016

E. Concluding Remarks

Allow me now to conclude by emphasizing the need to engage in three major tasks:

Task number one: We need to proceed with a thorough evaluation and a serious revision of the material and the educational resources and means used in our Church for advancing our knowledge of Christ and the truth revealed by Him in the Gospel. We cannot be the voice of Christ without a profound knowledge of and connection with Him and with the contents of His saving teaching. Especially when we face the tremendous challenge of a changing world.

Task number two: We have to reach out and be the voice of Christ for our brothers and sisters who are not strongly connected with our parishes and come to the Church only on Holy Week and Christmas. They are plenty of them. This is a task that must be systematically organized and engage in creative action all the members of our parishes. Think especially of the disconnected families of interfaith marriages. Let them hear through us the voice of Christ inviting them to join our community of grace and peace in the midst of a turbulent world.

Task number three: Cultivate and organize the members of our communities in a way that they recognize the urgent need to go out and be the voice of Christ to the millions of people lost and confused within a changing world. In our recent Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church in Crete, this urgent need was repetitively and persistently presented and emphasized. Our communities cannot be enclosed to themselves and live in a spiritual ghetto. We have to reach out. Our voice as voice of Christ must be heard outside of the walls of our parishes. The entire America is our field within which the voice of Christ will resonate. But please, remember that the voice of Christ as language used by Him was a very powerful one. If you read the Gospels carefully, you will not find any occasion in which the words of Christ were uttered and had not produced immediate results, be it the healings, exorcisms, or extraordinary changes in the natural conditions. Here is a test for us: When we are the voice of Christ for the people who do not know Him, how effective is this voice? In essence, when offering the voice of Christ, we do what He did, in other words we produce works. In the Gospel of John, before going to His Passion, the Lord teaching His disciples offered to them a really amazing statement when He said: *he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do* (John 14:12). If we are His voice, and called to continue His work, we are the recipients of this amazing promise. Are we ready to really do what Christ did and even more? Are we ready to be His powerful, healing, illuminating voice? Are we willing and ready to change our changing world?

Let us ask God to be with us in this awesome work which He is opening for us.

And on this 615th 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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Hands of Love: July

"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)



All Sundays in July : Soldiers' Angels

When you give to Soldiers' Angels, you help make life just a little easier for our military families, service members, and veterans. Unlike many other military organizations, Soldiers' Angels serves not only military families and service members, but also veterans of all eras. We are one of the few charities approved to work in the VA hospitals and provide direct support to our veterans. Your **monetary donations** can help in the following ways:

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Yours in Christ,
Kim Haldopoulos, Hands of Love Coordinator

Kim is stepping down after successfully guiding the Hands of Love Ministry for the past two years. We thank Kim for her hard work and leadership of this ministry.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 17 (Sunday of the Holy Fathers):

7:00 a.m. Orthros Service (*Note early starting time*)

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (*Note early starting time*)

9:45 a.m. Memorial Service – Athanasios Skouteris

10:00 a.m. GOYA Meeting/Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Hellenic Dance Practice

Thursday, July 21:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, July 24 (5th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

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

10:45 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!