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Liturgical Guide for Wednesday, July 20, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES *the fiery ascension of the Holy, Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah) into the heavens (8th cent. B.C.); Righteous Elias, Patriarch of Jerusalem (+518); and Flavius, Patriarch of Antioch (+518).* 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./2./4. Hymn of Prophet Elias – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, and before and after the Small Entrance: Incarnate Angel, Founder of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, Elias (Elijah) the glorious, Grace from on high was sent down to Eliseus (Elisha), illnesses he disperses and lepers he cleanses. Therefore to those who honor him flow healings.

3. 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.

6. Communion Hymn for Feast of Prophet Elias – (Hymnal-pp.323):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is usually sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "Exalt, You Just, in the Lord; from the upright praise is fitting. Alleluia!" (Psalm 32[33]:1)

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S 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

Epistle Reading (James 5:10-20)

James 5:10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “Yes” be yes and your “No” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. 13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. 14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. 16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. 17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. 19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, 20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Gospel Reading (Luke 4:22-30)

Luke 4:22 All spoke well of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” 23 He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in Your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” 24 And He said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. 25 But the truth is, there

were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 They got up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl Him off the cliff. 30 But He passed through the midst of them and went on His way.

On this the twelfth Feast of Prophet Elias at 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!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, July 20 (Prophet Elijah):

5:00 pm Great Vespers

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by Community Dinner (non-fasting) & Book Study (bring your copies of *Being Bread*)

Wednesday, July 22:

6:00 pm ECYDC Meeting, followed by Religious Educators Meeting

Thursday, July 23:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, July 26 (8th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:30 am Orthros Service 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:15 am General Parish Assembly (see top of page for agenda)

12:30 pm Let’s EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!