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Liturgical Guide for Monday, July 27, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (+305); St. Nicholas of Novgorod, the fool-for-Christ; Anthoussa the Righteous Confessor; 153 Martyrs of Thrace who were drowned; Manuel the Righteous; and New Martyr Christodoulos. 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./3. Hymn of St. Panteleimon – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, and before and after the Small Entrance: O victorious Healer, Saint Panteleimon, intercede to merciful God to grant forgiveness to our souls.

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 for 8/6 Feast of Transfiguration – (Hymnal-pp.284-287):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could bear, so that when they see You crucified they will know that You suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.328):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever. (Ps. 111[112]). Alleluia."

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 (2 Tim. 2:1-10)

2You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ²and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Gospel Reading (John 15:17-27, 16:1-2)

⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. ¹⁸”If the world hates you, be aware that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. ²⁰Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him Who sent me. ²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³Whoever hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated Me

without a cause.’²⁶”When the Advocate comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who comes from the Father, He will testify on My behalf.²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with Me from the beginning. 16”I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling.² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God.

On this the twelfth Feast of Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer 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 27 (St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer):

5:00 pm Great Vespers

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

Thursday, July 30:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, August 2 (9th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:30 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

<p><i>Fast – Dormition of the Theotokos – August 1st – 14th</i></p>
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Monday, August 3rd:

6:00 pm Paraklesis Service (we will pray for the health and welfare of all)

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!