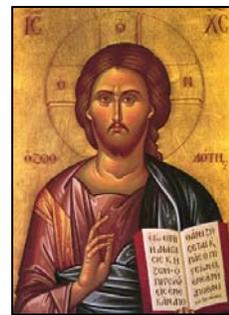




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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 3, 2016**

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE Holy Martyr Hyacinthos the Groom (+108); Theodotos and Theodota the Martyrs (+712); Holy Martyrs Diomides, Evlampios, Asclipiades, and Dalindoch; Anatolios, Patriarch of Constantinople (+458); Gerasimos the Holy New-Martyr of Karenesi (+1812); Righteous Ioakeim of Notena; and the Translation of the Holy Relics of our Father Among the Saints Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow. 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. 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 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.

### **4. 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></p> <p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **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 (Rom. 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:**

I wanted to share the following story to highlight various strategies being used to witness the “Good News” of our Lord, using its simple plot involving a passenger on a cruise ship who suddenly falls overboard.

The passenger who has fallen overboard cannot swim. In desperation, he begins calling for help. Several “would-be rescuers” on deck witness the incident.

The first person after seeing the man fall overboard immediately reached into his briefcase and pulled out a book on how to swim. He tossed it to him and he yelled: “Now brother, read that and follow the instructions and you will be all right.”

The man next to him had a different approach. He jumped into the water and began swimming all around the drowning man saying: “Now just watch me swim. Do as I do and you will be all right.”

The person next to him looked upon the drowning man’s plight with deep concern. He yelled out: “Now, just hold on friend. Help is on the way. We are going to establish a committee and discuss your problem.

And then, if we have come up with the proper financing, we will resolve your dilemma.”

The next man on deck yelled out to the drowning man: “Friend, this situation is not nearly as bad as you think. Think dry!” By this time the drowning man was going down for the third time and desperately began waving his arm.

Seeing that, the next man on board yelled out: “Yes brother, I see that hand, is there another? Is there another?”

*And finally, the last man on deck immediately plunged into the water, at the risk of his own life, and pulled the victim to safety.*

This Monday, our great nation celebrates its independence as a new nation on July 4, 1776. This occasion affords us a chance to thank God for the freedoms we possess as citizens of the United States of America. As stewards of God’s blessings and our personal freedom, let us recommit our allegiance to our country and its opportunity for us to choose to live life as God has directed us. Rather than squander these blessings on the failed approaches noted in the story above, let us imitate the life-saving rescuer: *Let us plunge ourselves into the water, even if it means sacrifice, inconvenience, or risk to our own life, and pull ourselves and others entrusted to us to God’s Heavenly Kingdom, here and now, and to the ages of ages to come.*

As encouragement, St. Paul shared to the first Christians in Thessaloniki, Greece some 2,000 years ago: “We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that He has chosen you, because our message of the Gospel [Good News] came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the

Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.” (1 Thess. 1:2-5)



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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:

**\$35** - Average amount needed for a care package to be purchased, packed, and sent,

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**\$100** - Average amount provided for food assistance for a veteran to help put food on the table,

**\$800** - Average amount needed to purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, including those suffering from burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, and amputation to help maintain some independence and to stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies.



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.*

## GOYANews

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am GOYA Meeting



Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, Braves Game: "Grab Bag" Night with fireworks. **See Anna and Christina Pelky for tickets.**

Sheryl Vasiliadis and Anna Pelky, GOYA Advisors

And on this 613<sup>th</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, July 3 (Second Sunday of St. Matthew):**

**7:15 a.m. Orthros (Note earlier starting time)**

**8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Note earlier start time)/Coffee Fellowship**

**Sunday, July 3 – Friday, July 8 – Clergy Laity Congress – Nashville, TN**

**Monday, July 4:**

**Independence Day – God bless America!**

**Thursday, July 7:**

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

**Saturday, July 8 (at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta):**

**7:00 a.m. Orthros Service - Annunciation Cathedral**

**8:00 a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy/Ordination – Annunciation Cathedral**

**Sunday, July 10 (Third Sunday of St. Matthew):**

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

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

**10:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting (Note earlier start time)**

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