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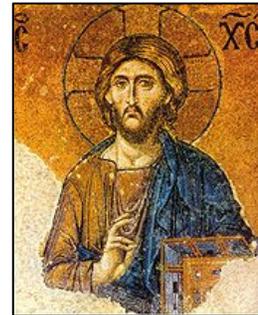
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 18, 2013**

**ON THIS DAY, THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, AND THE FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy Prophet Michaias (Micah); Holy Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apameia (+460); and Holy New Martyr Symeon of Trapezoundos (1653). *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 (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

#### **3. Hymn for the Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance.* O people, anticipate and leap for joy now with faith, and longingly congregate today applauding with joy, and all of you cheerfully shout now in exultation; for the Theotokos is preparing for her departure from the earth to the heavens with glory; and we sing hymns to her and glorify her as the Mother of God.

#### **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 Forefeast of the Dormition of the Theotokos – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance.* On this day, your glorious mem'ry, the whole world by the Holy Spirit's grace has been noetically adorned. With joy and

gladness we cry to you, “Rejoice, O Virgin, the pride and joy of Christians all!”.

### **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 (John 20:11-18)**

*“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”*

#### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 1:10-17)**

<sup>10</sup>*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.* <sup>11</sup>*For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.* <sup>12</sup>*What I mean*

is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 14:14-22)**

<sup>14</sup>When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” <sup>19</sup>Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>22</sup>Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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

“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name’s sake.” (Psalm 79:9)

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

A strong person works out every day to keep his body in shape, but a follower of our Lord with strength kneels in prayer to keep his soul in shape.

A strong person isn't afraid of anything, but a follower of our Lord with strength shows her courage in the midst of fear.

A strong person won't let anyone get the best of him, but a follower of our Lord with strength gives the best of himself to everyone.

A strong person walks sure-footedly, but a follower of our Lord with strength knows God will catch her when she falls.

A strong person wears the look of confidence on his face, but a follower of our Lord with strength wears grace.

A strong person has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a follower of our Lord with strength has faith that in the journey she will become strong.

*Are we merely strong . . . or do we rely on our faith to provide the strength to overcome life's difficulties and gain victory with our Lord?*



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And on this 619<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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# Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

Religious Education Director – Becky Butler  
Religious Education Liaison – Katie Wilson

- I. **Preschoolers Class (ages 3-5 years)** meets in the classroom next to the restrooms, and is taught by **Danielle Dawkins & Jackie Sarantis**.
- II. **Grades K-2 Class** meets in the classroom in the back of the Nave, and is taught by **Sheryl Vasiliadis & Pat Bassett**.
- III. **Grades 3-5 Class** meets in the Bookstore, and is taught by **Becky Butler, Misty Gianopoulos, & Emilia Moraitis**.
- IV. **Grades 6-10 Class** meets in the upstairs classroom and is taught by **Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis & Lydia McGee**.
- V. **Adult Class (includes College-aged & above)** meets in the Nave, and is taught by **Fr. George, assisted by Katie Wilson, Kirk Panayis, & Johnnie Ellinas**.

*Parents, please bring your students to church so that together, we may worship and learn our Orthodox faith. You hold the lifeline of your children's religious development and our teachers are here to assist and support you! God bless our efforts and each of you.*

# COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

## Sunday, August 14 (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Prayer Shawls

10:45 am Religious Education Classes for all ages (1<sup>st</sup> Day of New Class Year)

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

## Monday, August 15 (Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (non-fasting)

## Thursday, August 18:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

## Sunday, August 21 (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

10:30 am G.O.Y.A. Meeting

10:45 am Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

11:30 am Hellenic Dance Practice



*Hands of Love: August*

*"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 August: Cool Enough For School 2016**

Each summer, One Roof provides Coweta County families in need with vouchers so their children can select clothing from their thrift store to prepare them to go back to school. They need our help!

Please donate your **gently used children's clothing** or new clothing so they can help families in Coweta County. They also need lots of **new socks and underwear**. One way to break the cycle of poverty is to help children have the best opportunities for a good education. If you would like, feel free to attach a sticker encouraging the recipient!

One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach is a 501-3(c) non-profit organization located at 255 Temple Avenue Newman, GA 30263 (770) 683-7705. Federal Tax ID: 26-0157086. *Donation receipts are available for donations made as individuals.*

In June, we collected \$100 and \$175 worth of gift cards for Fayette County DFCS. Thank you for your donations!

*We welcome Kim Poolos as our new Hands of Love Coordinator.*



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support and mutual  
encouragement are  
essential and  
appreciated!**