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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 28, 2016

ON THIS DAY, THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Holy Father Moses of Ethiopia (+400); Holy Martyrs Diomedes, Damon, & Lawrence; 33 Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia; Job of Pochaev; and Synaxis of the Kiev Cave Fathers. 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 *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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.228-231):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus free from the stain of sin, we, your people, honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our life.

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 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

1Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of

Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:14-23)

Matt. 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, knelt before Him, 15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” 21 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

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

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

MESSAGE FROM METROPOLITAN ALEXIOS:

My Beloved Ones,

I greet you with love and joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am speaking to you today from Mt. Athos. This coming Sunday, August the 28th, the monasteries of the Holy Mountain—which still use the old Julian Calendar—will celebrate the Dormition of our Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

I consider it a great blessing to be able to personally commemorate this feast on both calendars, especially since the Mother of God is never far from my mind, and my heart. This Sunday, I shall pray for all of you: the clergy and the laity, the young and old; but especially for our children, that the Panagia may intercede with the Lord our God to give them the wisdom from above.

As we come to the end of summer, it is also a time for new beginnings. This Sunday represents the last weekend of the church year before the start of the Ecclesiastical New Year on September 1st. The Fathers have given us this date intentionally, as September 1st was traditionally harvest time, when we were meant to gather ourselves as the activities and labors of life began to slow down.

I realize of course, that in our modern era, this time is one of the busiest all year. Vacations end and school begins as many of us begin to move with great speed. Instead, let me encourage all of you to truly consider the Ecclesiastical New Year as an opportunity for resolutions of a spiritual nature.

Resolve to find a quiet moment to pray, before or throughout the workday. Make an effort to grow closer to Christ through reading of the Holy Scriptures. Armed with these tools, you will not only be at peace while the society moves faster around you, you will also move ever closer to the Lord our God.

This time of year brings me great joy, for it is when the new Sunday school year begins and our families return to their homes. Churches begin to busy themselves with luncheons, cultural groups and festivals. For this reason, I would like express my thankfulness to both the clergy and the laity, whose zeal for the Orthodox Church inspires their parishes to continue as loving and active members of the Body of Christ.

We have many exciting programs planned as we begin this Ecclesiastical New Year: the Clergy Retreat at our own beautiful Diakonia Retreat Center, the annual Archangel Michael Feast and Honors Weekend, as well as our post-Christmas Winter Youth Rally. I hope you know that I look forward to returning home to our Holy and God-Protected Metropolis of Atlanta to experience all of these, with you, the faithful.

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And on this 621st 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!

What Can You Do?... *(for GreekFest)*

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COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 28 (10th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/One-Year Memorial – Jo-Carole Whitlock

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

11:45 a.m. Let's EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville

Monday, August 29 (Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist – Strict Fast Day):

Thursday, September 1 (Beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year):

Sunday, September 4 (11th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

11:00 am Hellenic Dance Practice

11:30 am Philoptochos Board Meeting



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!

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

We welcome Kim Poolas as our new Hands of Love Coordinator.



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