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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 30, 2015

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES *the Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Beheading of the Holy, Glorious, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John; Holy Fathers, Patriarchs of Constantinople: Alexander (+340), Paul IV (+784), and John; Phantinos and January, Martyrs; Holy 16 Martyrs of Thebes; and Holy Six Martyrs of Melitini. 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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

3. Hymn for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Remembrance by the just is praiseworthy, but being witness of the Lord suffices you, O Forerunner. A Prophet in truth and most revered, you have been revealed and approved worthy to baptize Him Whom you did proclaim. Therefore, as you are champion of the Truth, rejoicing that even to Hades is proclaimed, that God is manifested in the flesh, the sacrifice, for the sins of the world, and granting to us, the great mercy.

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 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 (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 During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 16:13-24)

1Cor. 16:13 Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done in love. 15 Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; 16 I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. 17 I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; 18

for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such persons. 19 The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. 20 All the brothers and sisters send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. 21 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. 22 Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord. Our Lord, come! 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. 24 My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 21:33-42)

Matt. 21:33 “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ 39 So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Let the beauty of the LORD our GOD be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands for us.”

(Psalm 90:17)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

As we begin a new ecclesiastical year on September 1st, I am sharing a story I like with the hope that it will remind us of the importance and far-reaching impact of using *patience* in our day-to-day experiences. Perhaps it will prove useful to guide us when we are tempted to become impatient with those God puts in our lives each day.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about Grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up."

The four year old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That

evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

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And on this 572nd 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!



St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
Adult Religious Education Class – Fr. George Tsahakis
Sunday, August 23, 2015

St Paisios the New of Mt Athos

St Paisios the New of Mt Athos (1924 – 1994) was canonized on 13 January 2015 by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Church commemorates Saint Paisios on July 12.



He was one of the greatest and most revered Elders of the Orthodox Church of our time and he was known by his visitors for his gentle manner and acceptance of those who came to receive his advice, counsel, and blessing. He committed himself entirely into the hands of God and God in turn gave him as a light and guide to all who seek the Truth and salvation. His life, miracles, and teachings continue to touch the hearts of people throughout the world to this day. His words of counsel continue to be published in many books.

On July the 12th St Paisios gave his soul into God's keeping. He was buried, according to his wishes, at the Monastery of St. John the Theologian in Souroti where thousands of pilgrims visit his tomb each year.

Adults...

Join us today for our second Religious Education Class for the new year. Last week, Fr. George offered highlights of the life of St. Paisios the Athonite, who fell asleep in the Lord in 1994. Today, Katie Wilson will highlight the

sayings of one of our newest saints and challenge us to “put into practice his teachings of Christ and the life leading to salvation!”

Classes continue for all our grades! Please join us!

Deepest Condolences:

On behalf of our parish family, Fr. George expresses our deepest condolences to Jim, Sean, and Kimberly Whitlock on the falling asleep of Jo-Carol (Georgia) on Friday. We pray for God's strength for them during this difficult time, and we commend her family for their unending love and support to her. *May Georgia's memory be eternal!*

Fr. George and Presbytera Marinda are leaving immediately after services today to travel to Virginia. They will be away through Wednesday. If you have any special requests, please call his home after he returns on Thursday, 9/3. *Your patience and support is greatly appreciated.*

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 30 (13th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

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

11:45 am Let's EAT™ Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all!

Thursday, September 3:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, September 4:

Visitation (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)/Trisagion (6:00 p.m.) for Jo-Carol Whitlock at Carmichael-Hemperley Funeral Home in Peachtree City, GA

Saturday, September 5:

12:00 p.m. Funeral Service for Jo-Carol Whitlock at Annunciation Cathedral, 2500 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329

Sunday, September 6 (14th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

No Religious Education Classes – holiday weekend

Monday, September 7 (Labor Day):

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!