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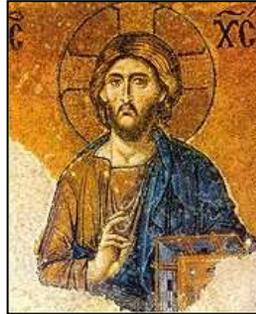
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 6, 2017

**ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES
The Transfiguration of
our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ**

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!

We invite you to enter your name and 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 TODAY

1./3./5./9. Hymn for Feast of the Transfiguration–(*Hymnal-pp.220-221*):

It is sung at the end of the Great Doxology, before and after the Small Entrance, and after the distribution of Holy Communion. When You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, You showed Your disciples Your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O .Giver of light, glory to You.

2. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (*pg. 28 of Hymnal*):

On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas, "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to You, Alleluia."

4. Small Entrance Exclamation of the Priest:

On the occasion of today's feast, the Priest intones the following at the Small Entrance: "For You are the fountain of life: in Your life, we shall see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to You, Alleluia."

6. Kontakion for 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.

7. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) – (*not in Hymnal*):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Axion Estin" or "Truly it is proper to call you blessed..." Now we have heard what was unheard of. For the Father's voice has gloriously borne witness to His Son, Who was born without a father from the Virgin, because the Son is God and man, in one person, to the ages.

8. Communion Hymn – (*Hymnal-pp.330*):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "We will walk in the light of the glory of Your face, O Lord, forever. (Ps. 88[89]) (3) Alleluia."

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S SERVICES

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 (Luke 9:28-36)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with Him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Just as they were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is My Son, My Chosen; listen to Him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Peter 1:10-19)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you. Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to Him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with

whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:1-9)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While He was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

MEMORY VERSES (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is His Name. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. "

(Luke 1:46-50)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, today, may we thank Him for the strength that He gives us to share and minister to others. May we acknowledge His blessings in providing us the many talents by which we may help others.

In spite of our wrongdoings against Him and our neighbors, may He show us great mercy in overlooking our ignorance and unbelief. May our Transfigured Lord provide us with opportunities and encouragement to serve Him and His creation.

Through our faith and our response to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, may we beseech Him to overflow in each of us the faith and the love that are available in Him. And may we always proclaim the truth that our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to save humankind. Glory to Him forever! Amen.



"Follow" & "Like" our Facebook page. *Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.*

On this the 667th 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!



Looking for help teaching your kids about Christ and the Church?

Let their Religious Education teacher help you!

Looking for Christ-centered kids for your kids to play and learn with?

Send them to their Religious Education class!

Looking for an in-depth discussion-based class with adults to deepen your knowledge of Orthodoxy in the world?

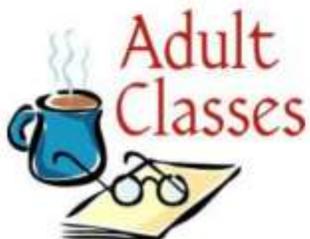
Come to Adult Religious Education!

And don't forget on the drive home to ask each other: What did YOU learn today?

Important Dates:

Religious Education Open House **August 6th**

First Day of Religious Education Classes **August 13th**



Peachtree City GreekFest 2017

Saturday, September 16th
Dixie Wing Commemorative Air Force Hangar

6:00 pm Appetizers
7:00 pm Dinner

We need EVERYONE'S help with this event. All proceeds benefit our Building Fund! Ticket price is \$60.00 per person.

Upcoming Prep/Baking Dates:

Prep for Spanakopita's
Thursday, August 3rd - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Rolling for Spanakopita's
Saturday - August 5th - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Prep for Tiropita's
Thursday, August 17th - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Rolling for Tiropita's
Saturday, August 19th - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Preparing and Baking of Kourambiethes, Koulourakia, and Baklava
Saturday, September 9th - 9:00 am

Preparing and Cooking of Dolmathes
Thursday, September 14th - 5:30 pm

** Please look for other dates/events on the calendar on St. Christopher's website, in the Parish newsletter, and via email!! Again, we need everyone to offer your time and talents **

If you are interested in being a committee chair or on a committee, please contact Tammy Soulakos (tammy@peachcity.com) Dina Tagalos Kearns (dinatagaloskearns@gmail.com) or Julie Skouteris (gsjs401mg@gmail.com).

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is from August 1st through August 14th

Sunday, August 6 (Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ):

- 7:45 am Orthros
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 am Blessing of the Grapes
- 10:30 am Blessing of 2016-2017 School Year/Open House for Students and Adults

Monday, August 7:

- 6:00 pm Paraklesis Service *(We will pray for the health & welfare of all)*

Wednesday, August 9:

- 6:00 pm Paraklesis Service *(We will pray for the health & welfare of all)*

Thursday, August 10:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, August 11:

- 6:00 pm Paraklesis Service *(We will pray for the health & welfare of all)*

Sunday, August 13 (Tenth Sunday of St. Matthew):

- 7:45 am Orthros
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)*
- 11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

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