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



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**Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, *Chancellor***

### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 7, 2016**

**ON THIS DAY, THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Righteous Dometios the Martyr of Persia and His Two Disciples (+363); Holy Righteous Father Nicanorus the Wonderworker (+1519); Righteous Father Theodosios the New of Argos, Healer (+921); Holy Martyr Sozon of Nicomedeia; the Holy Ten Thousand Ascetics of Thebes; Narcissus the Priest-Martyr of Jerusalem; Righteous Orr; Righteous Potamia the Wonderworker; St. Hyperhios; Righteous David; and Joseph Gerontogiannis of Lithines Sitia. *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. 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."*

### **2./4. Hymn for Feast of the Transfiguration – (Hymnal-pp.220-221):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. 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.*

### **3. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.*

### **5. 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.*

**6. Kontakion for Today's 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.*

**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 20:1-10)**

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.*

**Epistle Reading (Romans 15:1-7)**

*15We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Each of us must please our neighbor for the*

good purpose of building up the neighbor. <sup>3</sup>For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you have fallen on Me.” <sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel Reading (Matthew 9:27-35)**

<sup>27</sup>As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>28</sup>When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” <sup>29</sup>Then He touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you.” <sup>30</sup>And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, “See that no one knows of this.” <sup>31</sup>But they went away and spread the news about Him throughout that district. <sup>32</sup>After they had gone away, a demoniac who was mute was brought to Him. <sup>33</sup>And when the demon had been cast out, the one who had been mute spoke; and the crowds were amazed and said, “Never has anything like this been seen in Israel.” <sup>34</sup>But the Pharisees said, “By the ruler of the demons He casts out the demons.” <sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

#### **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)

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

As we continue to reflect and celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, 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.



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And on this 618<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!



ST. CHRISTOPHER HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Peachtree City*  
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## COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

*Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos began August 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through August 14<sup>th</sup>*

### Sunday, August 7 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Blessing of 2016-2017 School Year/Coffee Fellowship

10:45 am Open House for New Religious Education Classes for '16-'17 year

### Monday, August 8:

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

### Wednesday, August 10:

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

### Thursday, August 11:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Friday, August 12:

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

### 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 (Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy/Community Dinner (*please bring non-fasting foods*)



### *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 Newnan, 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 Poulos as our new Hands of Love Coordinator.*



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



## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

*Peachtree City, Georgia*

# Religious Education Classes for 2016-2017

*Join us for our Blessing Service this Sunday, 8/7 for the new school year – for Religious Education classes, and public and private schools. An Open House for each class will be offered after Coffee Fellowship!*

\*Note: Let us join together in supporting our teachers for their committed efforts this year. We thank them for their generous offerings. ***Classes include:***

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.*