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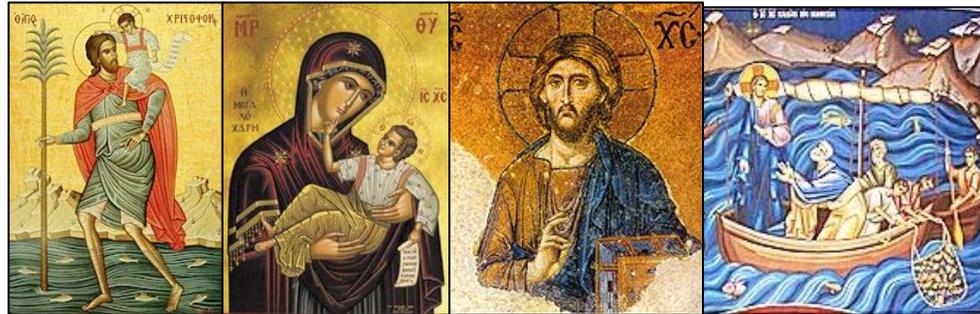
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Holy Martyr Kallistratos and his Companion 49 Martyrs (+304); Holy Martyr Epicharis; Holy Apostles Aristarchos, Zenon, and Markos, of the 70 Apostles (1<sup>st</sup> cent.); Holy New-Martyr Akylina the Virgin (+1764); Righteous Father Ignatios; Holy Martyrs Philemon the Bishop and Fortounianos; Holy Martyr Gaiana; 15 Holy Martyrs thrown into a burning ship and drowned at sea; Holy Martyr Gregory the Enlightened, Bishop of Armenia (+355); and Gideon the Righteous. *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 (Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

### **3. Hymn for Holy Martyr Kallistratos – (not in Hymnal):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance.* Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

### **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 – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

### **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 (Luke 24:36-53)**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. Amen.*

**Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)**

<sup>16</sup>What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>17</sup>Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup>and I will be your Father, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” <sup>7</sup>Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 5:1-11)**

*Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God, He saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if You say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with Him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Him.*

**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:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week I would like to share an insightful article in this week's *Huffington Post* by Santiago Calatrava, the world-renowned architect and designer of our St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero. What a wonderful article on the genesis of his design for our new National Shrine.

The link to the article is:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/santiago-calatrava/the-rebirth-of-the-church\\_b\\_8180514.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/santiago-calatrava/the-rebirth-of-the-church_b_8180514.html)

Let us continue to pray for its successful building. What a blessing we all will have. Thank you to all who have and are supporting this effort.



**Family Life Ministry**  
*Helps Orthodox families live Christ-centered lives with an updated blog, family retreats, and teaching materials*

**FLM Blogs:**

- "Dad's Corner": Reflections on Orthodoxy, written by Deacon Stephen Muse
- A step-by-step guide on ways to create and grow Orthodox Mommy & Me (and Daddy Too) Programs, written by Eleni Alexiou, LCSW
- Presbytera Jocelyn Mathewes' series on Orthodox Motherhood, "Joyful Noise," and Mrs. Edna King's reviews of Orthodox children's books
- A special seven-week series devoted to teaching children about an Orthodox perspective of death

**Pre-Marital Seminar:**

- Journey of Marriage Pre-Marital seminar, *mandatory* for all engaged couples in the Metropolis

**Family Retreats:**

- Manna from Heaven: A Retreat for single mothers and their children Friday, October 16th (6:00 p.m.) through Sunday, October 18th (12:00 p.m.)

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Family Life Ministry

# Don't Forget

Philoptochos meeting this Sunday September 27, 2015

5:00-7:00pm

At the home of Cynthia Cromartie.

*Please see below for items to bring and address.*



**We are having a HOTDOG COOKOUT so please bring items to go along with this menu base.**

**Cynthia is graciously providing the hotdogs, buns, condiments, and paper products.**



**Food Items by last name (please bring enough to feed 6 people):**

**A-H: Dessert- chips, pie, fruit**

**I-M: Salad/ dressing- any and all**

**N-R: Drinks- soda, beer, wine etc**

**S-Z: Side dishes- baked beans, coleslaw, onions, etc**

**Please bring a folding chair/ tailgating chair if you have one to ensure there are enough seats**

**Address for Cynthia's house:**

**600 Berwick North**

**In Muirfield Subdivision on Braelinn Rd.**



## Hands of Love: September 2015



*"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*

### Collecting monetary donations to benefit Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology offers graduate programs of study leading to the degrees of Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.), and Master of Theology (Th.M.). It is an accredited graduate school of theology, and as such has become one of the most important institutions of the Orthodox Church in the Western hemisphere. At Holy Cross, education is viewed as an integration of learning and faith. While committed to providing excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarship, the Holy Cross programs also reflect the religious and cultural values of the Greek Orthodox tradition. Holy Cross strives to fulfill the need of the Church to educate each generation of leaders, clergy and laypersons who, in their chosen professions, will exemplify the values and spirit of Orthodox Christianity. The institution is engaged in a variety of teaching, scholarship, service, and worship activities directed toward developing the intellectual and spiritual potential of students, as well as enabling the faculty to pursue teaching and scholarship in their various disciplines with academic freedom. Thus, it constitutes a unique environment of personal growth and intellectual maturity for those who provide the priestly and lay witness and leadership of Orthodox Christianity in the Western world. Holy Cross is located in the Greater Boston area, the "Athens of America," notable for its numerous colleges and universities. The city is student-oriented and rich in cultural, educational, and athletic opportunities. Our own campus offers a variety of cultural activities and intramural sports. The underlying source of all of our experiences is our deep commitment to our faith and heritage, which allows us to blend a unified vision of the past, present, and future in all that we do.

In July, we collected \$45 for Soldiers Angels. Thank you for supporting this program -- Kim Haldopoulos (coordinator)

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And on this 576<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!

## **COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, September 27 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship**
- 10:30 a.m. GOYA Meeting**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**
- 12:00 p.m. Let's EAT™** Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. Dutch Treat and open to all!
- 5:00 p.m. Philoptochos General Meeting at Cynthia's House**

### **Thursday, October 1:**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

### **Sunday, October 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke – National Church Musicians**

#### **Sunday):**

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service**
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service/Coffee Fellowship/**
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)**

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

## **Adults...**

*Join us for Religious Education Class today. Fr. George will review the article "Lessons from Encounters in Spirituality and Addiction" in the PRAXIS magazine you have received.*

***Classes continue for all our grades! Please join us!***