

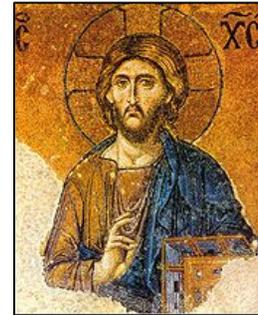


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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 8, 2017**

**ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Pelagia the Righteous (+461); Pelagia the Virgin-Martyr of Antioch (+284); Taisia the Harlot of Egypt (+340); and Phillip, Bishop of Gortyna. *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 *before* and *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 Righteous Pelagia – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Pelagia, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

#### **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**

<p><i>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.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>
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**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 During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 9:6-11)**

*<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;*

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)**

*Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. 12 As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother’s only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” 14 Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on His people!”*

**THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” *(Romans 12:17-18)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

St. John the Theologian, Apostle, and Evangelist is sometimes referred to as the “Apostle of Love” because through his devoted and spiritual witness, the light and love of God shone brightly. In his Gospel, he recorded Jesus’ counsel: “*By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*” (John 13:35)

As we share the truth and “Good News” of our Lord, let us remember that if we want our parishioners and those who visit us to recognize whether our parish is filled with Jesus’ disciples, we simply need to consider the following question – “*Do we truly love each other?*” I pray our Heavenly Father always provides us the means to enable our church family to answer “Yes” to this question concerning whether or not we share our Lord’s “love.”

Towards this end, may we always remember the words of Christ Jesus: “*‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your*

*neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Mt. 22:37-40) Amen!*



## *Hands of Love: October*



*"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 October: Loaves and Fishes Program*

The **Loaves and Fishes Program** is an important all-inclusive ministry of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church near Grant Park, in Atlanta. It is supported by all Orthodox churches of greater Atlanta with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios. The program provides **two hot meals a day** to those in need, as well as a **monthly distribution of bags of groceries** to individuals and families. For more information: [www.saintjohnwonderworker.org](http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org)

**Hands of Love**, a ministry of our **Philoptochos Society** will be accepting **grocery store gift cards** and **non-perishable food items** for this cause.

Yours in Christ,  
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, Hands of Love Coordinator

*"And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men" Mark 6:41-44*





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### **Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry / Appetizer Sale**

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Order Deadline: November 10, 2017**

Pickup Dates: **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ Church Address**  
**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address**

	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 12.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 12.00	\$
<b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 18.00	\$
<b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted, almond, butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Melomakarona:</b> cookies with canola oil, pecans, orange juice, and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup (egg and dairy free) 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookie 		\$ 8.00	\$
<b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona, and Koulourakia		\$ 20.00	\$
<b>Pastitsio:</b> luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$35.00 12"x9" pan	\$
<b>Tsoureki:</b> Greek sweet bread 		\$ 15.00 Per loaf	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

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## Today... We're Doing More For Each Other!

Our parishioners in good standing are invited to attend our Parish General Assembly meeting scheduled for today, at 10:45 a.m. This is a one item meeting - to seek the approval of the General Parish Assembly to formalize our Parish Council's recommendation from our September 10 Special Presentation to Parish (and the Parish Council meeting that immediately followed). The Parish Council unanimously agreed to a recommendation that we build a multipurpose building with a temporary church in Phase 1. We feel blessed that we had the presence and participation of so many at our September 10 presentation and we want to follow up now & move forward with a parish wide decision, seeking consensus, to formalize what we are building so that we have a common understanding.



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On this *the 676<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, October 8<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke)

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| <b>7:45 am</b>  | <b>Orthros Service (Choir begins Doxology at 8:55 am.)</b>   |
| <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Divine Liturgy/Religious Education Classes for youth begin with snack after they receive Holy Communion and continue through 10:45 a.m. Classes for adults are from 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.</b> |
| <b>10:45 am</b> | <b>General Parish Assembly (We have one item but are allowing extra time in case need arises. If not, it will adjourn before noon.)</b>  |
| <b>12:00 am</b> | <b>Parish Council Meeting (Meeting may begin earlier if extra time is not needed for GPA.)</b>   |

Visit <http://saintchristopherhoc.org/Calendar> to view additional dates...

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