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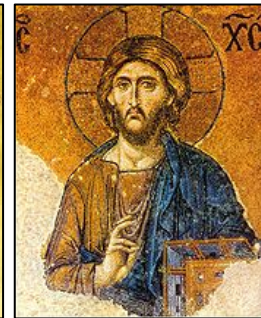
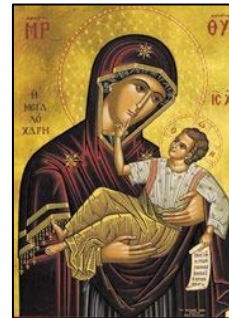
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Liturgical Guide for Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**The Eve of the Feast of 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 BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE

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

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, 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 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.

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..." Your birth-giving occurred without human seed, for it was God incarnate in the flesh Who came forth from Your womb: He was seen on earth and conversed with men. Wherefore, O Mother of God, we all exalt you.

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 DIVINE LITURGY

<p>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</p>
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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."

On this our twelfth Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord at 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!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

The Dormition of the Theotokos Fast continues through August 14th.

Wednesday, August 5 (Eve of Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

**5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)/Blessing of the Grapes/Community Dinner
(fasting; fish permitted)/Book Study (bring copies of *Being Bread*)**

Thursday, August 6:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, August 7:

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

Sunday, August 9 (10th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/40 Day Memorial – Helen Hayes

11:00 am Parish Council Meeting

5:00 pm Parish Outing to Atlanta Braves Game led by GOYA

Monday, August 10:

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

Wednesday, August 12:

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

Thursday, August 13:

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, August 14 (Eve of Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos):

6:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service/Blessing of the Five Loaves

Saturday, August 15 (Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:00 am DISC Training for Parish Leadership

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!