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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 5, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch; Our Righteous Father Eugene of Aitola; Euthymios, Patriarch of Constantinople; Christos the New Martyr of Prevezis; and Oswald the Martyr, King of Northumbria. 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 *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 for the Forefeast of Transfiguration – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O Faithful, prepare for the Transfiguration of Christ, and joyously celebrate as we observe on this day the Forefeast, and cry aloud: Coming is the day of the divine exultation. The Master is ascending the holy mountain of Tabor, in order to shine with the beauty of His divinity.

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 for the Forefeast of Transfiguration – (not in Hymnal):

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 21:1-14)

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

1Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but

you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:14-23)

Matt. 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, knelt before Him, 15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” 21 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

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)



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Religious Education Classes

*Classes will resume for 2018-2019
on Sunday, August 5th, at 10:30 a.m.*

**Fr. George will offer the
Blessing for the 2018-2019 School Year &
Open House for Religious Education
Students & Teachers**

*Please join our 2018-2019 Religious
Education Classes on Sundays, following
church services and coffee fellowship.
Classes are offered from 10:45 a.m. - 11:30
a.m. for all ages.*

<u>Grade Level(s)</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Class Location</u>
3-4 yrs. Pre-K/Kindergarten	Susan Kleto, Jackie Sarantis	Kindergarten Room
1 st /2 nd Grades	Becky Butler	Playroom
3 rd /4 th Grades	Shannon Johns & Co-Teacher	Corner Room by Choir
5 th /6 th /7 th /8 th Grades	Milena Taylor & Co-Teacher	Conference Room
High School	Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis, Jeanie McGee	Upstairs Classroom
Adults Class	Fr. George Tsahakis, Katie Wilson, Johnny Ellinas, & Kirk Panayis	Nave

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

As we anticipate the celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, August 6th, 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.

Building Pledges Update:



Tom Farmakis, Building Fundraising Chairman, with great joy and excitement, announced we have surpassed the \$600,000 pledge mark! He feels this is excellent progress, but we're still not done. The fundraising process is ongoing and dynamic, so please reach out to family and friends to share the good news. Likewise, some parishioners have already indicated they are increasing their current giving amount. This is a great way to build and keep the momentum going. *Now is the time to make this happen so please prayerfully consider your blessings and help us achieve our goal.*



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On this *the 717th* 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!



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COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos continues through August 15th

Sunday, August 5 (10th Sunday of St. Matthew):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- 10:15 am 40 Day Memorial – Bishop Iacovos of Catania**
- 10:30 am Blessing of 2018 - 2019 School Year/Open House for Religious Education Students & Teachers**
- 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship Reception**
- 11:30 am Blessing of New Playground Equipment**

Thursday, August 9:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice**

Sunday, August 12 (11th Sunday of St. Matthew):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship**
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes – 1st Day of New Year of Classes**
- 11:45 am Parish Council Meeting**
- 1:30 pm SCOM Meeting**

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