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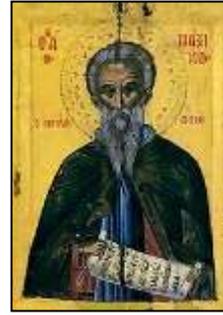
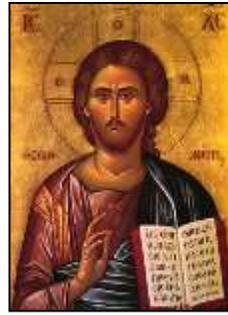
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 21, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE, WE REMEMBER. Maximus the Confessor (+662); Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea; Martyrs Neophytos, Agnes, Patroclus, Maximus the Greek and Eugene of Trebizond. *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 4th 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 of St. Maximus the Confessor – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

4. Hymn for Those Remembered in Today's Memorial Service – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

5. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

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 sung in anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord (to be celebrated 2/2) (Hymnal-pp.250-253):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

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 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Tim. 4:9-15)

⁹*The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance.* ¹⁰*For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, Who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.* ¹¹*These are the things you must insist on and teach.* ¹²*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an*

example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. ¹⁵Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 19:1-10)

Luke 19:1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"The LORD is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father's God, and I will exalt Him." (Exod. 15:2)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

St. John Chrysostom offered the following consideration on acts of charity: Imagine a carpenter with the crudest of tools. It takes him

many days to make a simple table; and its quality is so low that the price he obtains for it is poor. He has a choice: either he can spend all the money he earns on food and drink or he can set some money aside, even if it means going hungry, in order to buy better tools. If he does the latter, then he will soon be making good tables much more quickly, and so his earnings will quickly rise.

This choice is analogous to a spiritual choice that each of us must make. Either we can spend for our own pleasure all the wealth we possess or we can set aside part of our wealth to give to others. If we do the latter, then we may sacrifice a few immediate, earthly pleasures; but the joy we earn for ourselves in Heaven far, far surpasses the pleasure we have lost on earth. Every act of charity on earth is an investment in Heaven.



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On this the 690th 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!



Let's Begin the Journey Together

St. Christopher needs YOU
for a once in a
Lifetime Opportunity

- ❖ If you have not yet pledged to the Building Fund,
we want to talk to you
- ❖ It is CRUCIAL that we have every family's participation
to make our June 2018 pledge goal
- ❖ 30-minute meeting times are available at the church
with our Parish Council teams.

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The Liturgical Arts Academy

CHANTING & ICONOGRAPHY

May 20 - 26, 2018

Diakonia Retreat Center ~ Salem, South Carolina

Byzantine Music

Chanting Workshop: Intermediate



Instructor: John Michael Boyer

Students are required to have basic knowledge of Byzantine notation and modes and have a minimum of two years chanting experience. Students will lead the chant at one or more of the daily services.

Chanting Workshop: Beginner



Instructor: Constantine Kokenes

Students will learn the essentials of Byzantine chanting including notation, prosomia, liturgies as well as musical expression. All students participate in chant groups at daily services.

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Iconography Workshop: All Levels

Instructor: Rev. Anthony Salzman

Students will learn to paint an icon according to Byzantine technique. Curriculum includes the following: an introductory slide lecture of the history of Byzantine Iconography, introduction to color theory, gold gilding, as well as drawing in the Byzantine style.



The class is taught using acrylic paints. Materials are included in registration fee.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- *\$500 per student*
- *Cost includes a shared dorm style room, meals, class instruction and materials at the Diakonia Retreat Center www.DiakoniaRetreatCenter.org*
- *Registration forms available at www.TheLiturgicalArts.org*
- *Register by April 1, 2018.*
- *\$250 deposit required with registration and balance due by April 20, 2018.*
- *Please see complete details and terms and conditions.*
- *More information contact Presvy. Christine Salzman: info@theliturgicalarts.org 706-310-1306*

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COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 21 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Nick Christodoulopoulos & Evangelia Pantazopoulos, followed by Philoptochos Board Oath of Office
10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
By Appt. Let's Begin the Journey Together Meetings (*see inside*)
11:30 am Philoptochos General Meeting/Philoptochos Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 24 (Eve of Feast of Gregory the Theologian):

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. George will offer Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at the Archangel Michael Chapel at the Metropolis of Atlanta.
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service
5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Evening), followed by Community Dinner (non-fasting)

Thursday, January 25:

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, January 27:

- TBA GreekFest Planning Retreat
By Appt. Let's Begin the Journey Together (*see inside*)

Sunday, January 28 (Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee/Triodion Begins Today):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship
10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
11:45 am Let's EAT! at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA

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