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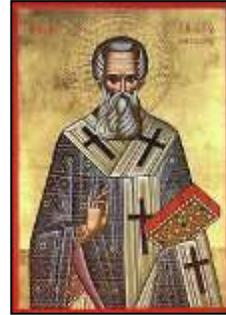
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

**ON THIS DAY, THE EVE OF THE FEAST**, we commemorate our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (+388); The Synaxis of the New Martyrs of Russia; and Kastinos, Archbishop of Constantinople. *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 THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

### **1./2./3. Hymn for St. Gregory the Theologian – (not in Hymnal):**

*This hymn is sung at the end of Great Vespers and before and after the Small Entrance: The shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpets of the orators; for as you delved into the depths of the Spirit, so you were endowed with the power of eloquence. Father Gregory, intercede with Christ God, to save our souls.*

### **4. 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.*

### **5. 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.*

### **6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p. 328):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever." (Ps. 111[112]). Alleluia."*

# SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM 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

## **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 7:26-8:2)**

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, He has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for those of the people; this He did once for all when He offered Himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. <sup>8</sup>Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, One Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup>a Minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

## **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (John 10:9-16)**

*John 10:9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, 15 just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. And I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

And on this the 15<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian 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 SCHEDULE**

### **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)
- 7:15 p.m. Building Committee Meeting

### **Thursday, January 25:**

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Saturday, January 27:**

- TBA GreekFest Planning Retreat
- By Appt. Let's Begin the Journey Together

### **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!***