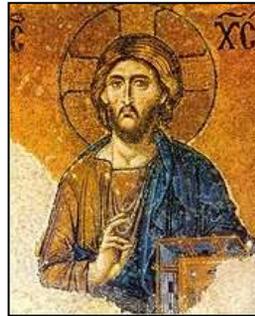




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 28, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE 16TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE PERIOD KNOWN AS **TRIODION** BEGINS, WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE PARABLE OF THE PUBLICAN (TAX COLLECTOR) AND THE PHARISEE TAKEN FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST. ON THIS DAY, WE ALSO COMMEMORATE Ephraim the Syrian (+373); Palladios the Hermit of Antioch (+431); James the Righteous; Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Ninevah; Theodosius of Totma; and Grace the Martyr. *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. 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 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.

4. Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord – (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 (Matthew 28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.

Epistle Reading for Today (2 Timothy 3:10-15)

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.]

Gospel Reading for Today (Luke 18:10-14)

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who

exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."]

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):
"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!". (Luke 18:13)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

People give to a winning cause, not to a sinking ship. This is an important principle for teaching the concept of "giving" of one's talents, time, and treasures. *The mission of God is a winning cause.* Our church family, at its best, is a winning cause.

God calls us to the winning cause of His mission of salvation for everyone. In the process, people will be helped; lives will be changed. There will be times of reconciliation, wholeness, caring, and justice. Much will be accomplished through our faithful efforts to assist our Lord as parish leaders.

In this context, I offer the following prayer. It would be good if we could pray this prayer each day of our life, and live it with our family and friends, with those whom we work with, and with those whom we cooperate and serve with in God's Holy Church. Indeed, it is a prayer of personal growth for our entire church family:

With the help of God, my family and friends, I am growing confidence and assurance in myself and others, developing new possibilities and opportunities, advancing compassion and encouragement, and building vision and hope. I pray I will complain and lament less. I pray that I will forget how to scold and whine. God help me to grow, develop, advance, and build – in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, until the ages of ages. Amen.

May we discover the steps we each can take personally to nurture these gifts, strengths, and competencies even more fully in our own life, our family, and our church.

Let's Unite On
National Wear Red Day



Philoptochos Invites You To Go Red For Women®

A national movement led by the American Heart Association, is taking action to help save our communities from heart disease. Knowledge is key in the fight against cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Join us and wear RED on Sunday, February 11, 2018

Know your Story. Know your Power. Know Your Family History

And know the red flags of heart disease and stroke. Cardiovascular diseases kill nearly one in three women each year — more than all cancers combined.

**Our very own Jeanie McGee will provide us with some important information;
this will be brief but very informative!**

Female parishioners wearing Red on Sunday, February 11, 2018 will be entered into a drawing to win the go red signature thermal bottle pictured below!



More information can be found at <https://www.goredforwomen.org>



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.

Go online to make your appointment:

www.saintchristopherhoc.org



AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1

Educational Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for Academic Year 2018-19

Scholarships will range from \$1000 to \$3500

APPLY ONLINE at www.ahepaatlscholarship.org

Application deadline—11:59 p.m., EST, March 1, 2018

ACADEMIC and ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or 83 out of 100 and be planning to be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university for the 2018-19 academic year to be eligible.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION and RESIDENCY / OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Several scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievement.
- Several scholarships will be awarded based on both scholastic achievement and financial need.
- One scholarship will be awarded in recognition of a scholar-athlete.
Applicants for the above 3 categories must be residents of the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Area.
- Three scholarships are available for students attending Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.
Applicants must be residents of the geographical area within the Metropolis of Atlanta and plan to attend Holy Cross Seminary
- One scholarship is designated for a student pursuing an advanced degree in Nursing.
Applicants must be residents of the state of Georgia and plan to be enrolled in a graduate nursing program approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Applications@ahepaatlscholarship.org

The mission of the Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund, Inc. is to provide both scholastic achievement and financial need scholarships to students pursuing post high school education. In addition, the Fund strives to strengthen community and country by promoting education through the development and implementation of various comprehensive programs.

*The Foundation is a tax-exempt Charitable Foundation established in Atlanta, Georgia in 1986 to promote, encourage and advance education at the college, university, and graduate and professional school levels. It serves the Cultural and Educational Programs of AHEPA Chapter 1, DOP Chapter 53 & AHEPA Chapter 519. **

*** AHEPA: American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association; DOP: Daughters Of Penelope**



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On this *the 691st* 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!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for 2018-19 Academic Year

The AHEPA Mother Lodge Chapter No. 1 Educational Fund invites high school seniors, college and graduate students to apply for the Johnny N. Economy Scholarship by submitting the on-line application with an essay on Hellenism. Scholarships are also available for students currently enrolled or planning to attend Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Scholarships will range from \$1000 to \$3500. Application deadline: March 1. Apply on-line at www.ahepaatl scholarship.org.

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE

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

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial (20 Years) – George Tagalos
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:45 am Let's EAT! at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA
- 2:30 pm Trisagion at Greenwood Cemetery for George Tagalos

The Week of January 29 – February 3 is Fast-Free

Thursday, February 1 (Eve of the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple):

- 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Service
- 5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Evening), *followed by Community Dinner (non-fasting)*

Sunday, February 4 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 am General Parish Assembly Meeting
- 12:00 pm Building Committee Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!