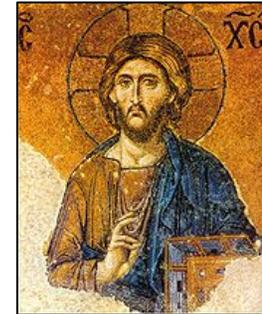




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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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## **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Ananias, Apostle of the 70; Romanos the Melodist; The Holy Protection of the Theotokos; and John Koukouzelis the Psalti. *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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Commemorating Holy Apostle Ananias – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O holy Apostle Ananias, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

#### **4. Hymn Commemorating St. Romanos the Melodist – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

#### **5. 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.

## **6. Kontakion – (Hymnal-pp.224-227):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: O unfailing protection of Christians, and our faithful advocate before the Creator: though we are sinners, do not ignore our entreaty; but in your goodness, grant your timely help to us who appeal to you in faith. Quickly make intercession; on our behalf make speedy supplication, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

## **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 (Luke 24:36-53)**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried*

*up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.*

**Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)**

*What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.*

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:31-36)**

*Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”  
(Romans 12:17-18)

## PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:



***This Sunday is National Church Musicians Sunday. I thank and recognize the contributions of all of our church musicians. What a blessing that it is the Feast Day of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church music.***

Each year, on the first Sunday in October (on or after the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist on 10/1), parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate **NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**. This commemoration was inaugurated by His Eminence, Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America in 1982, and has been re-affirmed by His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America.

**NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY** is a day we set aside particularly to honor the contributions of local choir members, *psaltai*, and music educators who serve their churches through the hymnology of our Orthodox Church. In addition, it is a day when we recognize the work of the diocesan choir federations as well as the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, who through their music ministry, strive to enhance the development of church choirs, church musicians, and liturgical music at diocesan and archdiocesan levels.



## Hands of Love: October



*"For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land." (Deut. 15:11)*

### All Sundays in October: Loaves and Fishes Program

The **Loaves and Fishes Program** is an important all-inclusive ministry of Saint John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church near Grant Park, in Atlanta. It is supported by all Orthodox churches of greater Atlanta with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios. The program provides **two hot meals a day** to those in need, as well as a **monthly distribution of bags of groceries** to individuals and families. For more information: [www.saintjohnwonderworker.org](http://www.saintjohnwonderworker.org)

**Hands of Love**, a ministry of our **Philoptochos Society** will be accepting grocery store gift cards and non-perishable food items for this cause.

Yours in Christ,  
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, Hands of Love Coordinator

*"And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men" Mark 6:41-44*



#### Looking Ahead to Sunday, October 8,...

Our parishioners in good standing are invited to attend our Parish General Assembly meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2017, at 10:45 a.m. This is a one item meeting - to seek the approval of the General Parish Assembly to formalize our Parish Council's recommendation from our September 10 Special Presentation to Parish (and the Parish Council meeting that immediately followed). The Parish Council unanimously agreed to a recommendation that we build a multipurpose building with a temporary church in Phase 1. We feel blessed that we had the presence and participation of so many at our September 10 presentation and we want to follow up now & move forward with a parish wide decision, seeking consensus, to formalize what we are building so that we have a common understanding.



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### Philoptochos Society Fall Pastry / Appetizer Sale

*"To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach to preserve the sanctity of life and family and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions."*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Deadline: November 10, 2017

Pickup Dates: Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ Church Address

Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am -12:00 pm @ Church Address

	Quantity	Cost/Dozen	Total
<b>Spanakopita:</b> Spinach & Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 12.00	\$
<b>Tiropita:</b> Cheese stuffed phyllo triangle 		\$ 12.00	\$
<b>Baklava:</b> layers of phyllo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened and held together with syrup or honey 		\$ 18.00	\$
<b>Kourambiedes:</b> sugar dusted, almond butter cookie 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Melomakarona:</b> cookies with canola oil, pecans, orange juice, and cinnamon soaked in honey syrup (egg and dairy free) 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>Koulourakia:</b> twisted butter cookie 		\$ 8.00	\$
<b>Sampler Dozen:</b> Package containing 3 each of Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona, and Koulourakia		\$ 20.00	\$
<b>Pastitsio:</b> luscious layers of seasoned ground beef, pasta, and a creamy bechamel sauce baked to perfection 		\$35.00 12"x9" pan	\$
<b>Tsoureki:</b> Greek sweet bread 		\$ 15.00	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

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["Follow" & "Like" our Facebook page.](#) Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.

During today's coffee fellowship, we also will be accepting donations for leftover donated beverages. All funds raised will be added to our GreekFest total and go to our Building Fund! Thank you!

On this *the 675<sup>th</sup>* 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!

## **COMMUNITY SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke – National Church Musicians Sunday)**

- 7:45 am** Orthros Service
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 am** Philoptochos General Meeting

### **Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 6:00 pm** Stewardship Committee Meeting

### **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- 6:30 pm** Choir Practice

### **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke)**

- 7:45 am** Orthros Service (*Choir begins Doxology at 8:55 am.*)
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy/Religious Education Classes for youth begin with snack after they receive Holy Communion and continue through 10:45 a.m. Classes for adults are from 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- 10:45 am** General Parish Assembly (*We have one item but are allowing extra time in case need arises. If not, it will adjourn before noon.*)
- 12:00 am** Parish Council Meeting (*Meeting may begin earlier if extra time is not needed for GPA.*)

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