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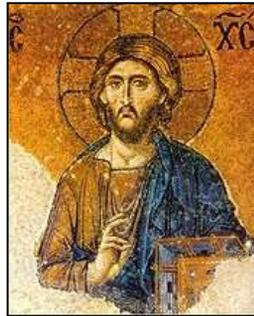
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 15, 2017

ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy and Blessed Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council who, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving monarchs Constantine and Irene, convened once again in Nicaea against those who impiously, in ignorance and inconsideration, labeled the Church of God idolatry, and removed the revered and holy icons (+787). We also commemorate Lucian the Martyr of Antioch (+310); Savinos the Bishop of Catania; Barsus the Confessor; and Euthymios the New (+880-900). *God have mercy on us through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers. 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 (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

3. Hymn of the Holy Fathers – (Hymnal-pp.170-171):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, Glory to You.

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 – (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 (John 20:11-18)

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”

Epistle Reading for Today (Titus 3:8-15)

Titus 3:8 The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. 9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, 11 since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. 14 And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy for Today (Luke 8:5-15)

⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As He said this, He called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” ⁹Then His disciples asked Him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’” ¹¹“Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when

they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (*Psalms 51:10*)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

I wish to share an insightful story about a man on a boat. He is not alone, but acts as if he were. One night, without warning, he suddenly begins to cut a hole under his seat.

The other people on the boat shout and shriek at him: “What on earth are you doing? Have you gone mad? Do you want to sink us all? Are you trying to destroy us?”

Calmly, the man answers: “I don't understand what you want. What I'm doing is none of your business. I paid my way. I'm not cutting under your seat. Leave me alone!”

What the fanatic (and the egotist) will not accept, but what you and I cannot forget, is that all of us are in the “same boat.” Scriptural verses that inspire us to live in mutual harmony include: “*If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*”

(Rom. 12:18) *“Therefore, my brothers, let us set an example to our kindred, for their lives depend upon us, and the sanctuary—both the temple and the altar—rests upon us.”* (Judith 8:24)



Hands of Love: October

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“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

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





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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."

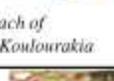
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Order Deadline: November 10, 2017

Pickup Dates: **Friday, November 17th – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ Church Address**

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

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

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On this the 677th 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15th (4th Sunday of St. Luke/Sunday of 7th Ecumenical Council)

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 am GreekFest THANK YOU Luncheon

Thursday, October 19th:

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 22nd (6th Sunday of St. Luke)

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

Visit <http://saintchristopherhoc.org/Calendar> to view additional dates...

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