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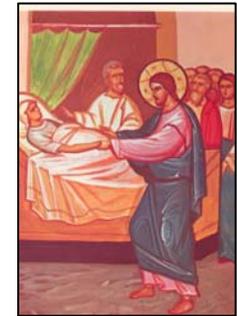
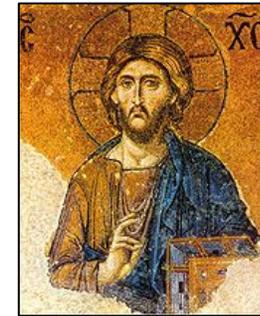
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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**Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, *Chancellor***

### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**ON THIS DAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** our Holy, Righteous Martyr Anastasia of Rome (+258); Righteous Father Avramios and his niece Maria (+360); Holy Martyr Cyril; Holy Savas the Commander; Righteous Mother Anna, who was renamed Ephimianos; Righteous Martyr Athanasios the Younger; and Holy Martyr Melitini. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

### **3. 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.

### **4. 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**

<p><i>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.</i> – St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (John 21:1-14)**

*After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and He showed Himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the*

*boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after He was raised from the dead.*

#### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Galations 2:16-20)**

*<sup>16</sup>yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup>But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup>But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; <sup>20</sup>and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

#### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 8:41-56)**

*<sup>41</sup>Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, <sup>42</sup>for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As He went, the crowds pressed in on Him. <sup>43</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her.*

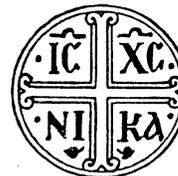
<sup>44</sup>She came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. <sup>45</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Who touched Me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround You and press in on You.” <sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, “Someone touched Me; for I noticed that power had gone out from Me.” <sup>47</sup>When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” <sup>49</sup>While He was still speaking, someone came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer.” <sup>50</sup>When Jesus heard this, He replied, “Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved.” <sup>51</sup>When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child’s father and mother. <sup>52</sup>They were all weeping and wailing for her; but He said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>53</sup>And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. <sup>54</sup>But He took her by the hand and called out, “Child, get up!” <sup>55</sup>Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then He directed them to give her something to eat. <sup>56</sup>Her parents were astounded; but He ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE** (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.” (Ephesians 2:19-20)

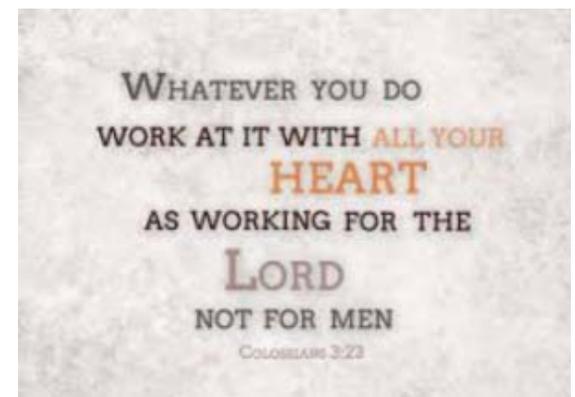
**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

***YOUR OWN GIFTS WE OFFER TO YOU***

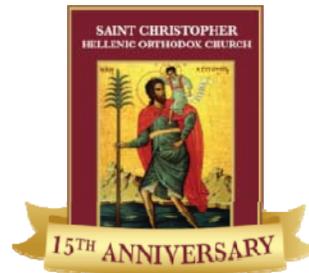


The Divine Liturgy is called the Eucharist because it provides us with an opportunity to thank God weekly for the many gifts He bestows on us. At the Great Entrance, we offer bread and wine to the Lord, which is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We also, at this time, offer ourselves to God with the hope that we will become transformed into the Body of Christ by our participation in the Liturgy and Holy Communion. The Priest offers the Gifts to the Father with the words; "We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts in all and for all." This means, "Lord, that which You give to us, we return and offer back to You, with our whole heart and being and for all the blessings and gifts You give to us." We take part of the possessions that God has given us and return them to Him. We also take our life and offer it to Him. On the "Prosforon," the bread that is offered by our faithful that becomes the Body of Christ, is found the inscription, "IC XC Nika," or "Jesus Christ Conquers." I shared the sign of the "Prosforon" above as a visible symbol of our Christian Stewardship gift because we believe as the wine and bread become the Body and Blood of Christ, that the offering we give through Stewardship is transformed into ministry for the glory of God and for the perpetuation of the Orthodox Church.

Your Stewardship offering is a very serious matter to God. It tells God what place He has in the priorities of your life. As God has been generous to us, He expects us to be generous to Him and His Church. Your Stewardship offering becomes the tool of ministry, salvation and healing.



We thank you for your being a special part of our St. Christopher parish family. **Please submit your Christian Stewardship Card for 2018 to our parish at today's special luncheon.** We ask for your continued support for the next year! As you prayerfully decide what to give, ponder upon the words:



***“We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts in all and for all.”***

As we begin our 15th year, we are excited to invite you to a Free Luncheon catered by Broadway Diner and donated by Steven and Pamela Theodorakis. ***Everyone is welcome to join us whether you R.S.V.P.'ed in advance or not.***



***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*





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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 Per loaf	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>			\$

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On this the 679<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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke/Anniversary/Stewardship Sunday)**

- 7:45 am** Orthros Service
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 am** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 10:45 am** 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Parish Founding Luncheon

### **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>:**

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. – come join us!

### **Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 6:30 pm** Choir Practice

### **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 am** Baklava, Kourambiedes, Melomakarona & Koulourakia for Philoptochos Fall Pastry/Appetizer Sale

**Note:** Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2:00 a.m. tomorrow (Move clocks one hour back before going to bed tonight.)

### **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>h</sup> Sunday of St. Luke)**

- 7:45 am** Orthros Service
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy
- 10:45 am** Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 am** Parish Council Meeting

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