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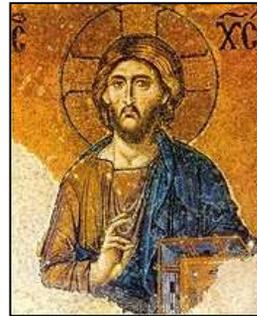
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 5, 2017

ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Galaktion & his wife Episteme, the Martyrs of Emesa (+253) and Patrobos, Gaios, Hermas, Linos, & Philologos, Apostles of the 70 (1st cent.). *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 First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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

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 21:15-25)

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time He

said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to Him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this He said to him, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to You? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to You?" This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Gal. 6:11-18)

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the

marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 16:19-31)

Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — 28 for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.” (Psalm 37:8)



HANDS OF LOVE

Hands of Love: November

"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 November: Ecumenical Patriarchate Charities

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptochos Society will be accepting monetary donations to support the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.



The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey is the seat of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, *primus inter pares* or "first among equals" with the other leaders of the various Orthodox Churches.

His All Holiness is the direct administrative superior of dioceses and archdioceses serving believers in modern day Turkey, South and North America, West Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as Mount Athos. He is widely known and respected for his efforts promoting religious freedom and human rights. His initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's faithful, together with his work toward international peace and the protection of the environment, have earned him the respect and admiration of many religious and civil leaders. For more information about the Ecumenical Patriarchate please visit: <https://www.patriarchate.org>

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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Philotochos 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 17th – 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm @ Church Address

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

| | Quantity | Cost/Dozen | Total |
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| 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" x 9" pan | \$ |
| Tsoureki: Greek sweet bread  | | \$ 15.00 Per loaf | \$ |
| TOTAL DUE: | | | \$ |

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PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

“I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave Me to do. So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.” (John 17:4-5)

With these two verses, Jesus confirmed He had done everything God had instructed Him to do. Imagine . . . finishing your mission at the young age of 33 years! But *isn't that what Jesus did?* Often, we do not view “obedience” as a means of giving God glory. Instead, we look at powerful testimonies or hymns of praise as more fitting means to give God glory.

As your Pastor, I encourage you to consider leading someone to Christ as a worthy example of giving God glory. In so doing, never forget that it is in the *simple* yet difficult, *everyday* as well as heroic, *intentional* acts of obedience that we offer to God that enable us to bring Him glory! Obedience is worship *incarnate* – worship coming to life in *our* flesh. Rather than viewing *obedience* as a difficult and sometimes harsh undertaking, may we consider it as our unique means of praising God!

With our Lord Jesus Christ as our Guide, consider how He was obedient in His heart to all our Heavenly Father’s desires and instructions. While we sometimes falter and fail in our own *obedience*, let us daily ask God to forgive us, and to open our hearts to recognize that we offer Him glory when we obey Him, and when we seek His will. *Amen!*



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On this the 680th 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, November 5th (5^h 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

Wednesday, November 8th (Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salaphiel, Jegudiel, & Barachiel):

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. George & Atlanta Clergy 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 on the occasion of the Metropolis' Feast Day. Join us!

Thursday, November 9th:

- 6:30 pm** Choir Practice

Friday, November 10th:

Today is the LAST day for orders for Philoptochos Fall Pastry/Appetizer Sale

Saturday, November 11th:

- 5:00 pm** Great Vespers (Annunciation Cathedral)
- 6:00 pm** Archangel Michael Feast & Honors Banquet (Cathedral)

Sunday, November 12th (8^h Sunday of St. Luke)

- 8:00 am** Orthros Service (Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta)
- 9:30 am** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta)

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