

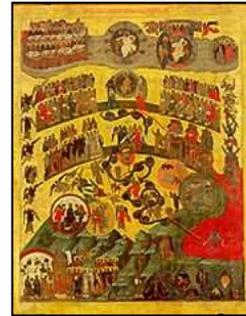
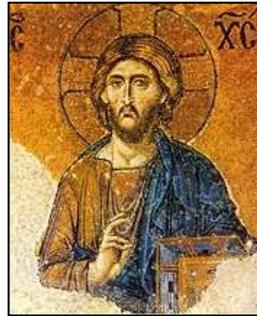


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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 11, 2018**

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE TRIODION PERIOD WHICH WE REFER TO AS MEAT FARE SUNDAY, WE CALL TO MIND THE SECOND AND INESCAPABLE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ALSO COMMEMORATE Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia; Theodora the Empress; Finding of the Relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Forerunner; and George the Serbian. *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.*



**Please join us here this coming Saturday,  
February 17<sup>th</sup>,  
as we commemorate  
*the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Souls . . .*  
Orthros, 7:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.,  
followed by Memorial Service for our departed  
brethren. *For those who are able, please bring  
Kolyva.***

## **SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

### **1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Third Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.106-109):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

### **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 for Meat Fare Sunday – (Hymnal-pp.260-263):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance:* When You come to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all creation will tremble and a river of fire will flow before Your throne

of judgment. The books will be opened and the secrets of all will be revealed. On that day, O just Judge, deliver me from eternal flames and make me worthy to stand at Your right.

**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></p> <p style="text-align:right">– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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**Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Mark 16:9-20)**

*Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.*

**Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)**

*"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who*

*possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 25:31-46)**

*"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will put the sheep at His right hand and the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you gave Me clothing, I was sick and you took care of Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when was it that we saw You a stranger and welcomed You, or naked and gave You clothing? And when was it that we saw You sick or in prison and visited You?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from Me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not give Me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not*

*do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

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

“Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” *(Matthew 11:29-30)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

As we approach Holy & Great Lent, I wanted to share a story to prepare us for this life-changing opportunity. Yes, my friends, Great Lent is “just around the corner” – it begins on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

*When I was in junior and senior high school, my friends would say, “We don’t do Lent.” I suspected that it was an anti-Catholic thing and happily, I no longer hear it. Notwithstanding, I still recall their old argument, “whatever they do, we don’t!” – a curiously convoluted, twisted and unhealthy way to decide on one’s religious practices.*

Whatever the reason for “not doing Lent,” I think it is a great loss for any Christian not to renew oneself spiritually and reconcile with God and one another. Every spring, baseball players prepare for the season with spring training; every spring, ordinary people prepare for summer by doing “spring cleaning.” So why shouldn’t Christians prepare and stay fit for the Lord’s Second and Glorious Coming while at the same time remember the most important events in His ministry, and what He did for each of us to ensure we would be with Him always.

If it helps you, why not consider Great Lent as a kind of Christian spring training and spring cleaning. To our Christian brothers and sisters who begin their lenten journey on February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday, let us pray for their strength and spiritual growth. We will join them on Clean Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Although our Pascha/Easter comes after theirs this year – Sunday, April

8<sup>th</sup> (as opposed to Western Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>), let us seek to restore, renew, and reconcile with God and one another and grow in spirit and love with our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, *during Great Lent . . . and always!*



Let's Unite On  
National Wear Red Day

### Philotochos 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!**

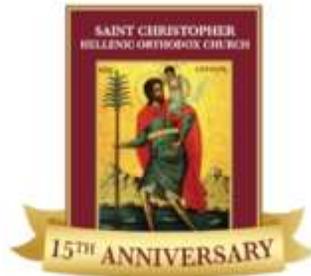
Female parishioners wearing Red on Sunday, February 11, 2018 will be entered into a drawing to win the go red signature thermal bottle pictured below!



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



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Dear St. Christopher Co-Workers,

We have some great news to share! Following our last General Assembly meeting when we voted to move ahead with private lending, we discussed the near unanimous voice of our Parish family to begin the process. I am happy to report that the Lender has agreed to move to the next step and we are beginning the process of preparing the necessary paperwork. Since we have agreed to a deadline of the end of June 2018 to secure \$800,000 in committed pledges over the next 3 years, we have a lot of work to do! Our self-imposed requirement to achieve the committed pledges is needed to keep us on our October 2020 occupancy date - so what we do between now and the end of June will be remembered as one of the most important causes in the history of our parish.

I used to think that my contribution would not make a difference in the overall goal, but I can tell you - every gift, big or small, is so important to our Parish family. Your participation and contribution matters, and it will make a difference! Every bit as exciting as meeting our \$800,000 goal is the fact that we have already achieved \$413,000 in committed financial pledges! So, it's time to roll up our sleeves - this is OUR TIME. Recognizing the challenges of everyone's busy schedule, we want to help kick start the process by offering convenient opportunities for individual families to meet with the Parish Council.

If you have not yet pledged to the Building Fund, we want to meet with you. It is CRUCIAL that we have every family's participation to meet our June 2018 Pledge goal.

30-minute meeting times at the church with our Parish Council teams will be scheduled via the link below:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C49A8AB2AAAFc1-lets](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0C49A8AB2AAAFc1-lets)

Plan, Pledge, and Build with us to make our Dream a Reality!

Faithfully,

Tom Farmakis  
Building Fundraising Chairman

On this *the 693<sup>rd</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, February 11 (Judgment/Meatfare Sunday/Philoptochos Go Red**

#### **Sunday):**

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

<p><b>No Meat after Today – Dairy, eggs, fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat. Monday, 2/12- Sunday, 2/18</b></p>
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### **Thursday, February 15:**

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

### **Saturday, February 17 (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Souls):**

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy, followed by Memorial Service (*bring Kolyva if you are able*)
- 10:30 am - noon *Let's Begin the Journey Together!* Meetings

### **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday – no dairy product after today for those seeking strict fast during Great Lent/Mission Sunday):**

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:15 am Vespers of Forgiveness/Coffee Fellowship Reception
- 11:00 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:00 am *Let's Begin the Journey Together!* Meetings

<p><b><i>Great and Holy Lent begins Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup></i></b></p>
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***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***