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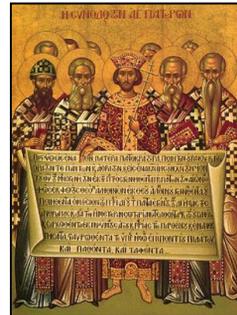
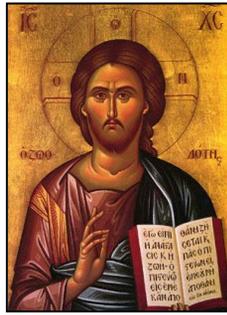
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 16, 2017

**ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon (+451); **WE ALSO COMMEMORATE** Holy Priest-Martyr Athenogenes; Virgin Martyr Julia; 1,015 Martyrs in Pisidia; & Martyr Helier the Hermit. *Through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O God, have mercy upon 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 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 for Those Remembered in Today's Memorial Service – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

### **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 (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 (Matthew 5:14-19)**

*Matt. 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke*

*of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

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

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.” (*Psalms 29:2*)

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE**

Each day, we have an opportunity to manage our *time* in a way that is either “task-oriented” or as “a gift from God.” Without realizing it, we daily confront exciting intersections of “holy” time and “work” time. Simply put, I challenge you to contrast “getting something done” versus “spending time with people.” Consider the wonderful opportunity we gain when we surrender and allow God to give us new and beneficial insights in our unique and unexpected daily experiences.

Much of our focus in the Church is oriented to offering our time and talents to God for the benefit of His Kingdom and sharing His salvation with all we encounter. While we seek to make the world a place where our children are safe and our neighbors have the dignity of human rights, we likewise strive to make our world peaceful and free of disease or hunger.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to remember that before we can *act*, we must open ourselves *to be acted upon*. The God of our salvation is the God of the Exodus, the God of the Cross, and the God of the Resurrection – acting in unimaginable ways in creation for our benefit.

Let us identify with Jesus' Disciples who needed to spend time with Him. We also can identify with the crowds coming to see Jesus the miracle worker. As Christians, we should realize that God gives us enough time to pray, enough time to work, enough time to play, enough time to reflect, and enough time to *just be*. In short, we all can claim the benefit of some "Jesus time."

When we draw apart from the demands of the world and claim the time God gives us, then we begin to understand what the crowds sought in Jesus. When we serve in our Lord's Holy Church and when we claim and witness God's love and presence in our lives, then His blessings pour forth in miraculous ways. Let us learn to claim the blessings that God has given us . . . *in His time* and *not* simply in hours, minutes, and seconds.

***"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you."*** (2 Thess. 3:16)



## Hands of Love: July

*"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 July: **Soldiers' Angels**



Soldiers' Angels serves active duty military and their families, as well as veterans of all eras. This is one of the few charities approved to work in the VA hospitals and provide direct support to our veterans.

Your monetary donation of:

- \$ 35 - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent
- \$ 50 - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at VA hospitals
- \$100 - can help a veteran put food on the table
- \$800 - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, amputation, and help them maintain some independence, as well as stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies.

More information at [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)

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

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And on this the 664th 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, July 16: (Sunday of the Holy Fathers):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Athanasios  
Skouteris/Coffee Fellowship**

**10:45 a.m. Philoptochos General Meeting**

### **Tuesday, July 18:**

**6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting**

### **Thursday, July 20:**

**6:30 p.m. Choir Practice**

### **Saturday, July 22:**

**10:00 a.m. Hope/Joy Swim Party *(see inside for details)***

### **Sunday, July 23 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):**

**7:45 a.m. Orthros**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship**

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