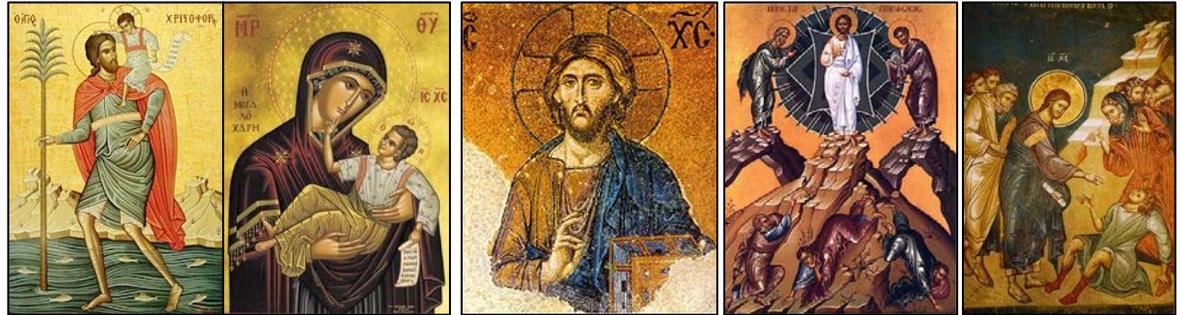




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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 13, 2017

**ON THIS DAY, THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Maximus the Confessor; our Righteous Fathers Sergius, Stephanus, Castor, and Palamonus; Dorotheus, Abba of Gaza; and Tikhon of Zadonsk. *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. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (pg. 28 of Hymnal):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas. "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to You, Alleluia."*

### **2./5./10. Hymn for Feast of the Transfiguration–(Hymnal-pp.220-221):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. When You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, You showed Your disciples Your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O .Giver of light, glory to You.*

### **3. Small Entrance Exclamation of the Priest:**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the Priest intones the following at the Small Entrance: "For You are the fountain of life: in Your life, we shall see light. Save us, O Son of God, Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, as we sing to You, Alleluia."*

### **4. Resurrectional Hymn (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.*

### **6. 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.*

**7. Kontakion for Feast of Transfiguration – (Hymnal-pp.284-287):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could bear, so that when they see You crucified they will know that You suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.*

**8. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) – (not in Hymnal):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Axion Estin" or "Truly it is proper to call you blessed... Your childbirth occurred without corruption. \* It was God, wearing flesh, who came forth from your all-holy womb. \* He was seen upon the earth and lived among men, O Theotokos; \* therefore we all magnify you.*

**9. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.330):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "We will walk in the light of the glory of Your face, O Lord, forever. (Ps. 88[89]) (3) Alleluia."*

**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 21:1-14)**

*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 (1 Cor. 4:9-16)**

*1Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.*

**Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:14-23)**

*Matt. 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, knelt before Him, 15 and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I*

*be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” 21 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.*

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

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

*(Romans 12:2)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:33-34)*

*What are your primary investment strategies?”* This is a logical question for a financial planner to his client. Perhaps it is not his first or second, but ultimately, he will ask it. Likewise, in the Scriptural passage above, our Lord is challenging us to face that same question. In the cycles of our national and world economies, there are “lean” times and there are times of “plenty.”

No *earthly* investment strategy is foolproof. Only when we invest in things that are *eternal* can we invest in things that are truly *guaranteed* – things that cannot be stolen, destroyed, or ruined.

As Christians, we are confronted each day with lots of choices to invest in our eternal future. Indeed, what we value as our true treasure will be the focus of our hearts.

*May we pray each day for God's help to build a portfolio of God's blessings, marked by generosity to others and a commitment to things that are eternal. Amen.*



## Hands of Love: August

*"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)*



**HANDS OF LOVE**

### All Sundays in August: WellSpring Living

Hands of Love is accepting monetary donations and non-perishable food items (20 oz. or less each) for this cause.

Wellspring Living provides transformative care to girls 12-17 and young women 18-32 in our area, who are at risk, or are victimized by sexual exploitation. Headquartered in Atlanta since 2001, it operates two phone lines, two residential programs and a Women's Academy. One of the four fund-raising Wellspring Living retail stores is in Peachtree City.

To learn more: [wellspringliving.org](http://wellspringliving.org) or "Make it Zero" - a book by Mary Frances Bowley, founder of Wellspring Living.

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



# Peachtree City GreekFest 2017

**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Dixie Wing Commemorative Air Force Hangar

6:00 pm Appetizers

7:00 pm Dinner

We need EVERYONE'S help with this event. All proceeds benefit our Building Fund! Ticket price is \$60.00 per person.

Upcoming Prep/Baking Dates:

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**Prep for Tiropita's**

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Rolling for Tiropita's**

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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On this the 668th 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**

*Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos continues through August 14<sup>th</sup>*

Sunday, August 13 (Tenth Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:15 am Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

10:45 am Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)*

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos -  
celebrated on Eve of Feast):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)/Community Dinner (*non-fasting*)

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> :

Noon- 3pm Batter Prep for GreekFest Baking (Tiropites)

6:30 pm Combined Chantors & Choir Members Meeting/Practice

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> :

9:00 am Baking for GreekFest (Tiropites)

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

### **Prayer Shawls Blessing Today**

As part of the celebration of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, Fr. George will be blessing the prayer shawls this morning. We are partnering with the Cancer Treatment Center of America (CTCA) and their program “Covers of Love”. The CTCA also accepts lap blankets for those patients who prefer their knees and legs covered. Ongoing assistance is needed with the preparation of the enclosure cards. To become a participant in this ministry, to help with the enclosure cards, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Susan Kleto at (770) 253-8469 or sbkleto@gmail.com. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.

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