



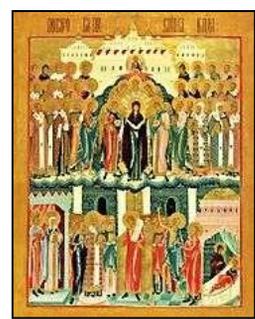
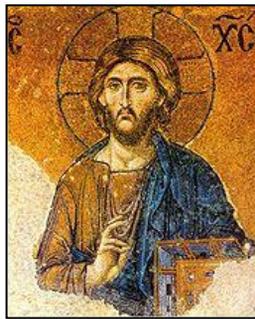
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## Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 28, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Holy Martyrs Terrence and Eunice; Our Righteous Father Steven the Sabbaite; The Holy Protection of the Theotokos; Arsenios and Athanasios of Androusa in Messenia, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Angelis, Manuel, George, & Nicholas, New Martyrs of Crete; and Rostislav, the Great Illumined Duke of Moravia. *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 Holy Protection – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. We sing the praise of the graces of your Protecting Veil, O Virgin, which like a light-bearing cloud you unfold beyond understanding, and you spiritually protect your people from every assault of their foe. For we have gained you as Protection and defender and helper, as we cry out to you: Glory to your mighty deeds, O Pure one; glory to your Protection; glory to your providence towards us, O Immaculate!

### **4. 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.

### **5. Kontakion – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Just as a bright cloud giving shade to the entire Church, All-pure Defender, for our times of need in days of old, on the royal city's walls you were our protection. To us your people, whose Protecting Veil you are today, grant a sure defense from every danger we may face, as we cry to you: Hail, Protection most radiant!

## **6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.324):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "I will lift the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115[116]). 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 21:15-25)**

*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 (Hebrews 9:1-7)**

*Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.*

### **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:**

*"22The glory that You have given Me I have given them, so that they may be one, as We are one, 23I in them and You in Me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me." (John 17:22-23)*

Regrettably, our world today is much divided. Consider the damaging personal attacks and negative commentary that pervades our culture and is reported non-stop in our daily news. "He said this... She said that... That group did this... This party did that...!" There appears to be such a huge rift between all the peoples of God's precious world. And finally, consider the hatred that generates the terrorist plots that we stand guard against daily. Indeed, in every area of our world, *division* seems the norm. The idea of "unity" is missing in our fractured, divided, and segmented world.

We divide on race, politics, country, opinions, and religion. Only when people choose to come together and cross the boundaries that normally divide us, do we approach the concept of *harmony*. Our perfection, our unity, our becoming “one,” is found in Christ Jesus. *Only in Him* do we find the means to bring down the barriers that separate us, so that all of us become one family. *Only in Him* do we realize that the things that divide us can become the very witness to God's powerful love. *Our Lord came to reconcile and reunite us*. Our calling is to live and love as “one” – *one* with our Lord Jesus Christ and *one* with each other.

Let us pray daily that God inspire all of us to become “one” in Spirit and purpose, “one” in faith and service, and “one” in His perfect love. Amen.

## **Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos in Blachernae & OXI Day *(continued from back cover of bulletin)***

Verses for October 28<sup>th</sup>:

*You cover and comfort with your protection, O Pure One,  
The faithful who look towards you, O Virgin.*

*The Protection of the Mother of God covers godly-minded Greece.*

Once, during an all-night vigil that was being celebrated in the holy shrine in Blachernae, the blessed Andrew went there, as was his custom. Epiphanius was there also with one of his children. He would stand there, as was his custom was, because his fervor gave him strength, sometimes until midnight, sometimes until dawn. And so, when it was already about eleven o'clock at night, the blessed Andrew saw with his own eyes a most extraordinary vision coming in female form from the royal doors with a dread entourage, among which was the Honorable Forerunner and the Son of Thunder, holding her by the hand on either side, and many saints, robed in white, went before her; while others followed with hymns and spiritual songs. When she drew near the ambo, Andrew approached Epiphanius and said, “Do you see the Lady and Mistress of the world?” He replied, “Yes, my spiritual father.”



And as they watched, she bowed her knees and prayed for a long time, shedding tears down her godlike and immaculate face. After her prayer, she advanced to the sanctuary, where she entreated for the people present. So when she had removed the mantle which she was wearing on her most-pure head and which had the appearance of lightning, she unrolled it and taking it with great reverence in her all-pure hands — it was large and awesome — spread it out above all the people who were standing

there. The saints saw it stretched out over the people for a number of hours and blazing with the glory of the Lord like amber. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, it was visible also, but after she had departed, it was no longer to be seen. For while she indeed took it with her, she felt behind her grace for those who were there.

At the prayers of your most pure Mother, Christ God, have mercy and protect us from visible and invisible enemies and save our souls. Amen.



## Hands of Love: October



Georgia Division of Family and  
Children Services

*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:  
Division of Family and Children Services in Fayette County, Georgia

We will be collecting **gift cards for food** to assist the **Fayette County Division of Family and Children Services**. Areas served are **Brooks, Fayetteville, Peachtree City, Tyrone, and Woolsey**.

The mission of the **Department of Human Services (DHS)** is to strengthen Georgia by **promoting self-sufficiency, independence, and protecting vulnerable children and adults**.

As part of the **Department of Human Services** dedicated to children, the **Division of Family and Children Services** investigates **child abuse**, facilitates **placement in foster homes** for children, helps low income and out-of-work parents get back on their feet, assists with **childcare costs**.



To report **Child abuse**, call the **Child Protective Services (CPS) Central Intake Call Center** at **1 (855) 6A-CHILD**. The **Customer Contact Center** is at **1 (877) 423-4746**.

Although the division is well funded and adequately staffed, your **gift cards will be of immediate help to a child, or a troubled family in an emergency**.

Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair

On this *the 728<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!

 ["Follow" & "Like" our Facebook page.](#) *Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.*

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

*Sunday, October 28 (Seventh Sunday of St. Luke):*

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship

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

12:00 pm Let's EAT!

**Check our website for more events that are planned.**

## NEW FOR NEXT SUNDAY...

### “Parish Thanksgiving Sunday”



... the custom of offering the Five Loaves monthly will remind us of the generosity and multiplication of the gifts of fish and bread that our Lord multiplied and shared with all present. Through this Orthodox Service, we return thanksgiving to God for multiplying our own gifts and hence, the icon of this miracle has been selected as our logo for “**Parish Thanksgiving Sunday**” ... *the first Sunday of every month!*

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