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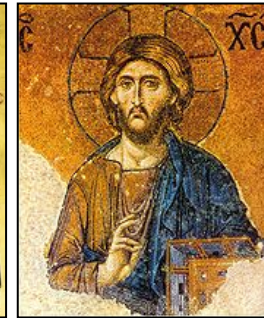
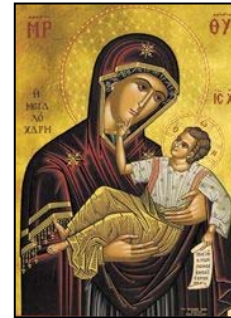
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## **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 14, 2018**

**ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** the Holy and Blessed Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council who, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving monarchs Constantine and Irene, convened once again in Nicaea against those who impiously, in ignorance and inconsideration, labeled the Church of God idolatry, and removed the revered and holy icons (+787). We also commemorate Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus of Milan; Cosmas the Hagiopolite; Praised Ignatius, Archbishop of Methymna; & Righteous Paraskeve of Serbia. *God have mercy on us through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers. 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 (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 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 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 – (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 20:19-31)**

*“When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.’ When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe.’ A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.”*

#### **Epistle Reading for Today (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 During Divine Liturgy for Today (Luke 8:5-15)**

<sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As He said this, He called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!” <sup>9</sup>Then His disciples asked Him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’” <sup>11</sup>“Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10)

## Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke, celebrated October 18

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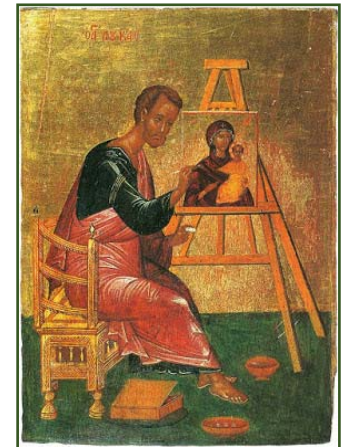
Notes:

\* There is a disagreement among historians and writers regarding the Apostle Luke. Some say that Luke went to Jerusalem while the Lord was alive on the earth and served Him as one of His seventy disciples, and it was he who accompanied Cleopas on the road to Emmaus following the resurrection of the Lord and became an eye-witness of the resurrection of the Lord. However, the present account follows the tradition of St. John Chrysostom who says that Luke never met the Lord while He was alive on the earth, but instead he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul. The latter view is most likely true, as testified by Luke himself in his Gospel: "Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word" (Lk. 1:1-2). This information he probably received when he accompanied Paul to Jerusalem, as mentioned in Acts 21:17-18.

\*\* According to one tradition, Luke wrote his Gospel fifteen years after the Ascension of the Lord, while residing in the cave now known as Great Cave Monastery in Kalavryta. Another tradition says he wrote it while in Alexandria, while another says it was in Rome, and another says in Jerusalem.

\*\*\* While writers such as Gregory the Theologian and Nikephoros Kallistos say Luke was martyred by being crucified to an olive tree in Thebes, others such as Elias of Crete and Nikephoros Gregoras say he reposed in peace, either at the age of eighty or eighty-four.

\*\*\*\* Collyrium is an antique term for a lotion or liquid wash used as a cleanser for the eyes, particularly in diseases of the eye. The word *collyrium* comes from the Greek *κολύριον*, which means "eye-salve". Pre-modern medicine distinguished two kinds of collyriums: the one liquid, the other dry. Liquid collyriums were composed of



ophthalmic powders, or waters, such as rose-water, plantain-water, that of fennel, eyebright, etc., in which was dissolved tutty, white vitriol, or some other proper powder. Dry collyriums were pastilles of Rhasis, sugar-candy, iris, tutty prepared and blown into the eye with a little pipe. Saint Luke became especially known for curing eye diseases.

\*\*\*\*\* One of these three icons, known as the Hodegetria, was sent from Palestine to Constantinople by the Empress Eudocia as a gift to her sister-in-law Pulcheria, who placed it in the Monastery of the Hodegon that she founded. It became the source of many miracles for the people of Constantinople, though it was likely destroyed after the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans in 1453. There are approximately seventy icons of the Theotokos attributed to the hand of the Apostle Luke. Among these are the ones located at the Monastery of the Great Cave in Kalavryta, the Monastery of Kykkos in Cyprus, and the Monastery of Soumela in Pontus.

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+Fr. George Tsahakis

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

In this season of political elections, I would like to share a story about a politician who was campaigning in a very close election. He had a firm grasp of the issues and many good ideas. Unfortunately, he had one shortcoming –he had no name recognition. Voters simply did not know who he was or what he stood for. To make up for this handicap, he resolved to get out and meet the voters. He needed to advertise and get the word out. He had to shake every hand and kiss every baby he could.

To handle the public relations part of the campaign, he had a very good friend. The problem was his friend wasn't very consistent in his performance. Often, the advertisements he placed in the media were muddled and even wrong. Once, during a scheduled campaign stop, no one showed up, not even the mayor of the town who was one of his supporters. The problem was that the candidate's "advance man" had failed to tell anyone that the candidate was coming.

The candidate's other volunteers began to wonder why he kept this person "on board." And then, in the last days of the campaign, everything fell apart and the candidate lost the election by a very slim margin. If his "advance man" had not been so incompetent, the candidate would have won.

*Perhaps there is a lesson here for us.* You see, each of us is called by our Lord to witness His Good News and serve as His "advance people." If that is the case, undoubtedly, some of our own co-workers might wonder why He doesn't fire us! *Rather than risk this course, let us consider and put into action this verse which St. Paul offers to call us to action:* "2Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. 3At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, 4so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should." (Col. 4:2-4)



**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) GA-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



## October Prosfora Baking Schedule



The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Sunday, Oct. 7 (due Fri., Oct. 5 by 4:00 pm)	Georgia Lungaro/Claudia Sliwinski
Sunday, Oct. 14 (due Fri., Oct. 12 by 4:00 pm)	Helen Psihountas/Julie Skouteris
Sunday, Oct. 21 (due Fri., Oct. 19 by 4:00 pm)	Dedee Panayis/Milena Taylor
Thursday, Oct. 25 (due Wed., Oct. 24 by 4:00 pm)	Effie Sakkas/Susan Kleto
Sunday, Oct. 28 (due Fri., Oct. 26 by 4:00 pm)	Becky Butler/Presbytera Marinda Tsahakis

**PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
Presbytera Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at [mtsahakis@comcast.net](mailto:mtsahakis@comcast.net) or (770) 381-1842.

On this *the 726<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.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, October 14 (Sunday of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship Reception
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:45 am Parish Council & St. Christopher Outreach Ministry Meetings

### Thursday, October 18:

- 10:00 am Philoptochos Fall Bake Sale: Tiropites Batter Prep (*Join us*)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Saturday, October 20:

- 9:00 am Philoptochos Fall Bake Sale: Roll Tiropites (*Join us*)

### Sunday, October 21 (Sixth Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship Reception
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 11:30 am Philoptochos Board Meeting

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