



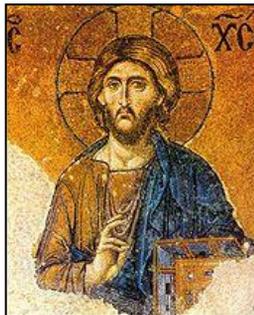
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 7, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria (+303); Polychronios the Martyr (+325); Julian the Presbyter & Caesarius the Deacon (1st cent.); John the Hermit of Crete; and Jonah of Manchuria. *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 (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

3. Hymn Commemorating Sts. Sergius & Bacchus – (see handout):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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 20:11-18)

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 11:31-12:9)

³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus (blessed be he forever!) knows that I do not lie. ³²In Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. ¹²It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)

Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. ¹²As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on His people!”

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Romans 12:17-18)

Special Note of Thanks...

Today, National Church Musicians Sunday, Fr. George commends our Chantors, Choir Members, and music educators for their faithful service to our Lord's Holy Church, as well as to our Choir Federations throughout the Archdiocese. Today, we will take a new photo to update this one – we thank you for your steadfast efforts to serve our Lord and His Holy Vineyard!



PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Picture a little village in the mountains of Italy where the people grow grapes. The mountain sides are covered with vineyards and each family in the community contributes to the making of wine. Visitors claim it is some of the finest wine in the world. Each village has several different recipes. Each family brings its wine to the center of the village and pours it into one large keg. As a result, the wine is a mixture of many recipes which makes it unique.

One year, the weather was not favorable, and the vineyards did not produce an abundance of grapes. One of the wine makers decided that since things would be tight that year, he would sell his wine elsewhere. He then filled his barrel with water and poured it into the town keg, thinking that one barrel of water in the gigantic keg would go unnoticed and not impact the outcome of the wine.

The wine in the keg aged for seven years. At the end of seven years, the villagers all gathered around that keg to sell their wine to merchants who had come from all over the world. The entire community depended on the sale of their wine to provide for them until the next season. As in other years, villagers gathered around the giant keg and it was tapped. A pitcher was placed at the tap. Imagine the surprise of the villagers when nothing came out but pure water. It seemed that everyone in the village had the same idea – no one had put in their wine. Since everyone held back, there was no wine to sell.

What message is revealed to us with this story? On the surface, the villagers refused to share their wine with their neighbors; consequently, no one ended up with anything. In spiritual terms, the story describes the kingdom of God. It reminds us that we are here temporarily on earth, and we are God's guests. God wants us to be grateful for all that we

have and to share what we have been given. If we choose not to, we betray the mission He has entrusted to us, and we fail to fulfill the potential He desires from each of us.

How are our individual and collective wine making efforts going? Can visitors claim it is some of the best in the world?



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/Presbyteria Marinda Tсахakis

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

On this *the 725th* 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!



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COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 7 (Third Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service - Kostas Kalioniatis (9 years)
& Penelope Spetsios (3 years)

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

11:30 am Appreciation Luncheon for GreekFest Volunteers

Thursday, October 11:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, October 13:

10:00 am Hope/Joy Outing to Local Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, October 14 (Sunday of 7th 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

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!