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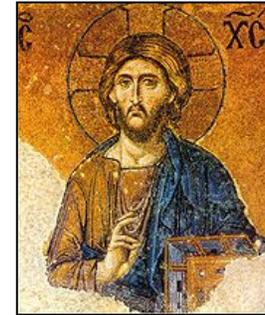
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 4, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Ioannikios the Great; The Holy Hieromartyrs Nicander, Bishop of Myra, and Hermias the Presbyter; Porphyrios the Mime; Emperor John Batatze, the Merciful; and George Karslidis of Pontos. *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 2nd Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

3. Hymn for Ioannikios – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Ioannikios, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of 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 (Matthew 28:16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Ephesians 2:4-10)

⁴But God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 16:19-31)

Luke 16:19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in

agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — 28 for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret — it leads only to evil.” *(Psalm 37:8)*

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 the following verses St. Paul uses to call us to action:

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At 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, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should." (Col. 4:2-4)



Feast of Saints Kosmas, Damian, & Theodote
– November 1
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The life and times of our Saints give us the opportunity to emphasize the following:

First, the first-formed in Paradise had communion with God and were healthy, both physically and psychically. But after their fall into sin they wore tunics made of skin, i.e. decay and death, and were vulnerable to various weather conditions. Therefore, physical and psychic illnesses and death are post-

fallen conditions, the result of sin. Because they lost their communion with God, their *nous* became darkened and enslaved to various passions.

Post-fallen man has need of physical and especially psychic healing, which consists of the purification from the passions, the illumination of the *nous* and communion with God.

Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, is the pre-eminent physician of souls and bodies, which is why He was clothed in human nature, to renew it, heal it and deify it.

Second, medical science is the result of the cultivation of reason, which God endowed man and is a service to our fellow man. Physicians perform a function and so they should be honored, especially those physicians who are animated by the loving and sacrificial spirit of the Holy Unmercenaries.

The Holy Unmercenaries indicate the way in which the medical profession should function and be exercised. Namely, with love towards man, without class distinctions, with a spirit of sacrifice, service and offering and above all with prayer.

Physicians who love God and respect His law, respect and consider every person, regardless of office, money or social positions, because in their face they see the face of Christ. Man is the icon of Christ, especially the poor and the least among us, and they identify with Christ Himself, who said the known words: "I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me."

Characteristic and remarkable are the words of someone who worked in a Hospital: "I observe physicians and see the difference between those who love God and have an organic relationship with the Church and those who are indifferent and atheists. The first are selfless and humble and feel as if they are partners in God's work of healing their fellow man, while the second consider themselves something higher than other people, like a god, and woe to those who dare challenge them." Human life must be placed above all earthly possessions, but there can be no selfless love and offering without the Grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Silouan the Athonite says that no one can truly love unless the Holy Spirit dwells within them, Who teaches them to even love their enemies.

In today's society, where most people are hurting and feel unbearable loneliness, it is imperative to have physicians, and people in general, who are animated by the loving and sacrificial spirit of the Holy Unmercenaries. The Orthodox Church is the factory in which such people are "designed".

[Source](#): *Ekklesiastiki Paremvasi*, "ΑΓΙΟΙ ΑΝΑΡΓΥΡΟΙ ΚΟΣΜΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΑΜΙΑΝΟΣ ΥΙΟΙ ΘΕΟΔΟΤΗΣ, ΟΙ ΕΞ ΑΣΙΑΣ (1 Νοεμβρίου)", November 2005. Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

On this the 729th 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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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 4 (5th Sunday of St. Luke & Parish Thanksgiving Sunday – Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am):

7:45 am Orthros Service

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/40 Day Memorial – Irene Christodoulou,
Blessing of Five Loaves (Artoklasia) & November Commemorations,
followed by Coffee Fellowship**

11:15 am Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)

12:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

1:45 pm St. Christopher Outreach Ministry Meeting

[Check our website for more events that are planned.](#)

NEXT SUNDAY...

Join us on Sunday, November 11th at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta to honor our Metropolis Archangel Michael Honorees (*including our two parish Honorees - Tom Farmakis and Steve Theodorakis*). His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. George, and our Cathedral Clergy will offer the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:30 a.m. at 2500 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329.

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

Today is “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!*

On this first of our “Parish Thanksgiving Sundays,” Presbytera Marinda made our five Artos (loaves of bread) and donated the oil, wheat and wine for the Service of the Blessing of the Five Loaves. She and Fr. George pray this offering will be an opportunity for all of us to offer our thanksgiving to God for the philanthropic work of the Philoptochos Society and to encourage everyone to be responsive to the sacred work of this ministry. As we celebrated the Feast Day of Sts. Cosmas and Damian the Unmercenaries this past



Thursday, we thanked our Lord, Christ Jesus, for the faithful and dedicated stewards that participate in our Philoptochos ministry.

Likewise, today we thank God and celebrate Name Days, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, and other special occasions that occurred recently or during the month of November. The Artos (blessed sweet bread) will be distributed to everyone during our Coffee Fellowship Reception. Join us! Congratulations to everyone celebrating their special events today and thanks to all who offered our parish their gifts for God to use and multiply.
