



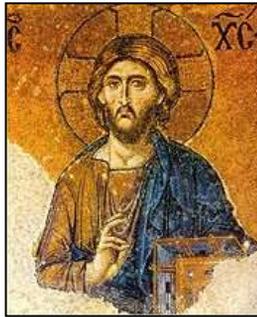
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 29, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES The Holy Martyr Callinicus (+250); Pious King Theodosius the New; Seraphima the Virgin-martyr of Antioch; Holy Virgin Martyr Theodota (+304); Constantine III, Patriarch of Constantinople; Olaf of Norway; and Theodota the Martyr and her Children. Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Mission 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 4th Tone) – (Hymnal-pp. 126-7):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

3. 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.

4. Kontakion for the 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.

SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY

<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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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 During Divine Liturgy (I Cor. 3:9-17)

For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — the work of each builder will become visible,

for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 14:22-34)

Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple."

(1 Cor. 3:16-17)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A strong person works out every day to keep his body in shape, but a follower of our Lord with strength kneels in prayer to keep his soul in shape.

A strong person isn't afraid of anything, but a follower of our Lord with strength shows her courage in the midst of fear.

A strong person won't let anyone get the best of him, but a follower of our Lord with strength gives the best of himself to everyone.

A strong person walks sure-footedly, but a follower of our Lord with strength knows God will catch her when she falls.

A strong person wears the look of confidence on his face, but a follower of our Lord with strength wears grace.

A strong person has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a follower of our Lord with strength has faith that in the journey she will become strong.

Are we merely strong . . . or do we rely on our faith to provide the strength to overcome life's difficulties and gain victory with our Lord?

Building Pledges Update:

Tom Farmakis, Building Fundraising Chairman, with great joy and excitement, announced we have surpassed the \$600,000 pledge mark! He feels this is excellent progress, but we're still not done. The



fundraising process is ongoing and dynamic, so please reach out to family and friends to share the good news. Likewise, some parishioners have already indicated they are increasing their current giving amount. This is a great way to build and keep the momentum going. *Now is the time to make this happen so please prayerfully consider your blessings and help us achieve our goal.*



HANDS OF LOVE

Hands of Love: July

"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 July: Monetary Donations for Soldiers' Angels



Soldiers' Angels is an organization serving **active duty military** and their **families**, as well as **veterans of all eras**.

This is one of the few charities approved to work in the **VA hospitals** and to provide direct support to veterans. In **Georgia**, there are two hospitals supported - the **Atlanta VA** and the **Dublin VA**.

Your **monetary donation** of:

- \$ 35** - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent
- \$ 50** - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at VA hospitals
- \$100** - can help a veteran put food on the table
- \$800** - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, amputation, and help them maintain some independence, as well as stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies.



More information at www.soldiersangels.org

Yours in Christ,
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova
Hands of Love Chair

Don't Knit or Crochet, but Want to Help?

The date for our next Prayer Shawl Blessing has been changed to Sunday, August 26th. The blessing will still be considered a part of the celebration the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos and the shawls and lap blankets will be shared with the patients at Cancer Treatment Center of America (CTCA) in Newnan. Hopefully this new schedule will be beneficial to all our ministry "specialists".

Just because you do not knit or crochet, that is no reason to feel you cannot participate. We are always appreciative when someone donates yarn for this ministry. Funds for yarn can be donated directly to our Philoptochos (please specify the donation is to buy yarn) or skeins of yarn can be donated. Each shawl or lap blanket takes approximately 4-5 large skeins of yarn. **SMOOTH YARN ONLY, PLEASE!!** Wool yarn would be of the greatest benefit.

Please contact Susan Kleto at (678) 877-9115 or sbkleto@gmail.com if you have any questions, would like to receive a Prayer Guide, or have any suggestions for improving this ministry.



On this *the 716th* 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, July 29 (9th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Reception

10:45 am GreekFest Meeting

Noon Let's EAT! Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville

<p><i>Dormition of the Theotokos Fast – August 1 – 15, 2018</i></p>

Thursday, August 2:

10:00 am GreekFest Appetizers: Preparation of Batter for Spanakopites

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, August 3:

6:00 p.m. Paraklesis Service (we will pray for the health and welfare of all)

Saturday, August 4:

9:00 am GreekFest Appetizers: Rolling of Spanakopites

Sunday, August 5 (10th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:15 am Blessing of 2018 - 2019 School Year/Open House for Religious Education Students & Teachers

11:00 am Coffee Fellowship Reception

11:30 am Blessing of New Playground Equipment

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!