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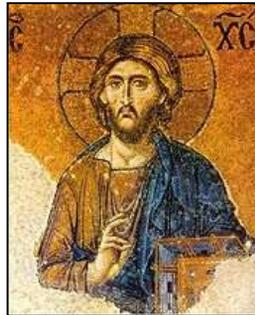
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 2, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES *Holy Martyr Mamas (+270-300); John the Abstainer, Patriarch of Constantinople (+595); Ammon & Aeithalas the Martyrs of Thrace; Cosmas the Hermit; and Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople. 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.

Take this Sunday Bulletin with you to *SHARE* with someone who is *not* here today.

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 for Saint Mamas – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his 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 for the Nativity of the Theotokos - (Hymnal-pp.228-231):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus free from the stain of sin, we, your people, honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our life.

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 (Mark 16:9-20)

Now after He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this He appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and He upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Amen.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 1:21-2:4)

2Cor. 1:21 But it is God Who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, 22 by putting His seal on us and giving us His Spirit in our hearts as a first installment. 23 But I call on God as witness against me: it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. 24 I do not mean to imply that we lord it over your faith; rather, we are workers with you for your joy, because you stand firm in the faith. 2Cor. 2:1 So I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. 2 For if I cause you pain, who is there to

make me glad but the one whom I have pained? 3 And I wrote as I did, so that when I came, I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice; for I am confident about all of you, that my joy would be the joy of all of you. 4 For I wrote you out of much distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain, but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 22:2-14)

Matt. 22:2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.’

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

(Matthew 22:14)

Martyr Mamas as a Model for Our Lives

(continued from back cover)



I read at the beginning of last month, in an Athenian daily newspaper, that somewhere between Athens and Lamia there is a pet cemetery. Indeed, for argument's sake, they even published a photograph. They wrote that funerals for animals take place, and a lot of money is spent on their graves, some of which are quite luxurious. On these are written the names of the animals and various verses which reveal a sort of worship of them. The absence of God from a person's life leads to such extreme and unbalanced situations.

Saint Mamas, like all the Saints, was a true man and balanced. He worshiped the Creator of creation and loved and respected His creations, within which was His uncreated energies.

Finally we would like to mention that Saint Gregory the Theologian calls him not only a martyr, but a shepherd, although he had not received the sacramental priesthood. This is because the Saints are true shepherds of the people, who lead them to a correct and balanced life and ultimately to salvation.

“Shepherd thy people in life-giving pastures with the staff given thee by God. And crush the invisible enemies beneath the feet of those who praise thee. For all in danger have thee as a fervent intercessor, O holy Mamas.” (Kontakion in the Third Tone)

Source: *Ekklesiastiki Paremvasis*, "ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ ΜΑΜΑΣ", September 1998.
Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

There is an old parable about a farmer that had two sons. As soon as they were old enough to walk, he took them to the fields and he taught them everything that he knew about growing crops and raising animals. When he got too old to work, the two boys took over the chores of the farm and when the father died, they had found their working together so meaningful that they decided to keep their partnership. So each brother contributed what he could and during every harvest season, they would divide equally what they had corporately produced. Across the years the elder brother never married, stayed an old bachelor. The younger brother did marry and had eight wonderful children. Some years later when they were having a wonderful harvest, the old bachelor brother thought to himself one night, “My brother has ten mouths to feed. I only have one. He really needs more of his harvest than I do, but I know he is much too fair to renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he is already asleep, I'll take some of what I have put in my barn and I'll slip it over into his barn to help him feed his children.”

At the very time he was thinking up this plan, the younger brother was considering to himself, “God has given me these wonderful children. My brother hasn't been so fortunate. He really needs more of this harvest for his old age than I do, but I know him. He's much too fair. He'll never renegotiate. I know what I'll do. In the dead of the night when he's asleep, I'll take some of what I've put in my barn and slip it over into his barn.”

And so one night when the moon was full, those two brothers came face to face, each on a mission of generosity. An observer reflected that while there were no clouds in the sky, a gentle rain began to fall. He offered: “You know what it was – God weeping for joy because two of His children had realized His truth. Indeed, two of His children had grown to realize that *generosity* is one of the deepest characteristics of our God. Since we are made in His image, our being generous becomes the source of our joy as well. Life does not always seem fair, but as members of God's Body, we may be confident that we are continually provided with His Divine Grace and never-ending Love. He invites us to join in His mission to share with those He puts in our paths each day – at home, work, church, ...*wherever we find ourselves!*”

Thank You!



Thanks to our parishioners and friends who have pledged in writing to support our Building Fund Campaign as of 8/28/18. If we inadvertently left your name off, please forgive us and bring to the attention of Tom Farmakis so we can correct. For those who have not yet submitted a written pledge, please consider doing so today. Pledge forms are in the Pangari and we welcome everyone's support – both within and outside our parish.

Lazo & Pauline Papavassiliou-
Bajic

Pat Bassett

Justin & Alexa Burley

Stephen & Becky Butler

Michael & Maria Cahill

Michael & Donna Chan

Athanasios & Mildred

Christodoulou

Charles Costas

Mahany & Cynthia Cromartie

Matina Cummings

Johnny & Jeanie Ellinas

Gail Ericsson

Tom & Ellen Farmakis

Andrew Farmakis

Faye Georgeo

Mary Ann Gonis

Emmanuel & Kim Haldopoulos

Chris & Shannon Johns

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Bill & Isabelle Wiley

Steven & Katherine Wilson

George & Cathy Zavlanos



September Prosfora Baking Schedule



The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Sunday, Sept. 2 (due Fri., Aug. 31 by 4:00 pm)	Pat MacDougall/Stella Christodopoulos
Saturday, Sept. 8 (due Fri., Sept. 7 by 4:00 pm)	Costa & Tammy Soulakos/Lydia McGee
Sunday, Sept. 9 (due Sat., Sept. 8 by 9:00 am)	Georgia Lungaro/Claudia Sliwinski
Thursday, Sept. 13 (due Wed., Sept. 12 by 4:00 pm)	Helen Psihountas/Julie Skouteris
Sunday, Sept. 16 (due Fri., Sept. 14 by 4:00 pm)	Dedee Panayis/Milena Taylor
Sunday, Sept. 23 (due by Fri., Sept. 21 by 4:00 pm)	Effie Sakkas/Susan Kleto
Sunday, Sept. 30 (due Fri., Sept. 28 by 4:00 pm)	Becky Butler/Presbytera Marinda Tshakis

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 or (770) 381-1842.

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



GreekFest 2018, September 15th

Patron Sponsorship

Be proud to show your support of our parish and have your name printed in the GreekFest Program!!

Our Family is blessed to offer a sponsorship of: \$25.00 Other_____

Name to be printed in Program: _____

****Deadline for inclusion and recognition in program is September 10th**

Payment methods: Cash, Check, Credit Card

Please make checks payable to St. Christopher's earmarked for GreekFest Patron Sponsorship



Peachtree City GreekFest 2018

Saturday, September 15th
Dixie Wing Commemorative Air Force Hangar

Upcoming Prep/Baking Dates:

Prep for Tiropita

Thursday, August 23rd - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rolling for Tiropita

Saturday, August 25th - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Preparing and Baking of Kourambietes, Koulourakia, and Melomakarona
Saturday, September 8th - 10:30 am (following the Liturgy)

Preparing and Baking of Baklava

Monday, September 10th - 5:00 pm

Preparing and Cooking of Dolmathes

Wednesday, September 12th - 5:00 pm

Preparing Potatoes and Vegetables for Tourlou Tourlou

Friday, September 14th - 6:00 pm

**** Come, Learn, and Enjoy Fellowship making the wonderful foods we share with our guests at GreekFest. Please look for other dates/events on the calendar on St. Christopher's website, in the Parish newsletter, and via email. We need everyone to share their time and talents. ****

If you are interested in being a committee chair or on a committee, please contact Tammy Soulakos (tammy@peachcity.com) Dina Tagalos Kearns (dinatagaloskearns@gmail.com), Helen Psihountas (helenpsihountas@gmail.com), or Julie Skouteris (gsjs401mq@gmail.com).



Hands of Love: September

"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 September: Holy Cross School of Theology

"For as rain comes down, or snow from heaven, and does not return until it saturates the earth, and it brings forth and produces, and gives seed to the sower and bread for food, so shall My word be, whatever proceeds from My mouth. It shall not return until it accomplishes whatever I willed, and I shall prosper your ways and My commandments." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Hands of Love, a ministry of our **Philoptochos Society** will be accepting monetary donations to benefit the School.



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts offers graduate programs leading to advanced degrees in Divinity and Theology.

At Holy Cross, the only Greek Orthodox School of Theology in the United States, education is an **integration of learning and faith**. Its programs reflect the religious and cultural values of the **Hellenic Orthodox tradition**.

Holy Cross strives to fulfill the need to educate the **next generation of leaders, clergy, and laypersons** who will exemplify the values and spirit of Orthodox Christianity in their chosen professions. Learning, teaching, service, and worship activities develop the intellectual and spiritual potential of students. The School affords the faculty with **academic freedom** to pursue teaching and scholarship.

Yours in Christ,
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, Hands of Love Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE
MIRACULOUS ICON OF THE PANAGIA
VIMATARISSA

Sept 29th, 2018

Services begin at 11:00 am

Divyane Retreat Center
455 Quail Ridge Road
Salem, SC 29676



October 5-7, 2018

The Connect Conference is for Orthodox young adults in their 20s and 30s. Through learning, fellowship, and worship, the goal of the conference is to better connect us to our faith, the Church, and each other. The format of the conference includes keynote addresses to the group, breakout sessions in smaller groups with time for Q&A, worship times including the Divine Liturgy, and plenty of opportunities for fellowship.

Register online at

<https://connectorthodoxy.org>

On this *the 721st* 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, September 2 (14th Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**10:15 am Memorial Service - Γιαννουλα και Κωνσταντινος Σακκας &
Ασπασια και Παναγιωτης Ζωγραφος**

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship Reception

Thursday, September 6:

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, September 8 (Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**10:30 am GreekFest Preparation of Koulourakia, Kourambethes,
& Melamacarona**

Sunday, September 9 (Sunday before Holy Cross):

7:45 am Orthros Service

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:15 am Coffee Fellowship Reception

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

11:45 am Parish Council Meeting

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