



Liturgical Guide – July 10, 2022



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ON THIS DAY, THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, WE COMMEMORATE the 45 Holy Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia (+319); Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Assa; Parthenios and Eumenios of Koudoumas; 10,000 Fathers Martyred in Egypt; Apollonios the Martyr; Deposition of the Precious Robe of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Moscow; and Righteous Father Anthony of the Kiev Caves. Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Thank You for Your Understanding

We welcome our parishioners who are attending services in person today and we also welcome those who are viewing our online video streaming at home. According to new CDC guidelines, indoor mask mandates are being relaxed for those areas of the US where

hospitals are not greatly impacted by COVID-19 cases. In response, His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios on March 2nd wrote to the Metropolis of Atlanta faithful offering His guidance. [Please read it by clicking here.](#)

As before, those who continue to wear masks have every right to do so, whether or not our parish falls into a low or medium risk area. Whether others continue to wear masks for the sake of their friends or family, or even out of caution for their own health, their decisions should be respected as demonstrations of Christ-like love. May our collective intercessions to our Creator help to bring a spirit of healing and peace to our world.

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 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 – (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 (Luke 24:1-12)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Romans 6:18-23)

and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

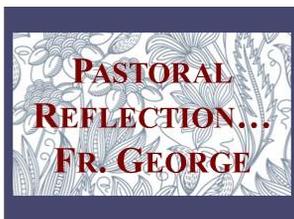
Gospel Reading (Matthew 8:5-13)

⁵When He entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, appealing to Him ⁶and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress.” ⁷And He said to him, “I will come and cure him.” ⁸The centurion answered, “Lord, I am not worthy to have You come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant

will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, He was amazed and said to those who followed Him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

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

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." (Mt. 21:22)



9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Photos from Dinner & Book
Study on June 21st



In Galatians 5:22, St. Paul reveals nine specific qualities from the Holy Spirit. God wants every Christian to work them into their personality:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Longsuffering
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control



In July 2022:
Soldiers' Angels



Soldiers' Angels serves active-duty military their families, and veterans. In 2021 538,355 veterans and active-duty members were served in 2021. Soldiers' Angels is one of the few charities approved to work in the Atlanta and Dublin VA hospitals.

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

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*May No Soldier Go Unloved,
May No Soldier Walk Alone,
May No Soldier Be Forgotten,
Until They All Come Home.²⁰¹*

Faithfully,
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair

Benefiting:

FOLDS of HONOR

August 23, 2022
Eagles Landing Country Club
Tee-Off at 9AM

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On this the 913th 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!

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE (CHECK WEB CALENDAR FOR MORE...)

Sunday, July 10 (Fourth Sunday of St. Matthew):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!

Fr. George welcomes Fr. Ken Anthony who is serving in his absence today.

St. Euphemia the Great Martyr

On July 11th we celebrate one of the Feast Days of St. Euphemia the Great Martyr. “How the Feast of St. Euphemia on July 11th Came to be Celebrated at the Ecumenical Patriarchate” is reprinted from www.johnsanidopoulos.com. *She is the Patron Saint of our Metropolis Philoptochos Society.*

+Fr. George Tsahakis



In the Patriarchal Church of Saint George at the Phanar, by the south wall of the parecclesion of the Pammakaristos, placed on marble bases, are the caskets (larnax) with the holy relics of three female saints: Euphemia the Great Martyr, Solomone the mother of the Maccabees, and Theophano the first consort of the Emperor Leo VI the Wise. The casket of Saint Euphemia has a richly ornamented silver revetment. This relic has been in the Patriarchal Church since 1601.

A document preserved in the archives of the Patriarchate (Cod. A, 46) records that in the patriarchy of Gabriel III (1702-1707), notably on the 11th of July 1707 (1704 according to others), the Russian Ambassador to the Sublime Porte, the priest Peter Andreovich, donated a quantity of cypress wood for the fashioning of three caskets in which to deposit the sacred relics of the three holy women. These caskets were red and gold on the outside (the caskets today date to the 19th century). We are told that he did this as a blessing for the salvation of his own soul and for the eternal memory of his parents.

Because this took place on July 11th, on which day we commemorate the Miracle of Saint Euphemia at the Fourth Ecumenical Synod, Patriarch Gabriel II decreed “her feast day to be celebrated annually with a procession in the patriarchal church with her holy relics placed in the middle,” as stated in the apodeixis sent to the Christians of Constantinople (Cod. A, 25-26).