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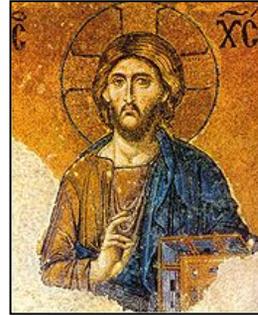
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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## Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 29, 2020

ON THIS DAY, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Paramonus, Philumenus, and their 370 Companion Martyrs in Bithynia; Our Righteous Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth; and Phaedrus the Martyr. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### Thank You for Your Understanding

We welcome our parishioners who pre-registered and are attending services in person today and we also welcome those who are viewing our online video streaming at home. Let us comply with the guidelines we have provided everyone. We appreciate your kind understanding that our church is beginning phase one of the re-opening of our doors. Fr. George is deeply appreciative to you and all who are assisting during worship services.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):**

It is sung *before* and *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 – Preparation for the Nativity (11/26-12/24) – (Hymnal-pp.240-243):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds, let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

## **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 (Ephesians 4:1-7)**

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 18:18-27)**

*Luke 18:18 A certain ruler asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. 20 You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall*

*not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.” 21 He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” 22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me.” 23 But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. 24 Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” 27 He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His Name. ”  
(Ps. 100:4)

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

*Thanksgiving was never meant to be contained in a single day. Thanksgiving is a spirit we should have for more than just one day – even for more than one year. Thanksgiving is a spirit we should show all during our Christian life. Real thanksgiving is found in expressing our thankfulness with others who are needy in our land. Real thanksgiving is found in having a personal, ongoing relationship with God in the person of Jesus Christ, Who is our Savior and Lord. Perhaps my greatest reason for thanksgiving in every season is the fact that our Almighty God, the One Who is AWESOME and SOVEREIGN over the entire universe – desires to have a personal relationship with me. He wants to set up residence in my heart. “ ...Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” (Rev. 7:12)*



## The Power of Prayer

"When God wants to have mercy on someone, He inspires someone else to pray for him, and He helps in this prayer"  
(St. Silouan the Athonite).



The women seeking assistance from Promise Place truly need our prayers (spiritual hugs) and support (prayer shawl hugs) as they seek to find the strength to leave behind a life filled with domestic violence. The shawls that these women will receive as Christmas presents will be blessed by Fr. George on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer shawls can be either triangular or rectangular but need to be long enough to wrap securely around the body. Rectangular shawls should be 24"- 30" wide and 68"- 72" long with fringe or some other decorative finish at each end. Triangular shawls should be 60"- 72" across the longest side, 24"- 30" to the point with fringe along the two short sides or some other decorative finish all around. Yarn color choice is also important as we are trying to uplift the spirits of the recipients of the shawls.

While it is unknown at this time if representatives from Promise Place will be with us for the Blessing of the shawls, please make sure your shawls are completed with no loose ends and the sew-in label attached.

Please contact Susan Kleto at (770) 253-8469 or [sbkleto@gmail.com](mailto:sbkleto@gmail.com) to either become a participant in this ministry, to receive yarn, to receive sew-in labels, to receive a Prayer Guide, or if you have any questions or suggestions.



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On this *the 833<sup>rd</sup>* 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!

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*Nativity Fast – November 15 – December 24*

### **Sunday, November 29 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke):**

**7:45 am** Orthros Service  
**9:00 am** Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service – Athena Christodoulou (1 Year)  
**11:00 am** Let's EAT! - Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all...!

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

**Help St. John's Church Christmas Ministry**



*The Family Toy &  
Food Box Program*

St. John the Wonderworker Church,  
December 19th 2020

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## St. Andrew, the First-Called Apostle

*remembered on November 30*

The following reflection is reprinted from [www.johnsanidopoulos.com](http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com).

**+Fr. George Tsahakis**

Andrew was from the city of Bethsaida, the son of Jonah, and brother of Peter the Apostle. He was the first disciple of John the great Forerunner and Baptist. Later, when he heard his Teacher say, while pointing to Jesus Christ, "Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world," he left the Forerunner and followed Christ. And to his brother the Pre-eminent Peter he said, "We have found the Messiah." With these words he drew Peter towards spiritual eros for Christ. And there are many other things that are found in the divinely inspired Scriptures regarding this Apostle.

With the other Apostles, he was chosen by lot to go to other places of the inhabited world. After the Ascension of the Lord the First-Called was chosen to go to Bithynia, the Black Sea, and the places of the Propontis: namely from the Sea of Marmara till the Black Sea. He was also chosen for Chalcedon and Byzantium: namely Constantinople. He also went to Thrace and Macedonia all the way to the River Danube. With these were included Thessaly and Greece all the way till Achaia: namely the area of the Morea, which is between Vasilika and Gastouni. Also, Amisus, which is called Samsun and Emid, and Trebizond, and Heraclea, and Amastris, which was first known as Sisamus.

The Apostle did not pass through these cities and regions quickly, as well as his words. No! but in every city the blessed one was tried by many setbacks. And he responded to many difficult situations. But everywhere he found God's help and strength, and with this he conquered all, and was above all hindrance. Of the cities mentioned above, I only want to remember one here, and leave the rest.

When this divine Apostle went to the city of Sinope, and preached there the word of the gospel, he underwent much torment and suffering by the residents there. For these wild people cast him down to the ground and taking him by his hands and feet they pulled at him, and with claws they tore at him. They beat him with clubs and struck him with stones and cast him out of the city, and with the claws they cut off one of his fingers. After all this the divine Apostle was found again to be healthy and whole through Christ his Teacher.

From Sinope he passed through many cities, such as Neocaesarea, Samosata, commonly known as Sempsat, to the Alani and Abasgians, who are in Crimea, the Circassians, the Bosporites, namely those who lived in the Cimmerian Bosphorus, and the Chersonites. Then he returned again to Byzantium, where he ordained Stachys as Bishop. Passing through many lands he entered the notorious Peloponnese: namely Morea. And being hosted by a man named Sosion in Old Patras, he healed there many who were sick. Immediately after the entire city of Patras believed in Christ, together with the wise Stratocles and the brother of the proconsul. And many others who suffered from various illnesses became healthy with the laying on of hands of the Apostle.

When the proconsul Aegeates learned of all this, he became enraged. Capturing the Apostle of the Lord, he had him crucified upside down. For this reason, the unjust one received justice according to God's vengeance, having fallen to the earth from a high place, and being crushed the wicked one died wickedly. The relic of the Apostle was later brought to Constantinople by order of Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine the Great, which was transferred by Artemios the grand duke and Martyr, who is celebrated on October 20th. And it was placed with the relics of the Evangelist Luke and the Apostle Timothy, in the famous Temple of the Holy Apostles. The placing of his relics is celebrated on July 20th.