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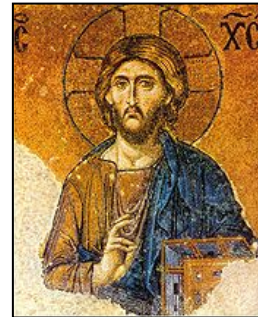
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, November 18, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE NINTH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Plato the Great Martyr of Ancyra; Holy New Martyr Anastasius of Paramythia; Holy Martyr Romanus; Zaccheus the Deacon; Anastasios the New Martyr; Martyr Romanos the Deacon. *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 4th 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 Holy Martyr Plato – (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 Feast of the Theotokos (11/21) – (Hymnal-pp.236-239):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Behold the temple of the Savior, His precious bridal chamber. Behold the virginal and sacred vessel of God's glory. Today she enters into the house of the Lord, bearing within her the grace of the Holy Spirit. For this, the angels exclaim: She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

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 (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, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and

in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 12:16-21)

¹⁶Then He told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

"For, 'Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.'" (Romans 10:13)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

Phil. 2:1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. 9 Therefore

God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As we have begun the Nativity Fast in preparation of the Incarnation of our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the Feast of His Holy Nativity, let us remember in our personal prayers as well as our efforts to prepare ourselves leading up to this blessed celebration:

- that we are blessed to serve as parents, religious educators, youth workers, ministry leaders, and instructors
- that through our One God in Three Persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), we are God's One Holy People
- that we should never be a party to any division within the Body of Christ. Rather, our goal is to be perfectly united in mind and heart with all others who follow our Incarnate Lord.
- that we should always strive not to misplace our loyalties with this person or that one
- that Christ, of whom we are a part, is not divided. He is of one mind. So let us and all His people be together and in agreement.
- that we should seek to be like-minded, having the same love, one in spirit and purpose.

- And through the Name of Jesus Christ, the source of our unity and salvation, we can easily accomplish these things and more *for His Glory and not ours.*

May the loyalty of the shepherds, the perseverance of the Wise Men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child be God's gift to you this Christmas time and always. Amen.



Hands of Love: November

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 November: Ecumenical Patriarchate Charities

Hands of Love, a ministry of our Philoptochos Society, will be accepting monetary donations to support the charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, Turkey is the seat of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, *primus inter pares* or "first among equals" with the other leaders of the various Orthodox Churches.

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



Philoptochos News and Updates



And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2)"

We need your help so... You're Invited!

**In place of our next General Meeting,
we have a hands-on project**



Skilled care services have evolved over time to expand beyond traditional nursing home care. Southland Health & Rehabilitation can help you choose the appropriate level of care for your loved one. If your loved one will only be with us for a short-term stay we can offer a full service of transition of care.



November 18th



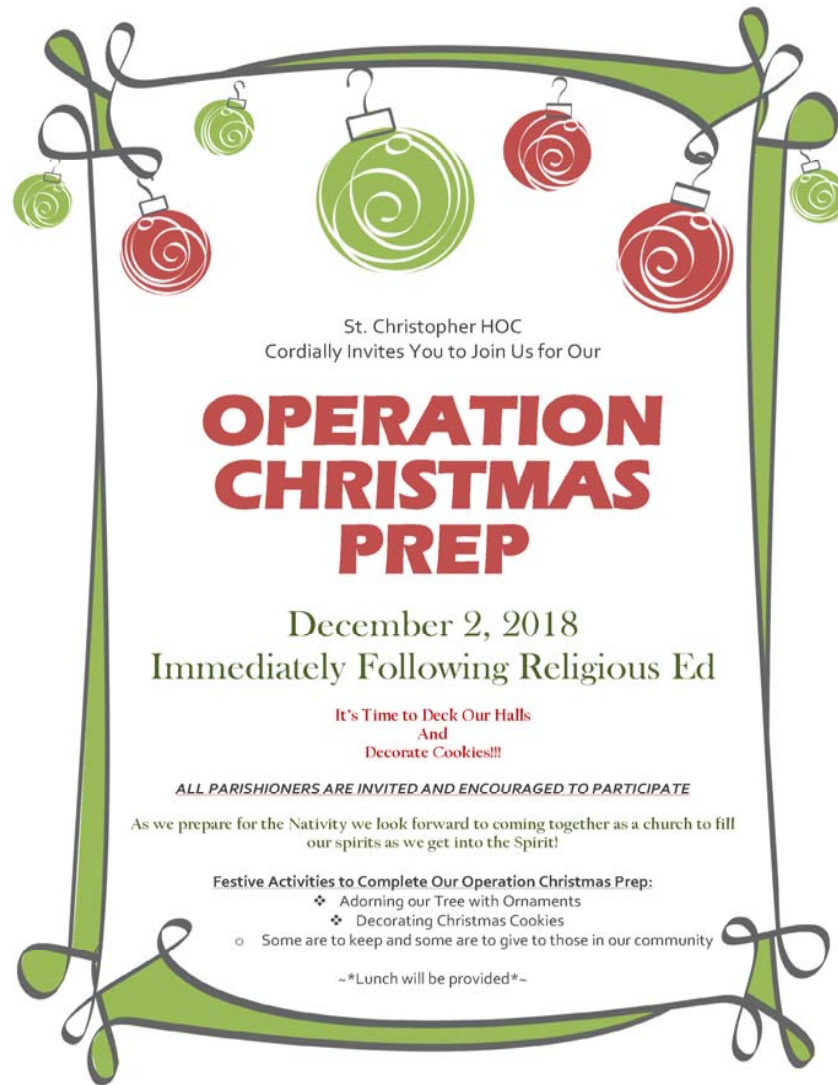
Stay to tie a couple of blankets and sign a Christmas card or two! Make it a family Nativity Lenten Activity! Help us provide each resident with a lap blanket and a Christmas Card.



On this the 730th 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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

*Nativity Fast
continues through
December 24*

*Sunday, November 19
(9th Sunday of St.*

Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros
Service

9:00 a.m. Divine
Liturgy

10:30 a.m. General
Parish Assembly

12:00 p.m.
Philoptochos General
Meeting

12:00 p.m. Board
of Elections Meeting
(15 minutes)

*Tuesday, November 20
(Eve of Entry of the
Theotokos...):*

5:00 p.m. Great
Vespers Service

5:45 p.m. Divine
Liturgy/Dinner (*lenten*)

Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving Day):

Fr. George will offer Orthros at 8:00 a.m. and Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. at Archangel Michael Chapel, 2480 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta – join us! Blessed Thanksgiving holiday to all! Let us give thanks to the Lord!

Sunday, November 25 (13th Sunday of St. Luke):

7:45 a.m. Orthros Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/40 Day Memorial –
Fr. Petros Kopsahilis, Former Chancellor of Metropolis of Atlanta
10:30 a.m. Deadline for Board of Elections to Receive P.C.
Election Nominations 11:00 a.m. Let's EAT!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!