



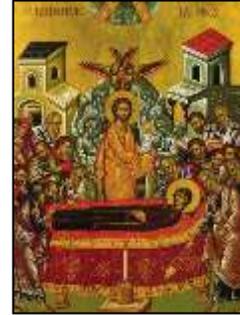
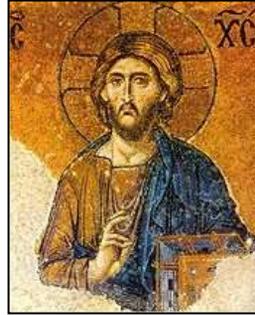
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 19, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, AND THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Andrew the General & Martyr & his 2,593 soldiers; Holy Martyrs Timothy, Agapius and Thecla; Theophanes the New Wonderworker of Macedonia; and Eutychianos and Strategios the Martyrs. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### Welcome, Visitors and Newcomers, to our Parish!

*Welcome to Fr. Ken Anthony who is liturgizing today in Fr. George's absence.*

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./3. Hymn for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.222-223):**

*It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.*

### **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.*

### **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 Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.288-289):**

*It is sung after the Small Entrance. She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.*

## **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 (Matthew 28:16-20)**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Amen.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 15:1-11)**

*1 Cor. 15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain. 3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.*

## **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 19:16-26)**

*Matt. 19:16 Then someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only One Who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 20 The young man said to Him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." 22 When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, 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." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" 26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."*

### **THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE**

**(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):**

"I treasure Your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You."  
(Psalm 119:11)

## **PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

As we continue to remember the Feast of the Dormition, we are encouraged by the faith and devotion of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary. In the Small Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos that we

offered on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I continue to be inspired by the first hymn of its 5<sup>th</sup> Ode:

*“Lord, enlighten us, with Your precepts that can guide our lives, and with Your arm most powerful. Grant to us Your peace, O You Who are the Friend of all.”*

In this prayer, we ask our Lord Christ Jesus to “enlighten us... guide our lives... and grant peace to us...” St. John Chrysostom pondered our spiritual struggles in the fourth century. As a Priest, I feel inspired when I read his commentaries and sermons. In this light, I offer St. John Chrysostom’s counsel regarding how we can best manage our emotions. His words help us choose our Lord’s priorities for our lives and how we can shape our lives in Christ:

*We often speak of human emotions as having dimensions. One person is said to have deep feelings, while another is said to be shallow in their emotions. One person is said to have a wide and open heart, while another is said to have a heart which is narrow and closed. Of course, these are simple images; yet what do these images truly convey? When our emotions are deep toward a person or an event, it means that we cannot ignore that person or event, but must remain closely involved. When our emotions are wide and open, it means that we can respond to many people and events, not just a few. Jesus had deep emotions of love toward people, and He prayed deeply about every event in their lives; and He also had wide emotions, loving everyone He encountered with equal depth. This is how we must aspire to become. Shallow emotions lead to apathy and complaining; so they make us indifferent toward other people and toward the events which shape their lives. And narrow emotions enable us to ignore the cries of pain and suffering that we hear all around us. To be a Christian means to extend one’s heart both downward and outward.*



## Hands of Love: August

*"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 August: Cool Enough For School 2016

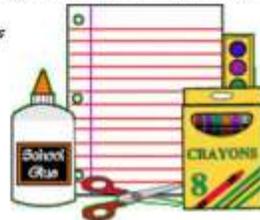
Each summer, One Roof provides Coweta County families in need with vouchers so their children can select clothing from their thrift store to prepare them to go back to school. They need our help!

Please donate your gently used children's clothing or new clothing so they can help families in Coweta County. They also need lots of new socks and underwear. One way to break the cycle of poverty is to help children have the best opportunities for a good education. If you would like, feel free to attach a sticker encouraging the recipient!

One Roof Ecumenical Alliance Outreach is a 501-3(c) non-profit organization located at 255 Temple Avenue Newnan, GA 30263 (770) 683-7705. Federal Tax ID: 26-0157086. Donation receipts are available for donations made as individuals.

In June, we collected \$100 and \$175 worth of gift cards for Fayette County DFCS. Thank you for your donations!

*We welcome Kim Poolas as our new Hands of Love Coordinator.*




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## 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.*

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On this the 719<sup>th</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!

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## COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Fast of the Dormition of the Theotokos continues through August 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, August 19 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):**

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy**
- 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship**
- 10:45 am Religious Education Classes for all ages**
- 11:30 am Philoptochos Board Meeting**

**Thursday, August 23:**

**10:00 am GreekFest Appetizers – Preparation of Tiropita Batter**

**6:30 pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, August 25:**

**9:00 am GreekFest Appetizers – Rolling of Tiropita**

**Sunday, August 26 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew):**

**7:45 am Orthros Service**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**10:15 am Blessing of Philoptochos Prayer Shawls/Coffee Fellowship**

**10:45 am Religious Education Classes for all ages**

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



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