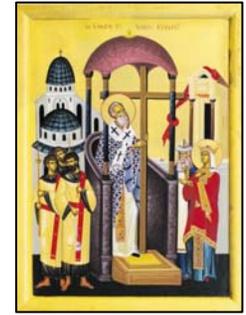
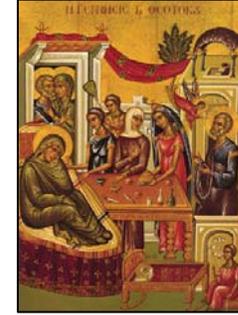
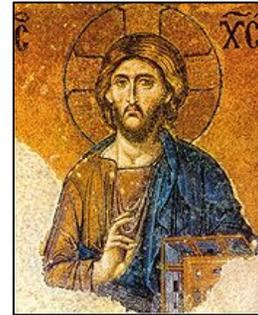




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, September 9, 2018

ON THIS DAY, THE SUNDAY *BEFORE* THE FEAST OF THE UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY, PRECIOUS, AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST AND THE SUNDAY *FOLLOWING* THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY, we commemorate The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna (parents of the Theotokos); Severian the Martyr of Sebastia (+320); Theophanes the Confessor; Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos; Memory of the Third Holy Ecumenical Council in Ephesus (+431). *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./3. Hymn for the Nativity of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.176-177):

It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He destroyed the ancient curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life.

2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.118-121):

It is sung before and after the Small Entrance: The angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it became as dead men, and Mary stood at Your grave seeking Your most pure body. But You made hell a captive; You were untouched by its might. You came to the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

4. Hymn Commemorating Saints Joachim & Anna – (see handout):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: As we celebrate the memory of Your righteous Ancestors, through them we importune You, O Lord, that You save our souls.

5. 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.

6. 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 (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 (Gal. 6:11-18)

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (John 3:13-17)

¹³No one has ascended into Heaven except the One Who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

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

“He called the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become My followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.’” (Mark 8:34)



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
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Sept 29th, 2018

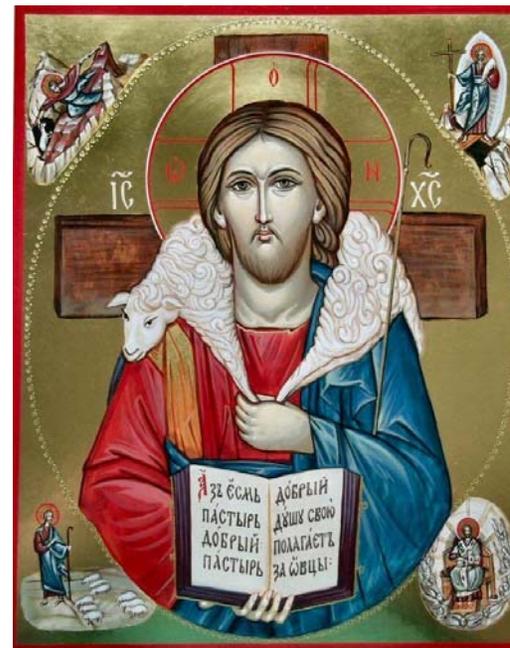
Services begin at 11:00 am

Diakonia Retreat Center
455 Quail Ridge Road
Salem, SC 29676

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

On September 1st, we celebrated the beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year. As we contemplate the priorities for our spiritual lives these next twelve months, consider the counsel of St. John Chrysostom on how we should 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.”

Thank You!



Thanks to our parishioners and friends who have pledged in writing to support our Building Fund Campaign as of 9/7/18. 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
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Chris & Shannon Johns
Theo & Yoly Kazadzis
Dina Kearns
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Peter & Susan Kleto
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Alec & Pat MacDougall
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Mary Ramsaier
Peggy Sagy
Fotis & Effie Sakkas
Steve & Jackie Sarantis
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Angelique Soulakos
John Soulakos
Robert & Lia Spezzano
Alexandra Tagalos
Frank Tagalos
Tim & Maria Tassopoulos
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Steve & Pam Theodorakis
Victor & Julie Torres
Fr. George & Presbyteria
Marinda Tsahakis
Yiannis & Sheryl Vasiliadis
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/Presbyteria Marinda Tsahakis

PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Presbyteria Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at mtsahakis@comcast.net or (770) 381-1842.

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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



GreekFest 2018 Updates

~~Mark your calendars: GreekFest is September 15, 2018~~

Tickets and Sponsorships Needed

Purchase online at:

www.PeachtreeCityGreekFest.org



Online Volunteer Sign-Ups now available. **Please visit:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094bafaa28a2fc1-greekfest>

Access Code is GF2018

GreekFest 2018 Quick Facts

- We need approximately 105 volunteers to have a successful GreekFest - we need everyone's help!
- Don't wait to be asked to help - volunteer your time and talents!
- Everyone is welcome on baking/prep days - even if you don't know what you're doing, we have teachers to help you!
- If you work, consider taking Friday off to come and help with set-up and prep work
- Look for weekly emails with updated information beginning the week of August 13th

******Important baking/prep dates on p. 6 ******

******Please retain this flyer******

Your GreekFest Quad-Chairs are:

Dina Tagalos Kearns - dinatagaloskearns@gmail.com

Julie Skouteris - gsjs401mg@gmail.com

Tammy Soulakos - tammy@soulakos.org

Helen Psihountas - helenpsihountas@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

We thank you for your continued support of GreekFest!



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 Kourambiethes, 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).

On this *the 722nd* 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!



["Follow" & "Like"](#) our Facebook page. Be sure to check our status for updates and photos.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 9 (Sunday before Feast of 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**

Monday, September 10:

- 5:00 pm GreekFest Assembly & Baking of Baklava**

Wednesday, September 12:

- 5:00 pm GreekFest Assembly & Baking of Dolmathes**

Thursday, September 13 (Eve of Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – we will offer church services tonight):

- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Bring Fresh Basil to church (to ensure freshness, at home, cut basil, place lower stems in vase with water, bring to church, and put in refrigerator. If potted basil, leave plant in kitchen area)**
- 5:00 pm Great Vespers/Procession of the Holy Cross**
- 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening), followed by Community Dinner**
(Please bring strict fast food for tonight. Friday, the actual day of the Feast is a strict fast day.)

Friday, September 14 (Actual Feast of Holy Cross – Strict Fast Day):

- 6:00 pm GreekFest Preparing Potatoes & Vegetable for Tournlou Tournlou**

Friday/Saturday, September 14-15: (See following note regarding set-up schedule and instructions. Also, see inside today's bulletin for additional GreekFest information):

<p>14 The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross</p> <p>PTC GreekFest ALL DAY starting at 9:00 am: Preparations, Set-up, Decorations (Watch and listen for preparation activities and announcements) YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!</p> <p>Strict Fast</p>	<p>15 PTC GreekFest</p> <p>ALL DAY: 8:00 am Food Preparation, decorating the Hangar, preparing for our guests</p> <p>6:00—10:00 pm PTC GreekFest Dixie Wing Commemorative Air Force Hangar, Falcon Field 6:00 pm Appetizers 7:00 pm Dinner 10:00 pm Clean Up</p>
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Sunday, September 16 (Sunday following Feast of Holy Cross):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 am Lunch & GreekFest Clean-up at Hangar

Monday, September 17 (Feast of Saints Sophia, & her three daughters, Faith, Hope & Love):

- 5:00 pm Great Vespers Service
- 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy, followed by dinner at a local restaurant (*tba*)

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