



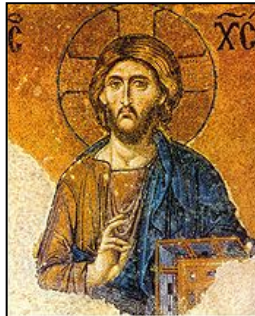
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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 6, 2019

ON THIS DAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas; Eroteis the Martyr of Cappadocia; and Makarios the Righteous of Chios. *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 (Grave Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.122-125):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: By Your Cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

#### **3. Hymn Commemorating the Apostle Thomas – (see handout):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. O holy Apostle Thomas, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

#### **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 – (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**

<p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>– St. John Chrysostom</p>
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### **Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:12-35)**

*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. Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed Him over to be condemned to death and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find His body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Him." Then He said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them the things about Himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, He walked ahead as if He were going on. But they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with*

*us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and He has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:1-10)**

*6As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For He says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 7:11-16)**

*Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went with Him. 12 As He approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers*

*stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!” 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on His people!”*

**THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE**

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

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” *(Romans 12:17-18)*

**PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:**

Picture a little village in the mountains of Italy where the people grow grapes. The mountain sides are covered with vineyards and each family in the community contributes to the making of wine. Visitors claim it is some of the finest wine in the world. Each village has several different recipes. Each family brings its wine to the center of the village and pours it into one large keg. As a result, the wine is a mixture of many recipes which makes it unique.

One year, the weather was not favorable, and the vineyards did not produce an abundance of grapes. One of the wine makers decided that since things would be tight that year, he would sell his wine elsewhere. He then filled his barrel with water and poured it into the town keg, thinking that one barrel of water in the gigantic keg would go unnoticed and not impact the outcome of the wine.

The wine in the keg aged for seven years. At the end of seven years, the villagers all gathered around that keg to sell their wine to merchants who had come from all over the world. The entire community depended on the sale of

their wine to provide for them until the next season. As in other years, villagers gathered around the giant keg and it was tapped. A pitcher was placed at the tap. Imagine the surprise of the villagers when nothing came out but pure water. It seemed that everyone in the village had the same idea – no one had put in their wine. Since everyone held back, there was no wine to sell.

*What message is revealed to us with this story?* On the surface, the villagers refused to share their wine with their neighbors; consequently, no one ended up with anything. In spiritual terms, the story describes the kingdom of God. It reminds us that we are here temporarily on earth, and we are God's guests. God wants us to be grateful for all that we have and to share what we have been given. If we choose not to, we betray the mission He has entrusted to us, and we fail to fulfill the potential He desires from each of us.

***How are our individual and collective wine making efforts going? Can visitors claim it is some of the best in the world?***



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On this the 775<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!

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

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke/College Student Sunday):**

- 7:45 am** Orthros
- 9:00 am** Divine Liturgy, Blessing of 5 Loaves & October Commemorations
- 11:00 am** Lunch & Learn Sunday *(thanks to Faye Georgeo and all who brought Food to offer in today's luncheon – our youth and their parents will go first since they will eat in the kitchen before classes begin)*
- 11:15 am** Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)*

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



# "World Watch List of 2019"

*This week we continue reviewing the 50 countries where it's most dangerous to follow Jesus. May we offer prayers in support of their efforts and pray for God's peace and good will to prevail!*

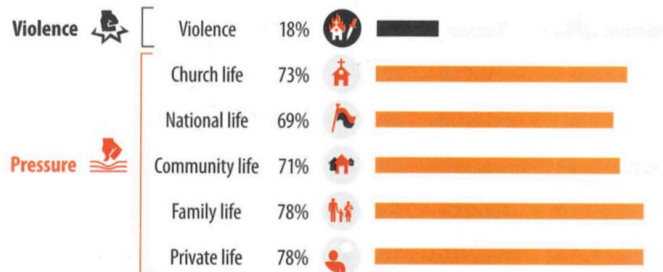


## Jordan

**Source of persecution** Islamic oppression  
**Population** 9,904,000  
**Christians** 130,000  
**Main religion** Islam  
**Government** Parliamentary constitutional monarchy  
**Leader** King Abdullah II

### Profile of persecution

Based on World Watch List 2019 data



### Persecution of the converted

Converts to Christianity from Islam experience a great deal of persecution from all parts of Jordanian society, usually beginning at home—which can include serious violence and even killing. Radical Islamic movements are also a source of persecution for Christians and Jordanians of other religious faiths.

Christians in Jordan who belong to the Orthodox and Roman Catholic denominations enjoy a relatively high level of religious freedom but still experience discrimination.

### Prayer points

- Pray for wisdom and courage for believers to be true disciples as a small minority in a Muslim-dominated culture.
- Pray for Christian converts interrogated by police and abused by family members. Pray the Lord would provide protection and healing.
- Pray that Muslims would be overwhelmed by the love of their Christian neighbors and begin to ask questions that draw them toward Christ.

# Today is “Parish Thanksgiving Sunday”



... the custom of offering the Five Loaves monthly reminds us of the generosity and multiplication of the gifts of fish and bread that our Lord multiplied and shared with all present. Through this Orthodox Service, we return thanksgiving to God for multiplying our own gifts and hence, the icon of this miracle has been selected as our logo

for “Parish Thanksgiving Sunday”... *the first Sunday of every month!*

*On this twelfth of our “Parish Thanksgiving Sundays,” **Julie Skouteris** is offering on behalf of her and her family the five Artos (loaves of bread in thanksgiving for God’s blessings to them and those in our parish family.*



*Likewise, today we thank God and celebrate Name Days, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, and other special occasions that occurred recently or will occur during the month of October. **We congratulate the student recipients of our 1<sup>st</sup> St. Christopher Golf Classic Scholarships who have joined us this morning.** The Artos (blessed sweet bread) will be distributed to everyone during today’s “**Lunch & Learn**” meal – adults will eat during Adult Religious Education and our youth and their parents can eat before youth classes. Join us! Congratulations to everyone celebrating their special events today and thanks to all who offered our parish their gifts for God to use and multiply, including the food for today’s meal.*