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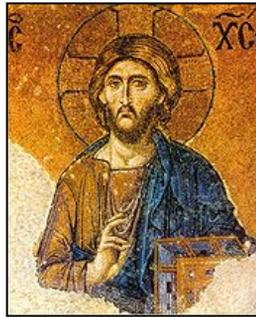
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 11, 2019

ON THIS DAY, THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Euplus the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Cantania; Our Holy Father Niphonus, Patriarch of Constantinople; Commemoration of St. Spyridon's Miracle in Corfu against the Turkish invasion of 1716; and Blane, Bishop of Bute. *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 Feast of the Transfiguration—(Hymnal-pp.220-221):

It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. When You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, You showed Your disciples Your glory as far as they could bear. So now, for us sinners also, let this same eternal light shine forth through the prayers of the Theotokos. O .Giver of light, glory to You.

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.

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 Transfiguration – (Hymnal-pp.284-287):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your disciples as much of Your glory as they could bear, so that when they see You crucified they will know that You suffer freely, and they will tell all the world that You are truly the radiance of the Father.

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 (John 20:11-18)

“But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?’ Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, ‘Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to Me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and Your Father, to My God and Your God.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that He had said these things to her.”

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 1:10-17)

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and

Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 14:14-22)

¹⁴When He went ashore, He saw a great crowd; and He had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And He said, “Bring them here to Me.” ¹⁹Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. ²²Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

(TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Your Name’s sake.” (Psalm 79:9)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

A strong person works out every day to keep his body in shape, but a follower of our Lord with strength kneels in prayer to keep his soul in shape.

A strong person isn't afraid of anything, but a follower of our Lord with strength shows her courage in the midst of fear.

A strong person won't let anyone get the best of him, but a follower of our Lord with strength gives the best of himself to everyone.

A strong person walks sure-footedly, but a follower of our Lord with strength knows God will catch her when she falls.

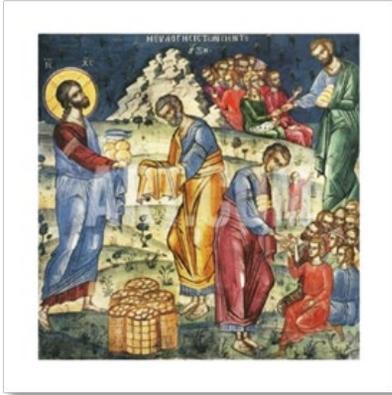
A strong person wears the look of confidence on his face, but a follower of our Lord with strength wears grace.

A strong person has faith that she is strong enough for the journey, but a follower of our Lord with strength has faith that in the journey she will become strong.

Are we merely strong . . . or do we rely on our faith to provide the strength to overcome life's difficulties and gain victory with our Lord?

Parents, please bring your students to church next Sunday for the **Blessing of the New School Year** – both in our public/private schools and religious education classes. Teachers will be introduced and highlight lessons to be taught. We will register students during coffee fellowship...there is no fee – just provide names, ages, and share information for teachers about your children. Our focus is for youth and adults to worship and learn our Orthodox faith. *You hold the lifeline of your children's religious development and our teachers are here to assist and support you! God bless our efforts and each of you.*

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 (except this month)!*

On this tenth of our “Parish Thanksgiving Sundays,”

Kirk & Dedee Panayis are offering the five Artos (loaves of bread) in thanksgiving for the health and welfare of our parish family and God’s blessings in their lives this month... *Dedee's Birthday on the 6th,*



Maria’s Name Day on the 15th, and yesterday’s baptism of their nephew Iasonas (son of Kirk’s brother and sister-in-law, Vasili and Effie Panagis and grandson of Maria). Congratulations to Kirk and Dedee, the new Godparents! Na Zisi!

*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 August. The Artos (blessed sweet bread) will be distributed to everyone during today’s **Special Brunch** honoring Iasonas’ baptism offered by his family. 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.*

“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!

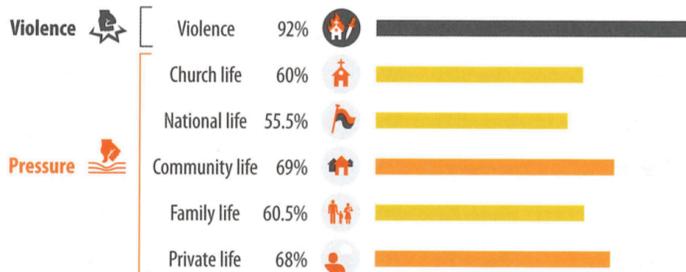


Mali

Source of persecution Islamic oppression
Population 19,108,000
Christians 425,000
Main religion Islam
Government Semi-presidential republic
Leader President Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta

Profile of persecution

Based on World Watch List 2019 data



Intensifying violence

While the majority of Malians traditionally practice a relatively tolerant version of Islam, the West African country has become increasingly militant. In the northern part of the country especially, this intolerance has resulted in increasing violence against Christians from jihadist and criminal groups that have a vested interest in keeping the country mired in chaos and instability.

Prayer points

- Driven by terrorist attacks, violence in Mali has increased substantially. Pray for peace over this country.
- Pray with Christians who have been displaced from their homes in northern Mali by Islamic militants.
- Pray with new believers who left Islam to follow Jesus. They report it is becoming increasingly difficult to practice their faith.

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:  Wellspring Living

"Wellspring Living" transforms the lives of girls 12-17 and young women 18-32 in our area, who are at risk, or are victimized by sexual exploitation. Headquartered in Atlanta since 2001, it operates two phone lines, three residential programs, a Youth Academy, and a Women's Academy. One of the fund-raising Wellspring Living retail stores is in Peachtree City near Publix on Hwy 54.



Hands of love, a ministry of our [Philoptochos Society](#), is requesting monetary donations or gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kroger, or Visa/Mastercard, that will be used by Wellspring Living to purchase basic groceries, clothes, and shoes in various sizes and body types for the women they are assisting. Or by donating the following:

Cleaning Supplies:

- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Laundry Soap
- Disinfectant Bleach Wipes
- Lysol or Fabuloso Multi-Surface Cleaner
- Kitchen Trash Bags (13 gallon)

Linens:

- Fleece blankets (adult-sized)
- Pillow protectors
- Colorful Bath Towels and Washcloths

Personal Hygiene Supplies:

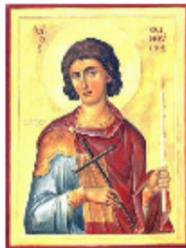
- Loofahs
- Hand Lotion
- Body Wash
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish Remover
- Gentle Hand Soaps
- Multi-Blade Razors
- Nair
- Ethnic Hair Care products
- Sturdy combs for all hair types
- Makeup Remover Pads
- Makeup Applicator Pads

You may include a [note of encouragement](#) with your donation.

More information about Wellspring Living is available in the books by Mary Frances Bowley, "Wellspring Living" founder, ["Make it Zero"](#) or ["A League of Dangerous Women: True Stories from the Road to Redemption"](#) or go to wellspringliving.org.

Yours in Christ,

Anna Andreeva-Naydenova
Hands of Love Chair



Save the Date!
First Annual Fanouropita Luncheon
Sunday, August 25, 2019
(Following Religious Education)

Blessing & Distribution of the Fanouropita
&
Lunch
&
Silent Auction on Your Specialty Desserts

If you have a specialty dessert that you make/are known for and
would like to offer it for our Silent Auction -

Please contact Julie Skouteris at gsjs401mq@gmail.com

&
Fellowship

The Fanouropita proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used for the youth in our Metropolis,
so that all who are interested will be able to attend youth activities held within
our Metropolis of Atlanta.

Please plan on attending this unique event sponsored by Philoptochos



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August 7, 2019

Fr. George Tsahakis
Esteemed Parish Council of St. Christopher Church
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My dear Fr. George and Esteemed Parish Council Members,

My heart was filled with joy as I visited with you and was informed about the wonderful progress of your community and celebrated with you the Divine Liturgy on Sunday August 4. I give thanks to God for all of you and all the work you do in God's holy name and pray that you continue with great vigor, faithfulness and commitment ministering to the holy people of God. I congratulate you and rejoice for the achievements you have accomplished and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your new endeavors.

I take this opportunity to once again thank you for the warm hospitality you have shown me, your love and generosity of spirit and your kindness. I will be lifting each and every one of you in my prayers and remembering you with fond memories. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance to you.

I thank you also for your most kind and most generous gift.

I like to wish you and your families many years in the service of our church as you continue spreading the good news of the Lord to the whole world,

In the love and service of our Lord,

+Bishop Sevastianos



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On this *the 767th* 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, August 11 (8th Sunday of St. Matthew):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Blessing of 5 Loaves & August Commemorations/Special Brunch**
- 10:45 am General Parish Assembly**
- 12:00 pm Greeters Solicitation Meeting**

St. Christopher Parishioners can volunteer to help at our Golf Classic by using **Sign Up Genius** displayed on home page of our parish website.



You are invited to join us for our last Paraklesis Service on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos Vespers and Divine Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast – Wednesday, August 14th. Bring non-fasting food for our community dinner (our fast will conclude with the end of church services that evening). Thanks for supporting the Paraklesis Services and Transfiguration Services this past week. Glory to God always!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!