



Sunday, July 19, 2020



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF ATLANTA

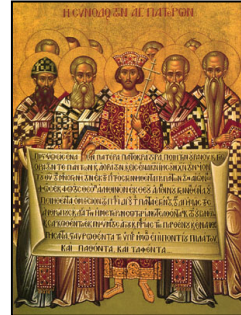
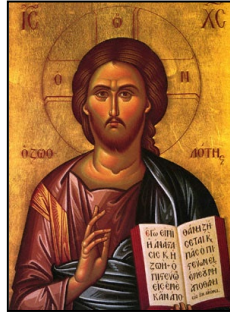
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople: www.patriarchate.org

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Website: www.goarch.org

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta Website: www.atlanta.goarch.org

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church Website: www.saintchristopherhoc.org

St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



313 Dividend Drive, Suite 210
Peachtree City, Georgia 30269

Very Rev. Fr. George J. Tsahakis, *Chancellor*

Liturgical Guide for Sunday, July 19, 2020

ON THIS DAY, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon (+451); **WE ALSO COMMEMORATE** Macrina the Righteous, Sister of St. Basil the Great (+379); Righteous Father Dios the Wonderworker, Abbot of Antioch (+430); Holy Four Co-Ascetics; Translation of the Holy Relics of Righteous Seraphim of Sarov; and St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa. *Through the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.*

Thank You for Your Understanding

We welcome our parishioners who pre-registered and are attending services in person today and we also welcome those who are viewing our online video streaming at home. Let us comply with the guidelines we have provided everyone. We appreciate your kind understanding that our church is beginning phase one of

the re-opening of our doors. Fr. George is deeply appreciative to you and all who are assisting during worship services.

SPECIAL HYMNS SUNG BEFORE/AFTER SMALL ENTRANCE

1./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.114-117):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: To the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

3. Hymn of the Holy Fathers – (Hymnal-pp.170-171):

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: Unending glory be Yours, O Christ our God, for making our holy fathers radiant lights to all the world. Through them You led us to the true faith. Compassionate Savior, Glory to You.

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> |
|--|

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:36-53)

While they were talking about this, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at My hands and My feet; see that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about Me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Epistle Reading (Titus 3:8-15)

Titus 3:8 The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. 9 But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone

who causes divisions, 11 since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. 12 When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Make every effort to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, and see that they lack nothing. 14 And let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive. 15 All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with all of you.

Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:14-19)

Matt. 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.” (Psalm 29:2)

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE

A speaker once started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of two hundred, he asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?” Hands started going up. He said, “I am going to give this \$20 bill to one of you but first, let me do this.” He proceeded to crumple the \$20 bill up. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” Still the hands were up in the air. “Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. “Now who still wants it?” Still the hands went into the air.

This exercise offers a valuable lesson to us. No matter what the seminar speaker did to the money, the participants still wanted it, because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, none of us will ever lose our value in God's eyes. To God, whether we are dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, *we are always precious . . . and priceless.*”



All Sundays in July: Soldiers' Angels



*May No Soldier Go Unloved,
May No Soldier Walk Alone,
May No Soldier Be Forgotten,
Until They All Come Home. 7th*



Soldiers' Angels is an organization serving **active duty military** and their **families**, as well as **veterans of all eras**. More than **360,000 people** were served last year.

This is one of the few charities approved to work in the **VA hospitals**. In Georgia there are two hospitals supported - the Atlanta VA and the Dublin VA.

Your **monetary donation** of:

\$ 35 - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent

\$ 50 - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at VA hospitals

\$100 - can help a veteran put food on the table

\$800 - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, amputation, and help them maintain some independence, as well as stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies.



More information at www.soldiersangels.org

Faithfully,

Anna Andreeva Naydenova, "Hands of Love" Philoptochos Ministry Chair



Saint Christopher
Outreach Ministry

A Non-Profit 501(c)(3) whose mission provides Christian based charitable giving with educational, cultural and spiritual enrichment to Orthodox Parishes, to those in need and for the youth in the communities we serve in South Metro Atlanta and beyond.

All proceeds benefit: Saint Christopher Outreach Ministry, The Bedford School and The Joseph Sams School



August 24, 2020

Flat Creek Country Club • Tee-off at 9AM



**Maximizing Potential
Maximizes Success**



**The
Bedford
School**

For Children With Learning Differences

770-774-8001
thebedfordschool.org
5665 Milam Road,
Fairburn, GA 30213

- Grades 1-9
- Maximum Class of 12 Students
- College Preparatory Curriculum
- Multi-Sensory Learning
- Orton-Gillingham Based Reading Program
- STEM Education
- Competitive & Intramural Sports Program
- Speech Therapy
- Drama Program, Book Clubs, Challenge Course, Pool



The Joseph Sams School

Serving Children With Special Needs

The Joseph Sams School is a private, nonprofit, fully accredited educational facility located in Fayetteville, Ga. In its 35th year of operation, the school serves children from birth through age 22, and offers special education and therapies to children with intellectual, physical and developmental disabilities.

Currently, the school serves children from 8 different Georgia counties, including but not limited to: Fayette, Fulton, Clayton, Coweta, Douglas, Henry, Spalding, DeKalb and Meriwether.



280 Brandywine Blvd ~ Fayetteville 30214
www.josephsamsschool.org 770.461.5894

Confirm your registration or corporate sponsorship TODAY online at SouthAtlantaGolfClassic.com



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

On this the 815th 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, July 19 (Sunday of the Holy Fathers):

- 7:45 am Orthros Service**
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service for those who died
because of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus/40 Day
Churching of Mother & Baby**
- 4:00 pm Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour & Adult Religious
Education Discussion (*from 4:00 – 5:00 pm*)**



Join us this Sunday, July 19, at 4:00 p.m.

1. Use this link to read 7.19.20 reading

[We will discuss the article, *"Tragedy in Paradise: Orthodox Christians Remember Cyprus Before the Turkish Invasion"*.]

2. Use this link to join Zoom Conference Call

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

Saint Macrina, the Sister of St. Basil the Great

On the nineteenth of July, we commemorate our Venerable Mother Macrina, sister of Basil the Great. *The following account of her life is reprinted from www.johnsanidopoulos.com.*

+Fr. George Tsahakis

Saint Macrina was adorned with physical beauty, and with a beautiful mind, therefore she was engaged to a man, at a time when weddings had engagements, and her fiancé died, gathering the common donations. Wherefore the blessed Macrina, despite being asked by many to take her as their wife, she did not want this, but preferred widowhood and its difficulties, although she never tasted of the joys and pleasures of marriage.

She therefore separated herself from every worldly intercourse, and found herself to be with her mother, entirely coming into a new state of being by reading and studying the divine Scriptures, and became as a second mother in raising and educating her brothers born after her. All together her parents had ten children, and she was the first to be born.

She passed her life in asceticism venerably, and together with her divine brother Gregory of Nyssa conversed about the soul during her final breaths, and she reposed in the Lord. *

Notes:

* A portion of her right leg is in Iveron Monastery at Mount Athos. A portion of her right arm is in Panachrantos Monastery at Andros. Other portions of her relics can be found in Stavronikita Monastery at Mount Athos and Kykkos Monastery at Cyprus.

Apolytikion in Plagal of the Fourth Tone

In thee the image was preserved with exactness, O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to overlook the flesh, for it passeth away, but to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O Venerable Macrina, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.

Another Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Thou didst lend wings to thy mind by thy love of wisdom, and wisely abandon the world's comforts. Thou wast an abode of true philosophy, and by thine ascetic life, thou didst become a glorious bride of the Savior. Intercede with Him for those who cry: Rejoice, O God-bearing Macrina.

Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

Thou wast filled with the light of righteousness and reflected the divine life as an initiator of virtues for those who cry to thee with faith: Rejoice, O Macrina, glory of virgins.

Kathisma in the First Tone

Through holiness of life, thou, the pure lamb without spot, wast mysteriously united and wed to the Lord God; for thou hadst adorned thyself with the beauty of grace divine. Wherefore, thou hast now received the grace to work healings, curing every sickness by the strength of the Spirit, Macrina most ven'erable.