

# NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

## OCTOBER 2, 2022



*O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper, for I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But like the thief I confess to You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your kingdom.*

HONORING CHURCH MUSICIANS ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

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Each year, on the first Sunday in October (on or after the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist, the patron saint of church musicians), parishes across the Archdiocese of America celebrate **NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**. It is a day we set aside particularly to honor the contributions of local choir members, psaltai, and music educators who serve their churches through the hymnology of our Orthodox Church. In addition, it is a day when we recognize the work of the diocesan choir federations as well as the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians, who through their music ministry, strive to enhance the development of church choirs, church musicians, and liturgical music at diocesan and archdiocesan levels.

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**



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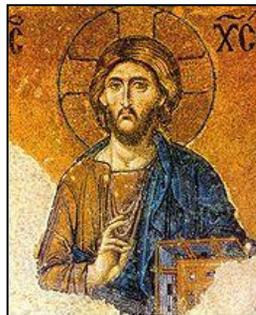
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church



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### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 2, 2022

ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES the Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Virgin Martyr Justina & Theophilus the Confessor. *Through their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### Thank You for Your Understanding

We welcome our parishioners who 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 in following them. Fr. George is deeply appreciative to you and all who are assisting during worship services.

Parishioners and visitors who are sick are asked to remain at home to recover and rest. We strongly encourage all parishioners who visit to resume wearing masks to slow the spread of the Delta variant in response to [His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios' request to our Clergy and Parish Councils](#) to do so.

*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 for St. Kyprianos – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Cyprian. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

### **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.

## **6. Special Hymn instead of Trisagion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.292-293):**

*On the occasion of today's baptism, we sing the following hymn instead of the Trisagion hymn: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ. Alleluia. (3)"*

## **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY**

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| <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> – 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.*

### **Special Epistle Reading for Today's Baptism (Rom. 6:3-11)**

*<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be*

*enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

### **Special Gospel Reading for Today's Baptism (Mt. 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.*

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

*As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For 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! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as*

*punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

### **Regular Sunday Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 6:31-36)**

*Luke 6:31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

### **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:**

*“As crucial as it is for Christians to face the world, its needs, and sufferings, it is even more necessary that social action – the service of the neighbor – be properly grounded. The proper foundation will be the love of God, for then each suffering brother and sister will be recognized as made in God’s image and likeness; truly in each neighbor will be visible the face of Christ. This is Mother Maria’s essential view of her work of ‘loving kindness.’”*  
[from our Adult Religious Education book, ***Mother Maria Skobtsova: Essential Writings***” (Orbis Books, 2003)]



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OF OUR PHILOPTOCHOS  
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022**



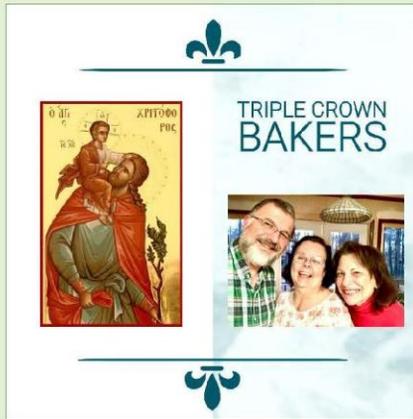
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Metropolis of Atlanta Youth Ministry that our  
Bake Sale will help support.**

### **Sunday's Blessing of Fanouropites**



*...Bless these gifts and those who offered them for Your glory and in honor of the holy and glorious great-martyr Phanourios. Grant also, O Good One, to those who prepared these gifts, all Your earthly and heavenly goods....*

(Excerpt from Blessing of Fanouropites Prayer that Fr. George will offer)



## 3-for-1 Holiday Gift Set

*One buyer receives three (3) consecutive months of holiday treats!*

ONE-DAY SPECIAL  
**\$250**



**On the Sunday before Thanksgiving** — three homemade pies by Presbytera Marinda — apple, pecan, & pumpkin

**On the Sunday before Christmas** — four dozen homemade assorted cookies by Faye Georgeo — gingerbread, fruitcake, & double chocolate crinkles



**On New Year's Sunday** — Festive Holiday Tiramisu by Fr. George to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas

Support our Atlanta Metropolis Youth Ministry and at the same time ensure a "sweet" holiday season with delicious desserts guaranteed to satisfy every sweet tooth, both young and old for your family & friends... all for a \$250 donation to our Philoptochos Society Fanouropita Bake Sale on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>!



# *College Student* **SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 2, 2022

Orthodox Christian Fellowship exists to offer college students rich community in Christ, inspiring a life-long love of God and neighbor. This is accomplished via a growing network of on-campus OCF chapters led by talented students, clergy, and lay advisors as well as through programs such as Regional Retreats, College Conference, Real Break, and the Summer Leadership Institute.

**Donate now and help keep college students close to Christ and His Church.**

Join other Orthodox faithful across the country by offering a donation to OCF this College Student Sunday.

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## Volunteer for GREECE on the GO Fall 2022

Join us for Greece on the Go drive thru event. Your support as a volunteer is critical to the success of this event. Volunteering for multiple shifts is very much appreciated and there is a 30 minute overlap between shifts to allow you and the next person to get a job debriefing, while maintaining continuity.

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On this the 925<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 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke; National Church Music**

**Sunday; College Student Sunday; Philoptochos Fanouropita Bake Sale):**

**7:20 am Orthros Service**

**8:45 am Divine Liturgy & Sacrament of Holy Baptism, followed by  
Reception & Philoptochos Society Fanouropita Bake Sale**

**11:00 am Religious Education Classes *(for all ages)***

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

**Today is "National Church Music Sunday". We thank those in our parish who share their talents as local church musicians – our choir director, choir members, and chantors... their inspiring ministry helps uplift our hearts and souls. +Fr. George Tsahakis**

### **Prayer for Church Musicians**

**Fr. George:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, on this day proclaimed **National Church Music Sunday** by our Archdiocese, our parish recognizes the women, men, and youth in our parish who give their time and musical talent in service to You, our Lord, and to Your Church.

Bless them, O Lord, as they sing praises to You, and glorify Your Name. Let their music be a witness to Your majesty and love and remind us all of Your presence in our lives.

Help them to bring the Word of God to our parish family through Your music, through chant and hymn singing.

Help them to fulfill all the responsibilities this music ministry requires. Giving of time and talents to learn the hymns of our faith, teaching others these musical prayers, actively participating in the dialogue of our worship, and striving to enhance the beauty of our liturgical life.

Help them to grow as disciples of the Lord by making every effort to hear the Word of God, integrate His teachings into our lives, and sharing it with others through music.

Master, Lord our God, You commanded that everything be done for Your glory. By Your blessing, stretch forth Your hand to these Your servants who sing hymns of praise for Your glory. Grant them the wisdom and ability to sing our Orthodox prayers. Grant them good health, a happy life, and bless their good efforts. For You are a gracious God and to You we give glory, together with Your Father who is eternal and Your All Holy Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and forevermore. Amen.