



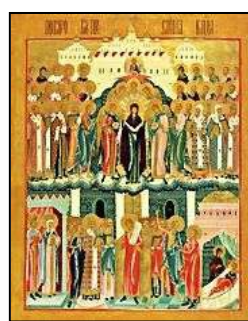
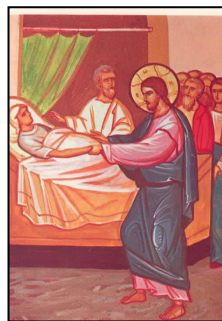
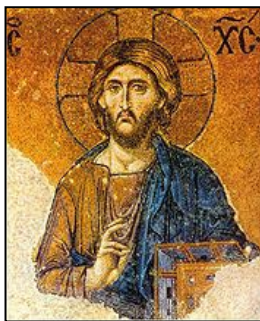
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## Liturgical Guide for Saturday, October 28, 2023

**ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** The Holy Protection of the Theotokos; Holy Martyrs Terrence and Eunice; Our Righteous Father Steven the Sabbaite; Arsenios and Athanasios of Androusa in Messenia, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Angelis, Manuel, George, & Nicholas, New Martyrs of Crete; and Rostislav, the Great Illumined Duke of Moravia. *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 meeting 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. Hymn Commemorating Holy Protection – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. We sing the praise of the graces of your Protecting Veil, O Virgin, which like a light-bearing cloud you unfold beyond understanding, and you spiritually protect your people from every assault of their foe. For we have gained you as Protection and defender and helper, as we cry out to you: Glory to your mighty deeds, O Pure one; glory to your Protection; glory to your providence towards us, O Immaculate!

### **3. 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.

### **4. Kontakion – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance: You were observed to be a cloud that, glowing splendidly, was overshadowing the Church's people, long ago in the imperial city, O all-pure Virgin. Inasmuch as you protect us as our champion, from all kinds of tribulations keep us safe and sound, as we cry aloud: Rejoice, luminous protective veil!

### **5. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.324):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "I will lift the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115[116]). Alleluia."*

## **SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES FROM TODAY'S 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


### **Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 9:1-7)**

*Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people.*

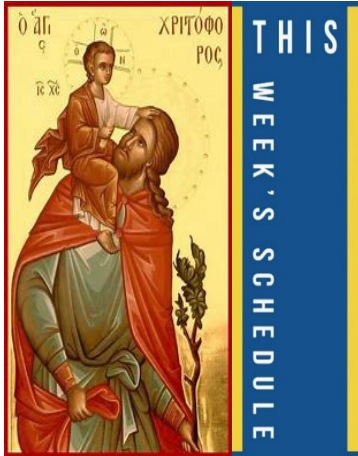
### **Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28):**

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, He entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." <sup>27</sup>While He was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts that nursed You!" <sup>28</sup>But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

And on this *the twenty-first* Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos 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!

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## October 28, Saturday, Feast of the Holy Protection of the Theotokos

9:00 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Blessing of the Animals (*in church parking lot*)

