

# National Church Music Sunday

October 1, 2023

## *The Penitential Hymn of Kassiani*

Lord, the woman who had fallen into many sins, perceiving Your divinity, fulfilled the part of a myrrh-bearer; and with lamentations she brought sweet-smelling oil of myrrh to You before Your burial. 'Woe is me,' she said, 'for night surrounds me, dark and moonless, and stings my lustful passion with the love of sin. Accept the fountain of my tears, You who draws down from the clouds the waters of the sea. Incline to the groanings of my heart, You who in Your ineffable self-emptying has bowed down the heavens. I shall kiss Your most pure feet and wipe them with the hairs of my head, those feet whose sound Eve heard at dusk in Paradise and hid herself for fear. Who can search out the multitude of my sins and the abyss of Your judgments, Savior of my soul? Despise me not, Your handmaiden, for You have mercy without measure.'

St. Kassiani the Nun, Poet and Hymnographer



*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.

**On this "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**

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**



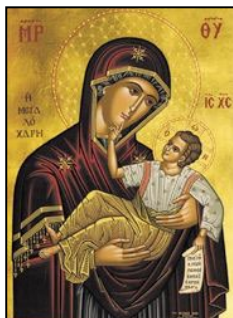
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## St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church

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

### Liturgical Guide for Sunday, October 1, 2023

*Fr. George arranged for Fr. Ken Anthony to serve in his place today and appreciates Fr. Ken's assistance. Fr. George is baptizing his and Presbytera Marinda's granddaughter in Charleston, SC. He thanks our Lord and Savior for His blessings and prays for many years of good health, joy, and Spirit-filled life for God's servant, Anastasia.*

**ON THIS DAY, THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES** Ananias, Apostle of the 70; Romanos the Melodist; The Holy Protection of the Theotokos; and John Koukouzelis the Psalti. *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. Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone) – (Hymnal-pp126-7):**

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

### **3. Hymn for St. Ananias, Apostle of the 70 – (not in Hymnal):**

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

### **4. Hymn for St. Romanos the Melodist – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung *after* the Small Entrance. In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

### **5. 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.

## **6. 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 24:36-53)**

*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 During Divine Liturgy (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1)**

*What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be your father, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.*

### **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)]



**Saturday, October 14th, 2023**  
**6 PM Appetizers | 7 PM Dinner**  
**The Shipyard at Trilith**

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**Brought to you by St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**

# GreekFest 2023 Quick Facts

We are excited to once again come together in Christian fellowship, unity, fun and cooperation to share our Orthodox Faith, Greek Culture, Food and Dance with our guests at GreekFest!!

**What:** GreekFest and Celebration of St. Christopher's 20<sup>th</sup> Year

**Where:** The Shipyard at Trilith

**When:** October 14, 2023

**Event Time:** Appetizers – 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm

**Dress Code (for those volunteering):** White Shirt & Black Bottom (pants or skirts)

## What is Needed?? Sell Tickets and Sponsorships!!



Remember to let your friends and families know this is a Fundraiser to support our Building Fund and Charities within our community.

\*The price is all inclusive of all Appetizers (Spanakopita, Tiropita's, and Dolmades), Dinner (Greek Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Green Beans, Pastitsio, Souvlaki, Gyros, Giouvetsi, Fresh Baked Bread, Tzatziki, Kourambiedes, Koulourakia) That's a lot of Food!!

\*Plus, water, soft drinks, beer and wine!

\*Live Greek Band and Greek Dancing!

## Sign up to Assist!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4CA4A62FA4FE3-43982644-greekfest>

**\*\*\*Note:** if you are volunteering on Saturday Evening during GreekFest you **Do Not** need to purchase a ticket – if you are unable to volunteer your time but want to attend GreekFest then, yes you will need to purchase a ticket – *BUT we really need everyone 16 years old and up to help! Thank you!!* \*\*\*

**\*\*\*\*\*Note about Childcare:** Our venue, The Shipyard does not have a space for our kids to be, nor would they be able to run around as they did in the past at the Commemorative Hanger in Peachtree City, where we also provided childcare.

For our event this year there is no child's ticket price and is a bit more formal than in the past.

We invite students 16 and above to volunteer their time & talents via sign up genius at the event at no cost, otherwise if a child were to attend the cost would be \$150.00.

Now with all that being said and because we need you our parents to volunteer, we would like to offer these two options:

- 1) We can provide a vetted/background checked babysitter along with a background checked member of our parish to watch the kids at church for no cost to you. Food & soft drinks provided.
- 2) If you would like for your kids to be at home with a babysitter, we would cover the cost of your babysitter.

We realize that this is a big change for this year and we want you to know that we care about you and your kids. We ask you to prayerfully consider one of the above options and also support our parish by volunteering your time and talents for GreekFest.\*\*\*\*

Please reach out to Julie Skouteris with any questions and to let us know which option would work best for your family at [gsjs401mg@gmail.com](mailto:gsjs401mg@gmail.com).

### Any Questions?

Contact your GreekFest Quad Chairs

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# 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!*

Thanks to **Dedee & Kirk Panayis & Maria Panayi** for offering the five Artos (loaves of bread) for the health and welfare of their family, friends, and our parishioners as well as God’s blessings in our lives this month.



*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. Congratulations to everyone celebrating their special events today and thanks to all who offered our parish their gifts for God to use and multiply.*



A SEED WORTH PLANTING





They who sow courtesy reap  
friendship, and they who plant  
kindness gather love. (St. Basil)



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On this the 973<sup>rd</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! ***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***



### **October 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:15 Memorial Service for Athanasios, Irene  
& Athena Christodoulou

10:30 Blessing of Five Loaves & October  
Commemorations

11:00 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

### **October 4, Wednesday**

9:00 Philoptochos Ministry – Prep for Baklava

### **October 7, Saturday**

9:00 Philoptochos Ministry –Making Baklava

### **October 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

7:45 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy

10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

11:45 Parish Council Meeting