



Feast of the Dormition of The Theotokos, celebrated from August 15th to 23rd



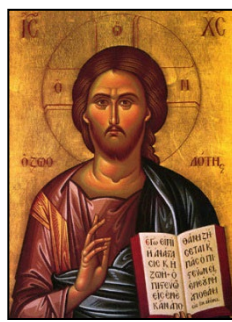
SAINT CHRISTOPHER HELLENIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, August 17, 2025

ON THIS DAY, THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES Myron the Martyr of Cyzicus; Straton, Philip, Eutychian, & Cyprian the Martyrs of Nicomedeia; Demetrios the New, Righteous Martyr of Samaria; Eutychios, Eutychianos and Kassiani the siblings; & Paul, Juliana, and those martyred with them (the executioners). *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 the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.222-223):

It is sung before and after the Small Entrance. In giving birth you remained a virgin, and in your dormition you did not forsake this world, O Theotokos. For as the Mother of Life, you have yourself passed into life. And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

2. Resurrectional Hymn (First Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.98-101):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone, O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise You: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom, O only lover of mankind.

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 Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.288-289):

It is sung after the Small Entrance. She is our vigilant intercessor, the Theotokos, our sure hope and protection. Neither death nor tomb held any power over her, for as the Mother of Life, she was taken into life by that very one who deigned to dwell in her ever virgin womb.

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
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Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (1 Cor. 4:9-16)

1Cor. 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. 10 We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, 12 and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. 14 I am not writing this to

make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 I appeal to you, then, be imitators of me.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 17:14-23)

Matt. 17:14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to Him, knelt before Him, 15 and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” 21 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, 23 and they will kill Him, and on the third day He will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

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

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

(Romans 12:2)

The words of the Mother of God in the Gospel



How can this be, since I do not know
a man? *(Luke 1:34)*

Behold the maidservant of the Lord!

Let it be to me according to your
word. *(Luke 1:38)*

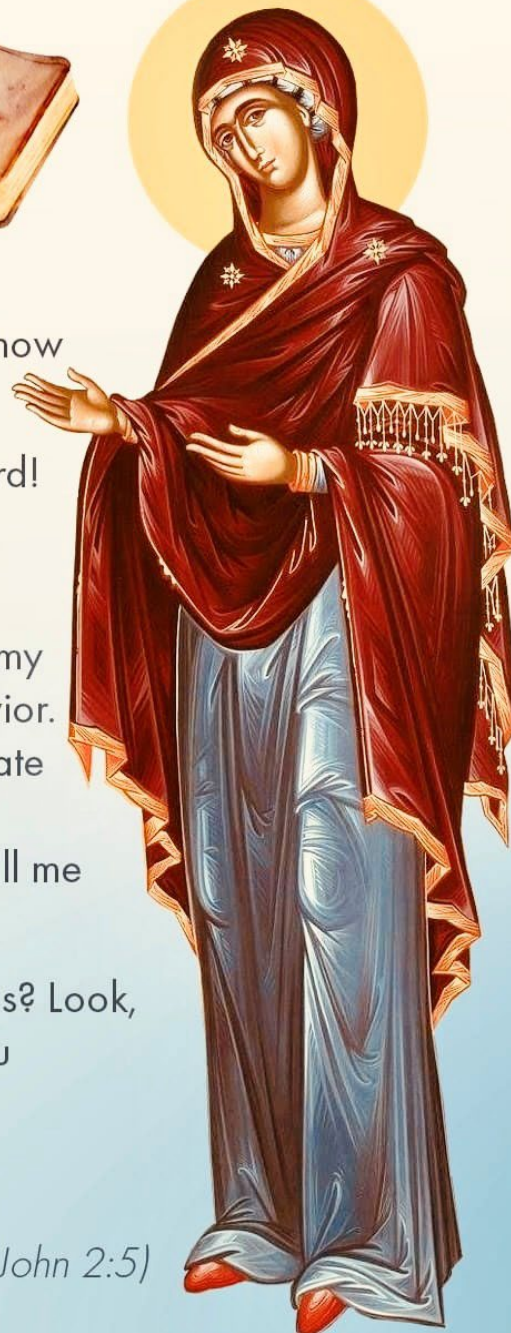
My soul magnifies the Lord, and my
spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He has regarded the lowly state
of His maidservant; For behold,
henceforth all generations will call me
blessed. *(Luke 1:46-55)*

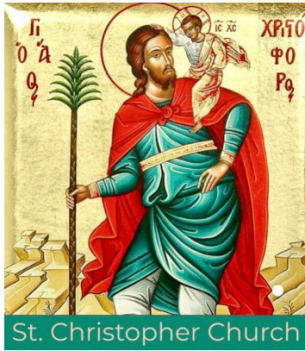
Son, why have You done this to us? Look,
Your father and I have sought You
anxiously. *(Luke 2:48)*

They have no wine. *(John 2:3)*

Whatever He says to you, do it. *(John 2:5)*



This Is A Season of Worship, Witness, Fellowship, & Service



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we journey through this sacred month, our parish offers many opportunities to deepen our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and serve with love. We invite you to participate fully in the life of our Church.

Sunday Services

Join us every Sunday for Divine Liturgy and spiritual nourishment. Come early for Orthros and stay for coffee hour fellowship, followed by Religious Education classes.

Paraklesis Services

Experience the comforting prayers of the Supplication to the Theotokos throughout the Dormition Fast. A time for healing, intercession, and peace.

Feasts of the Transfiguration and Dormition

Celebrate with us the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord on August 6th and the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15th. These holy days remind us of Christ's Glory and the Theotokos' loving protection.

GreekFest Fayette – A Taste of Greece

Mark your calendars for our annual GreekFest on August 16th. Enjoy authentic Greek food, music, dancing, and cultural exhibits. A joyful celebration for the whole community! Invite friends and neighbors to experience the joy of our heritage!

Religious Education Classes on Sundays

Our new Religious Education year begins August 10th. Classes for all ages will deepen your understanding of the Orthodox faith and prepare hearts for Christ. Our Adult Religious Education Class is a great opportunity for catechumens – newcomers interested in becoming Orthodox through the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Chrismation.

Philoptochos Ministry

Join our Philoptochos women in acts of love, compassion, and service. From preparing baked goods to raise funds for charitable needs to making Prayer Shawls, this ministry brings comfort and hope to those in need.

A Call to Action: Reaching, Shining, Building Together

Let us reach out to our neighbors, reflect the light of Christ, and build a stronger parish family. This initiative invites every member to participate in the life and growth of our Church.

Together, let us be the Church—alive in worship, active in service, and radiant in God's love through witness and fellowship. Amen! +Fr. George Tsahakis



Our Religious Education Classes were suspended today so we could volunteer as a church family and unload the GreekFest supplies in the truck as well as store those items. We resume classes NEXT SUNDAY!
We hope you will help today and join us next week.

Join Us Often with Your Family



Wednesday, August 13th

8:00 Paraklesis Service *(join us as we pray for health & welfare)*

Friday, August 15th – Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

8:00 Lamentations, followed by Divine Liturgy for Feast of Dormition of the Theotokos

10:30 GreekFest Preparation Day - please volunteer to help

Saturday, August 16th

6:00pm GreekFest Fayette

Sunday, August 17th – Tenth Sunday of St. Matthew

9:00 Divine Liturgy, followed by GreekFest Truck Unloading/Put Away Supplies

Sunday, August 24th – Eleventh Sunday of St. Matthew

8:00 Orthros

9:00 Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Prayer Shawls

10:45 Religious Education Classes (for all ages)

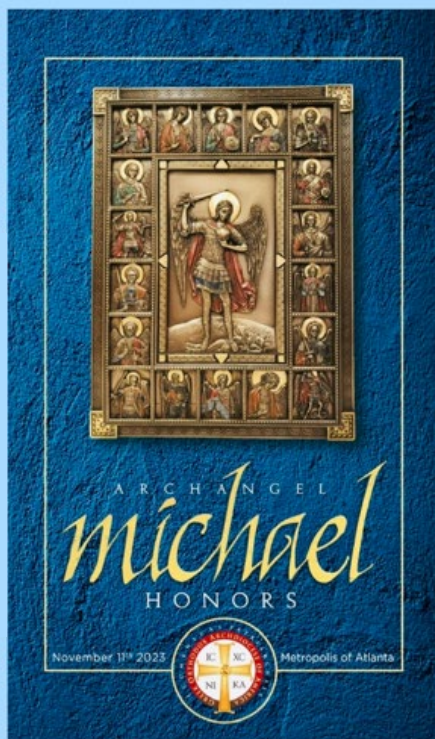
11.45 Philoptochos General Meeting

*Come, and be strengthened in your witness
of Orthodoxy through regular worship,
fellowship, and service with us.*

You are invited to join us on Saturday, November 8th and Sunday, November 9th, as His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos and our Metropolis Family recognize the 2025 parish honorees from the 75 parishes throughout the Metropolis of Atlanta.



Milena Taylor



**Congratulations to our
2025 Parish Honorees**



Bill Wiley

Joy of All Who Sorrow

By: His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos

National Philoptochos Spiritual Advisor

Panaghia is joy, not because she escaped sorrow, but because she met it with Christ. She walks with us still.

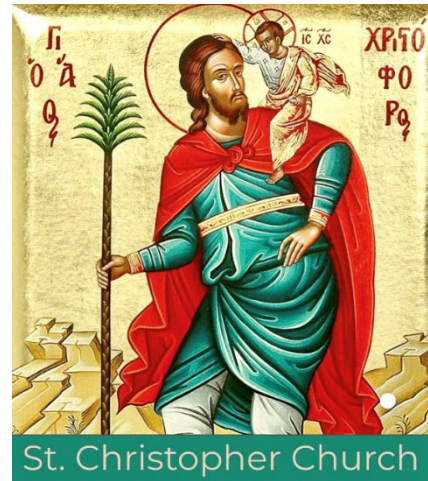
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She who endured great suffering continues to be known as the Joy of All Who Sorrow. Her joy was not the absence of pain but the presence of Christ. Her heart remained open, even in grief. She teaches us that joy can emerge from sorrow just like the morning sun.

Today's challenge: Bring joy to someone who may be grieving or discouraged today. A kind note, a gentle visit, or a shared prayer can mean everything.

On this the 1065th 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! On behalf of our parish, we thank you. ***Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!***

Beloved Parish Family,
With heartfelt gratitude, I thank each of you for your faithful and generous financial pledges to both our operating and building fund budgets. By God's grace and your unwavering commitment, we have met our budget projections year-to-date—a remarkable testament to your love for Christ and His Church.



As your Spiritual Father, I commend the sacrifices you have made to sustain our ministries and help build our future church complex. Too often, we overlook the quiet generosity of others, but today I pause to celebrate and acknowledge your stewardship and thank you. Let us be reminded of the words of King David:

“All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You.”

— 1 Chronicles 29:14

I also thank our Lord for blessing us with last night's **GreekFest Fayette** event. What a blessing it was to witness the many hands and hearts that helped plan and prepare us for this joyful event.

Thank you deeply for your great help and support—from our Chairs, Patrons, Sponsors, and Friends who joined us in fellowship and celebration.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your sacrificial offerings, and may our parish continue to grow in faith, love, and unity.

With love in Christ, *+Fr. George Tsahakis*