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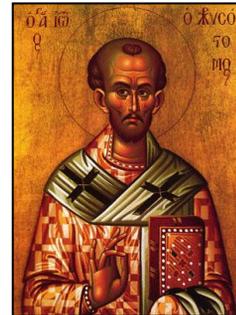
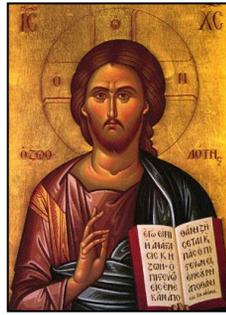
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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, January 27, 2019

ON THIS DAY, THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE, WE REMEMBER the Relocation of the Sacred Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (+438); Righteous Peter of Egypt; and Demetrios the New Martyr of Constantinople (+1785). *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./2. Resurrectional Hymn (Second Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.102-105):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: When You descended into death, Life immortal, You vanquished the power of hell by your resplendent divinity, and when You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out triumphantly: O giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

3. Hymn of St. John Chrysostom – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

4. Hymn Commemorating St. Christopher – (see music distributed):

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 sung in anticipation of the Presentation of the Lord (to be celebrated 2/2) (Hymnal-pp.250-253):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come – to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

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

Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Mark 16:1-8)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (Hebrews 7:26-8:2)

26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, He has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for His own sins, and then for those of the people; this He did once for all when He offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. ⁸Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, One who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens, ²a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Luke 19:1-10)

Luke 19:1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“The LORD is my strength and my might, and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father’s God, and I will exalt Him.” (Exod. 15:2)

“A Plan of St. Paisios the Athonite to Repeal the Abortion Law in Greece” (continued from back cover)

Christian physicians must also together raise awareness and publish in the newspapers that abortion is murder. And they should educate women how science has established that 95% of women who have an abortion are at a higher

risk to having cancer in the uterus, the fallopian tubes, the ovaries, the breasts, etc. Because when the woman conceives the body adjusts to be fully readied in preparation to bear the child. For example, the breasts prepare to provide maternal milk, the hormones change, etc. Therefore, when a woman has an abortion, this readiness completely stops in the body, which brings about negative physiological consequences, such as cancer. Physicians should therefore explain in detail what happens and its consequences.

Politicians should also speak and write of the impact this has on the nation and the problem of the birth deficit. Christians have one child by force, while Muslims have ten and we will soon face problems, which will be clearly our fault for our lawlessness and for the fact that we do not obey the commandments of Christ. Others are not to blame; minorities in Greece have begun to create problems from the time Greek women, without war, began killing their children before they were born.

So, when all these forces and various authoritative persons work together, then, when the day has been designated for this request to be brought before Congress, the bishops in the churches will call the people to make a protest march to repeal the law.

We, as Christians, do not want to violate the laws of our Christ, but they also must respect the freedom of Christian citizens. From the moment the state makes a law, every Greek citizen is obligated to observe it, otherwise they will be punished by the state; this, however, deprives Christian physicians of their freedom. A Christian physician has the law of God and their conscience, which tells them not to commit murder, but against their will they are pressured to sin or abandon their position and lose their job.

When a state law is passed, then the consequences fall on every citizen of the state, because God will chastise the entire nation. However, when there is no state law, then the allowed chastisement will be endured only by the person who sins. (Unfortunately, they aren't upset to pay twenty thousand drachmas to purchase a lamb for Easter, but for an abortion – the murder of a young child – they don't even want to pay one drachma! This is why these women wanted a law to be passed, so they can have free abortions in public hospitals. But they are

ignorant of the existence of divine justice, which for our good will not allow these things to pass without notice, but we are chastised here in order for us to repent and to not find ourselves indebted 'above'."

This is what the Elder told me to convey to that congressman, and I in my turn conveyed it back to him.

It should be noted here that the Elder wanted us Christians to organize and not just accept "with hands crossed" whatever anti-Christian morality they force upon us.

From the book *Σκεύος Εκλογής (Chosen Vessel)*, pp. 126-128. Translated by John Sanidopoulos.



Hands of Love: February

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore, I command you to do this word which says, You shall surely open your hands to your brother, to your poor and needy in your land. (Deut. 15:11)*



Sunday, February 3rd: TACKLE  HUNGER

Souper Bowl of Caring works to mobilize those looking to **fight hunger and poverty** in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

It was initiated in 1990 by 22 churches in Columbia, SC. They collected \$5,700 for the first Souper Bowl. This mission was embraced by more churches across the nation and around the world and now has its headquarters in Houston, TX. Last year they collected \$8,188,534.

This year **Atlanta** is hosting the game in our new and unique Mercedes-Benz Stadium - a call for all of us to **step up to the plate!**

On Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3rd (or any of the following 3 weeks), we are asking each family member to donate at least **one dollar and/or one item** of canned food for local people in need. **100% of our donation will go directly to St. John the Wonderworker in Atlanta.** Since the canned food donations will be used in their soup kitchen, please try to select large canned items or multiples of smaller items.



For more information visit: www.souperbowl.org and www.saintjohnwonderworker.org.

Yours in Christ,

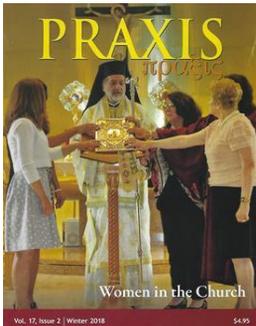
Anna Andreeva Naydenova, Philoptochos Hands of Love Ministry Chair

PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

St. John Chrysostom offered the following consideration on acts of charity: Imagine a carpenter with the crudest of tools. It takes him many days to make a simple table; and its quality is so low that the price he obtains for it is poor. He has a choice: either he can spend all the money he earns on food and drink or he can set some money aside, even if it means going hungry, in order to buy better tools. If he does the latter, then he will soon be making good tables much more quickly, and so his earnings will quickly rise.

This choice is analogous to a spiritual choice that each of us must make. Either we can spend for our own pleasure all the wealth we possess, or we can set aside part of our wealth to give to others. If we do the latter, then we may sacrifice a few immediate, earthly pleasures; but the joy we earn for ourselves in Heaven far, far surpasses the pleasure we have lost on earth. *Every act of charity on earth is an investment in Heaven.*

Today's Adult Religious Education Class



Thanks for supporting our Adult Religious Education classes.

We are studying a new series... *“Women in the Church”*.

As we continue this series through March 10, obtain future Lessons by visiting our website homepage,

www.saintchristopherhoc.org.

January 27, 2019: “Landmark Survey: Women’s Ministry, Service & Leadership” (pp. 10 - 12)



February Prosfora Baking Schedule



The following families are scheduled to prepare Prosfora this month:

Saturday, Feb. 2 (due Sat., Feb. 2 by 7:00 am)	Dedee Panayis/Milena Taylor
Sunday, Feb. 3 (due Sun., Feb. 3 by 7:00 am)	Presbyteria Marinda Tsahakis/Becky Butler
Sunday, Feb. 10 (due Sun., Feb. 10 by 7:00 am)	Pat MacDougall/Stella Christodouloupoulos
Sunday, Feb. 17 (due Sun., Feb. 17 by 7:00 am)	Costas and Tammy Soulakos/Lydia McGee
Sunday, Feb. 24 (Due Sun., Jan. 24 by 7:00 am)	Effie Sakkas/Susan Kleto

PROSFORA BAKERS: PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Presbyteria Marinda appreciates everyone's help and if needs arise, please contact her at mtsahakis@comcast.net or (770) 381-1842.



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On this the 740th 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, January 27 (15th Sunday of St. Luke):

- 7:45 a.m. Orthros Service
- 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Coffee Fellowship Reception
- 10:45 a.m. Religious Education Classes (*for all ages*)
- 12:00 p.m. Let's EAT! Join us at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Suite 1009, Fayetteville, GA 30214. It's easy – no reservations, Dutch Treat, and open to all...!

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!