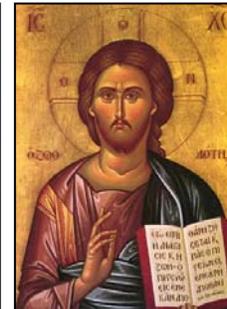




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Liturgical Guide for Sunday, February 10, 2019

ON THIS DAY, THE SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE, WE COMMEMORATE Holy Hieromartyr Haralambos; Anastasios, Patriarch of Jerusalem; and Porphyrios & Bapτος the Monk-martyrs. *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 (Fourth Tone) – (Hymnal-pp.110-113):

It is sung *before* and *after* the Small Entrance: The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with His great mercy.

3. Hymn for St. Haralambos – (not in Hymnal):

It is sung after the Small Entrance: A pillar unshakable are you in Christ's holy Church, and, as your own name denotes, an ever radiant lamp, all-blessed Haralambos, shining throughout the whole world by your feats as a martyr, driving away the darkness of the worship of idols. With confidence, therefore, pray to Christ, 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 – (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

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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Gospel Reading During Orthros Service (Luke 24:1-12)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the

tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

Epistle Reading During Divine Liturgy (2 Tim. 2:1-10)

²You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ²and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier’s aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Gospel Reading During Divine Liturgy (Matthew 15:21-28)

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a

demon.”²³ But He did not answer her at all. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

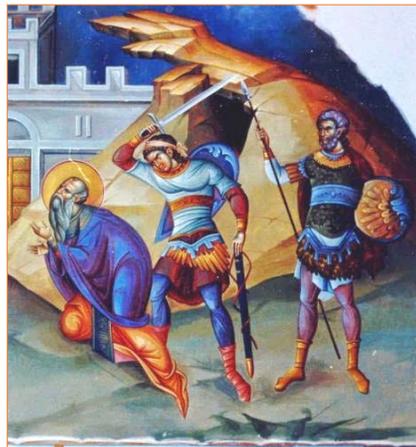
MEMORY VERSE (TRY TO COMMIT TO MEMORY):

“O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever.” (1 Chronicles 16.34)

St. Haralambos as a Model for Our Lives

(continued from back cover)

When a person is dominated by their passions, and especially the ill-fated passion of pride, they cannot truly rejoice in their life. Saint Silouan the Athonite would say that a person will suffer in this life until they acquire humility. The older brother, of the parable which we discussed, could not rejoice with his father and brother, because he did not truly love. His love was false and passionate, as he was dominated by the passion of pride and envy.



Second, Saint Haralambos did not abandon his flock in the time of danger. So it is with the genuine disciples of Christ. They do not sacrifice others that they may live, but they are sacrificed for their flock, for whom, moreover, they toil daily with great selflessness and willingness.

The Saints face many and great temptations in their life, and they mourn for their passions and sins. But they do not feel measureless sadness and despair, nor is their rejoicing measureless, but they are temperate in their joy and their sadness, because they know very well that “much sadness leads the soul to despair, as much joy

leads it to pride. The intermediate state between sadness and joy is hope” (Saint Diadochos of Photiki). Then the Grace of God consoles and gladdens the soul that is humbled and mourns for its sins.

Many times “when we constantly think about the future, we lose the present and do not truly rejoice in our life” (Saint Nektarios). Confidence in God's love drives away agonizing care and anxiety, that literally darkens our life and does not allow us to truly rejoice.

Usually we complain that the society in which we live does not allow us to truly enjoy our life, as if it is to blame for our passions, mistakes and failures. Whether our life is heaven or hell, others are not to blame, but ourselves, because our fellowmen are not our hell, as the atheist existentialists say, but they are our joy. Saint Seraphim of Sarov, when he met certain people, called them his joy. Instead of another greeting, he would say to them: “Christ is Risen, my joy.”

Perfect joy cannot exist without humility and love. Besides, our salvation takes place within humility, repentance and selfless love towards others, the least of the brethren of Christ.

Source: *Ekklesiastiki Paremvasi*, "ΙΕΡΟΜΑΡΤΥΣ ΧΑΡΑΛΑΜΠΙΟΣ", February 2004.
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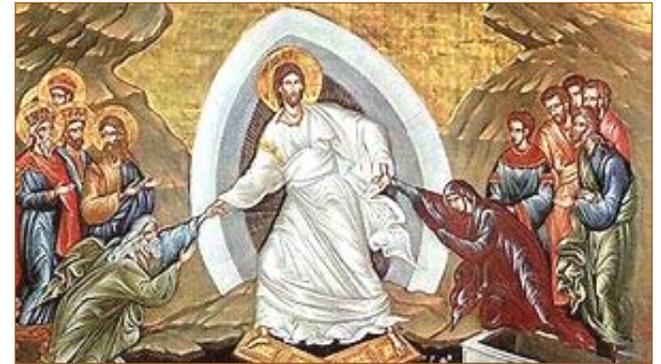
PASTORAL REFLECTION FROM FR. GEORGE:

When I was in junior and senior high school, my friends would say, “We don’t do Lent.” I suspect that it was an anti-Catholic thing and happily, I no longer hear it. Notwithstanding, I still recall their old argument, “whatever they do, we don’t!” – a curiously convoluted, twisted and unhealthy way to decide on one’s religious practices.

Whatever the reason for “not doing Lent,” I think it is a great loss for any Christian not to renew oneself spiritually and reconcile with God and one another. Every spring, baseball players prepare for the season with spring training; every spring, ordinary people prepare for summer by doing “spring cleaning.” So why shouldn’t Christians prepare and stay fit for the Lord’s Second and Glorious Coming while at the same time remembering the most important events in His ministry, and what He did for each of us to ensure we would be with Him always.

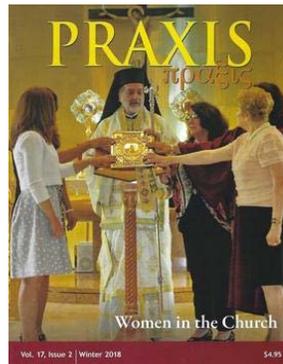
If it helps you, think of Great Lent as a kind of Christian spring training and spring cleaning. To our Western Christian brothers and sisters who began their lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, let us pray for their strength and spiritual growth. We

will join them on Monday, March 11th. Although our Pascha/Easter comes after theirs this year – Sunday, April 28th (as opposed to Western Easter on April 21st), let us seek to restore, renew, and reconcile with God and one another and grow in spirit and love with our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, during Great Lent . . . and always! *Yes, we still*



have another month before we begin our lenten journey but thinking about it in advance gives us an opportunity to plan accordingly and reserve time on our calendars for the weeks ahead.

Today's Adult Religious Education Class



Thanks for supporting our Adult Religious Education classes.

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

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

February 10, 2019: “The Maternal Kinship Between the Mother of God and Her Cousin Elizabeth (pp. 13 - 14)
Katie Wilson will teach our class today... come and join us!



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On this the 742nd 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!



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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 Tсахakis/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.

COMMUNITY SCHEDULE (CHECK WEB CALENDAR FOR MORE...)

Sunday, February 10 (Sunday of the Canaanite):

- 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*)
- 11:45 a.m. Parish Council Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. St. Christopher Outreach Ministry Meeting

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!



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