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### **St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church**



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### **Liturgical Guide for Thursday, July 11, 2019**

**ON THIS DAY, THE EVE OF THE FEAST, THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES *Proclus & Hilary the Martyrs of Ancyra; Holy Father Michael of Maleinus; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by Jesus; Andre the Commander & his Companion Martyrs; Gerasimos of Byzantium and Akakios the young ascetic; and St. Paisios of Mount Athos.* 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./3. Hymn of St. Paisios – (not in Hymnal):**

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, and before and after the Small Entrance: Once the fire of love for the Lord was lit in you, through ascetical rigor you gave yourself to God. O God-bearing St. Paisios, for many you became consolation, giving counsel with God-inspired words, and by your prayers working wonders. And now, devout one, you intercede for the whole world unceasingly.

### **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 – (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.

### **6. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-p. 328):**

*On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "The memory of the righteous will endure forever." (Ps. 111[112]). 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 (Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2)**

*<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another. 6My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

### **Gospel Reading (Luke 6:17-23)**

*Luke 6:17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch Him, for power came out from Him and healed all of them. 20 Then He looked up at His disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> ever Festal Commemoration of St. Paisios of Mt. Athos since he was proclaimed a saint in 2015, 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 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 11 (Eve of Feast of St. Paisios of Mt. Athos):

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers (Evening)

5:45 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Evening), followed by Community Dinner  
(fasting food)



### Hands of Love: July

*"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)*



### All Sundays in July: Monetary donations for Soldiers' Angels

Soldiers' Angels is an organization serving **active duty military** and their **families**, as well as **veterans of all eras**. **363,869 people** were served last year. This is one of the few charities approved to work in the **VA hospitals** - in Georgia there are two hospitals supported - the Atlanta VA and the Dublin VA, and to provide direct support to veterans.

#### Your monetary donation of:



**\$ 35** - can get a care package purchased, packed, and sent

**\$ 50** - can provide gas assistance for transportation to appointments at VA hospitals

**\$100** - can help a veteran put food on the table

**\$800** - can purchase a laptop for a wounded warrior with hand or arm injuries, burns, paralysis, loss of sight or voice, or amputation to help them maintain some independence, as well as stay connected with family, friends, and battle buddies.



More information at [www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)

Yours in Christ,  
Anna Andreeva-Naydenova, Hands of Love Chair

***Your continued support and mutual encouragement  
are essential and appreciated!***