



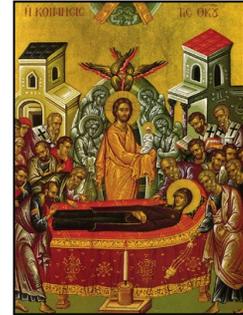
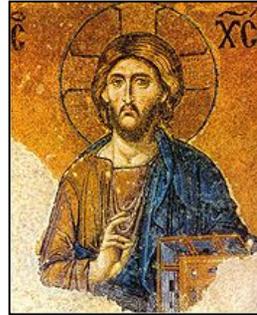
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Liturgical Guide for Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Eve of Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy, Glorious Lady and Blessed Theotokos & Ever Virgin Mary

We remember the “falling asleep” (koimissis/dormition) – the death of the Virgin Mary. We will continue to sing the hymns for this Feast Day through August 23rd. May the prayers of the Theotokos to her Son and our Lord for us bring peace, unity, and love in every aspect of our lives. Through her intercessions O Good and Loving 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./4. Hymn for the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos – (Hymnal-pp.222-223):

It is sung at the end of Great Vespers, and 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. Hymn for Second Antiphon – (pg. 28 of Hymnal):

On the occasion of today's feast, we sing the following hymn instead of the regular Soson imas, "Save us, O Son of God": "Save us, O Son of God, among the saints glorified, we sing to You, Alleluia."

5. Kontakion for the 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.

6. Megalynarion (Hymn to the Theotokos) – (not in New Hymnal):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Axion Estin" or "Truly bless you, the only Mother of God. Now all generations call you blessed, O only Theotokos. In you the laws of nature are defeated, O undefiled Virgin pure. In virginity childbirth was accomplished, and death introduces life. You, after bearing, are virgin, and after dying are living. Mother of God, ever save your inheritance.

7. Communion Hymn – (Hymnal-pp.324):

On the occasion of today's feast, the following hymn is sung instead of "Aineite" or "Praise the Lord": "I will lift the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115[116]). 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 (Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now as they went on their way, He entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what He was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." While He was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts that nursed You!"

But He said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!”

And on this *the sixteenth* Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos 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

Wednesday, August 14th (Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos - celebrated on Eve of Feast):

5:00 pm Great Vespers Service

5:45 pm Divine Liturgy (Evening)/Community Dinner (*non-fasting*)

St. Christopher Parishioners can volunteer to help at our Golf Classic by using **Sign Up Genius** displayed on home page of our parish website.



Parents, please bring your students to church this Sunday for the **Blessing of the New School Year** – both in our public/private schools and religious education classes. Teachers will be introduced and highlight lessons to be taught. We will register students during coffee fellowship...there is no fee – just provide names, ages, and share information for teachers about your children. Our focus is for youth and adults to worship and learn our Orthodox faith. *You hold the lifeline of your children’s religious development and our teachers are here to assist and support you! God bless our efforts and each of you.*

Your continued support and mutual encouragement are essential and appreciated!