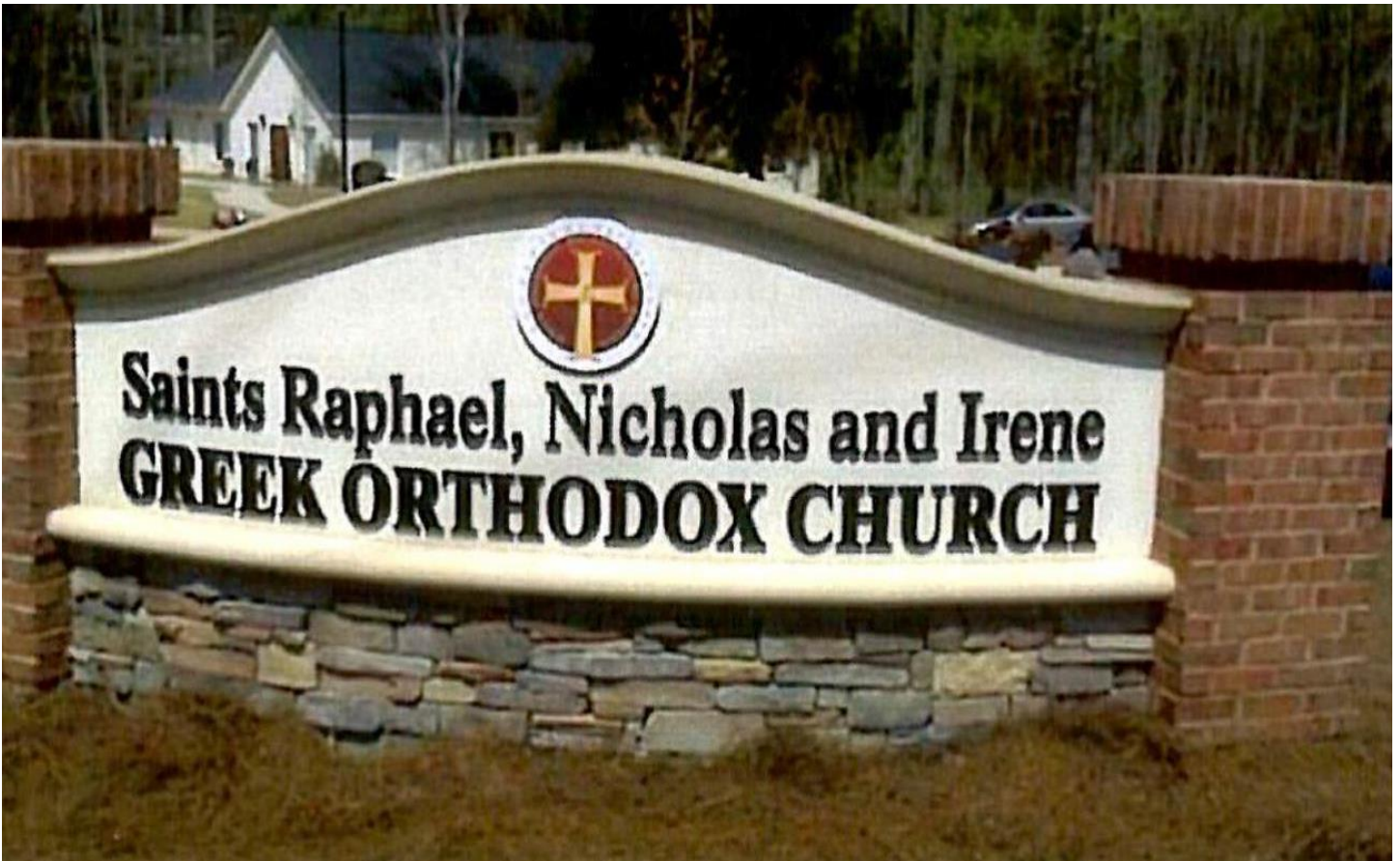


SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 21, 2018

15th Sunday of Luke



**The current Sts Raphael Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church
Cumming, Georgia**

Fast Free | No fasting restrictions.

History behind the 40 day blessing

It's called, "Σαραντισμός" (Sarantismos) or the 40 day blessing. Another name you may find is: churching. This is because the mother is blessed as well to aid in a speedy recovery after childbirth.

It comes from the Old Testament (Luke 2:22-24) where it informs us that the Virgin Mary brought Christ to the temple to present him to God 40 days after he was born. At the time, it was a common Jewish practice to bring the first-born male to the temple and offer him to the Lord. It was there, that a man by the name of "Simeon" had been waiting, some say 200 years, to meet Jesus. When Simeon took the baby from the Virgin Mary's arms, he recited the following:

LORD NOW LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISE, BECAUSE MINE EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL PEOPLE, A LIGHT SHOWN TO THE GENTILES, AND FOR GLORY TO YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL.

(The Orthodox Church still says this every evening during vesper services)

Therefore, on the 40th day, Greeks bring their children to the church to recreate this event. For those wondering, it doesn't have to be done on the 40th day exactly, it's normally performed on a Sunday as close to the 40 days as possible, but never more than 40 days after childbirth.

While the mother, father, and baby stand at the narthex, the Father, in the spirit of Simeon, begins the ceremony. He starts to recite the prayer given during the Sarantismos. After the Father recites the prayer, he then takes the baby, turns around and walks towards the front of the church, the parents following behind. As he walks holding the baby, he proclaims:

The servant of God is brought within the church in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Once they approach the εικονοστάσι (eikonostási) or icon stand, the front of the church that separates the nave from the sanctuary, the Father bows and says a prayer at center, left, and right.

Once the three prayers are complete, the Father then turns and hands the baby back to the mother as the ceremony is completed. Thus, the baby has officially been introduced to God and now able to receive all His glory.



*Welcome to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning.
Please join us for Coffee Hour afterwards in the Parish Life Center ("PLC").*

Reminder: If there is ever a luncheon prepared for donations to the church and you wish not to participate, the coffee and treats table is always available to everyone without a donation.

Fellowship is the main focus of this time together! Visitors Meet & Greet with Father Barnabas



TODAY, January 21

15th Sunday of Luke

9:00 a.m. Orthos

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

40 day blessing – Polyxeni Amalia (Xenia) - George & Bruno Zazanis, parents

40 day blessing – Sophia - Demitris & Heidi Kazazakas, parents

Appointments with Father Barnabas:

Fr. Barnabas will be hearing confessions every Saturday from 4 - 5 PM before Great Vespers. He will also hear confessions by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule an appointment.

Administrative Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday; 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

****Are you interested in being a part of the Orthodox Church? If so, the "Journey to Fullness" classes are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.***

Visit the Gift Shop for Inspiration and Gifts

For Today:

Ushers: Parish Council Members

Coffee Hour hosted by: Chapman family

Parish Council of 2018: Kosta Bozzuto, *President; Rusty Waldron, Vice President; Len Vanerstrom, Secretary; David Chapman, Treasurer; Sandy Athenson, David Boyd, John Donkar, Tasso Kefalas, Helen McCart, Greg Pappas, Anne Trainor, and Plutarch Vamvakias*

Acolytes: *Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Evan Eifert, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Mike Trainor, Aristotle & Alexander Theofilis, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis, Senior Acolytes: Johnny Melts*

Please say a special prayer for the following Individuals:

Ruth, the Andropoulos family, Ashley, Ava, Austin Cohen, Carrie, Estelle S., Fred, Gus P., Perry, A. Harris, D. Jeffrey, Jo, Lockie G., Mariann, Maria, Mary M., A. Papandreou, Mary S., Victor, Patsy, Joanne, Walter, Vasilios and S. & K. Yalanzon.

***Friendly Reminder:* The Orthodox Church practices "closed" communion. This means only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared to receive the Eucharist should approach the Chalice at communion. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Barnabas after service.**



15th Sunday of Luke

On this Day We Also Commemorate:

Maximus the Confessor;
Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea;
Martyrs Neophytos, Agnes, Patroclus,
Maximus the Greek and Eugene of Trebizond

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Apolytikion for St. Raphael in the Fourth Tone

*Because of the finding of your holy relics, wise one, * the Island of Lesvos has been filled fully with the grace, * which God richly gave to you. * You, O devout martyr Raphael, paradoxically * appeared to many people, and you grant cures and healings. * And therefore we the faithful re-joice in all your miracles.*

Apolytikion for St. Raphael in the First Tone

*To the offspring of Ithaca, the pride and joy of Lesvos, * monastic martyrs' glory, let us offer to Raphael our songs of praise; * for lately he appeared, and pours out cures and healings to us all. * Inexplicably he appears to believers, both in dreams and awake, who cry: * Glory to Christ who gave you His might. * Glory to Him who gave you miracles. * Glory to Him who through you fulfills our prayerful requests.*

Apolytikion in honor of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene

Having contended on Lesvos for the sake of Christ God, you have sanctified the island since the discovery of your sacred relics, O blessed ones; wherefore we honor you, O Godbearing Raphael, together with Nicholas and virgin Irene, as our divine protectors and intercessors with the Lord.

Singers and Chanters: Richard Bethune, Tabitha Bethune, Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Lynne Lucher, and Jimmy Smith

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Apolytikion for the Saint in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Guide of Orthodoxy teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspire adornment of monastics, O wise Maximus, by your teachings you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Seasonal Kontakion in the First Tone

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 4:9-15
Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.



Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.
Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 4:9-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο
Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.



THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 19:1-10 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστι, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μεῖναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστιν. ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION



I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood. Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy, without condemnation, to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the remission of sins and for eternal life. Amen.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I should dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my vesture will condemn me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. Cleanse, O Lord, the filth of my soul, and save me, as You are the one Who loves mankind. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul, and save me.

Master Who loves mankind, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these Holy Gifts be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather for the purification and sanctification of both soul and body and the pledge of the life and Kingdom to come. It is good for me to cleave unto God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

O Son of God, receive me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper. For I will not speak of the mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss, as did Judas. But like the thief, I confess to You: Remember me, Lord, in Your Kingdom.



Prayers at the End of each Service sung by the Congregation

You have probably noticed that toward the end of the service the priest says prayers in front of the Altar and the Chanters will also sing halfway through the Prayers. It almost sounds like they are competing with the priest. They are actually saying a short prayer for our priest asking the Lord to answer our prayers for the priest who also prays for us. It is short and pretty and we are asking the parishioners to join in the prayer. We will take our cue from the Chanters whether Greek or English. This is prayed at pages 68/69 of the new Liturgy book.

English:

Lord, protect for many years the one who blesses and sanctifies us.

Greek:

Τὸν εὐλογοῦντα καὶ ἀγιάζοντα ἡμᾶς, Κύριε, φύλαττε εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη.

Phonetic for the Greek:

Ton ev-lo-goun'-ta ke a-gi-a'-zon-ta i-m-as', Ki'-ri-e fi-la-te', ei-s po-la' eti.

The “a” is a short a pronounced as in ma;

The “e” is a short e and pronounced as both e’s in ever;

The “i” is a short i and is pronounced as in his;

The “o” is a long o as in omega;

The “ei” is a diphthong and is pronounced as a long e as in equal.



PARISH NEWS

- Please email Parish office with requests for **house blessings** by Father Barnabas. He will be conducting them through February 25. officeadmin@stsrni.org
- *“Welcome one another, then, just as Christ welcomed you, in order to bring praise to God.” - Romans 15:7* The **Welcoming Ministry** provides a warm and welcoming environment at our church services and activities. Led by the Holy Spirit, the Welcome Ministry is dedicated to helping all parishioners and visitors enhance their worship experience at Liturgy by making them feel welcome and to help them connect with our parish so that they can participate in the numerous ministry opportunities offered at Sts Raphael Nicholas & Irene GOC. **Sharon Tyre is the volunteer chairperson for this Committee.** She will be organizing and guiding all volunteers. Please let the church office know if you are willing to devote some time to this essential work for God at officeadmin@stsrni.org. We would like to see a parent and child participate in this ministry also. It is a wonderful way to get to know our parishioners and visitors.
- **2018 Sts RNI Treasurer update:** 2017 stewardship statements will be mailed out by the end of January 2018. When you receive that statement, there will be a census form enclosed to update each parishioner and their family’s information. We are starting a new software system and need to bring all information current. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office.
- **Bible Study Classes** are on Wednesday morning, at 10:00 a.m. We are studying the book of Genesis. These classes will run through **March 28** and then restart on **April 18 – May 30**. After summer break, the classes will resume on **September 12**.
- The educational classes are after Vespers on Wednesday night, where we will be studying the **“Journey to Fullness”** series by Father Barnabas. All classes are held in the Parish Life Center and will be finishing on **January 31**. After the Greek Festival, the class will begin again. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.
- **Financial Review:** For the week of 1/10/2018 to 1/16/2018
OPERATING ACCOUNT
Income = \$3,076.00
Expenses = **\$4,573.86**
Income last 4 weeks = \$31,961.02
Expenses last 4 weeks = **\$22,340.22**

MORTGAGE ACCOUNT
Months of mortgage payments on deposit = 5 (5 months transferred from Greek Festival)

SAVE THESE DATES

- **GOD PARENTS' SUNDAY – Feb. 4** – Bring your God Parents to church and coffee hour. Coffee hour will be sponsored by the Sunday School ministry.
- Save the date for **Aporetiko Glendi on February 10th**, 2018 in the PLC. More details to come.
- Save the date, **Tuesday, February 13** for a luncheon at Mary Milam's home. Mary is inviting everyone to have a **welcome lunch** (beginning at noon) with the ladies of our church. Please rsvp by contacting the church office at officeadmin@stsrni.org.
- 2018 Oratorical Festival, **April 15** (Sunday) – Parish Chairperson Sharon Tyre. Please contact her at sharontyre@yahoo.com. Share Your Faith by exploring a deeper knowledge of your Orthodox faith; think critically about current issues and speak to a gentle and loving audience. Junior Division for Grades 7-9. Senior Division for Grades 10-12.
- **Sunday School Ministry**

Feb. 4: God Parents' Sunday (coffee hour sponsored by Sunday School ministry)

Feb. 25: Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession – Procession by SS students with Icons

March 31: Saturday of Lazarus – Pancake breakfast after service and making of the Palm Crosses

April 1: Palm Sunday

April 8: Pascha (no classes)

May 20: Graduation

June 11- 15: Vacation Church Camp

OTHER NEWS

Flower Ministry

• Thank you to those you have donated to the decorating of the flowers for the Feast Days' Icons. We are now starting to collect donations to decorate the icons for **2018**. The costs for decorating an icon is \$20. The Feast Days for Icon Decorations are below. Sharon Tyre is the chairperson for this ministry. Please contact her at sharontyre@yahoo.com, if you can donate and/or help with the decorating.

January 6: The Feast of Epiphany (Deborah Bowen)	August 6: The Transfiguration of Christ
February 2: The Presentation of Christ	August 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos (white flowers) (Jennie Johnson)
March 25: Annunciation of the Theotokos	September 8: The Nativity of the Theotokos
April 8: Great and Holy Pascha	September 14: The Exaltation of the Cross
May 17: The Apodosis of the Feast of the Holy Ascension	November 21: The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos (white flowers)
May 27: Holy Pentecost	December 25: The Nativity of Christ

Food Ministry

- Coffee Hour Sponsorship (please sign up at the PLC)
- Those sponsoring coffee hour: – pls bring light refreshments, plates and cups; coffee is sponsored by church. Thank you to all the families and friends who offer their assistance with this ministry. It has proven to be a much loved time to gather after Sunday service.

<u>2018</u> Jan 21: Chapman Family Jan 28: Papadakis Family Feb. 4: (God Parents' Sunday) – SS ministry Feb. 11: (Meatfare Sunday)- _____	Feb. 18: (Cheesefare Sunday)- _____ Feb. 25: _____ Mar 4: Pappas Family Mar 11: Olszowy Family Mar 18: Martin Family Mar 25: Lopez/Spinthourakas Family
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• For individual memorials, the large tray of Koliva can be made for \$30. Contact Helen McCart for those orders (helenmccart49@gmail.com).

Gift Shop Ministry

• Please stop by Sts RNI Gift Shop for any special needs for a chrismation, baptism, birthday, or anniversary. If we don't have it, we can special order the item.

GOYA Youth Ministry

- If you would like more information on GOYA or would like to join (Grades 6-12), please contact Laura Kefalas at laurakefalas@gmail.com.
- We need a **parent volunteer** to drive the dinner/fundraiser/drive-thru event for January or February in conjunction with the first quarter Game night. We are continuing to raise funds to send our GOYANS to Greece for Summer 2018! Please let Laura Kefalas know if you can chair this event along with the Parish Council.
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- **Sts RNI (local) Oratorical will be April 15th at Sts. RNI**
- **District Level Oratorical will be April 22nd, at St. Philothea (in Athens, GA)**

Help Your Parish Community When You Shop

- There are 2 very easy ways that our parishioners can support Sts RNI with donations from 2 vendors: Amazon and Kroger. With the proper accounts, anyone who shops with either of these vendors can sign up Sts RNI to receive a periodic donation from the vendor, based on purchase amounts. Sts RNI is already in the list of recognized charities for both vendors.

Our 501(3)c name is **Eastern Orthodox Community of Northern Georgia, Inc.**

Here is a link that explains the Amazon program: https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_dshb_bk_smi

Here is a link to sign up with the Kroger program: www.krogercommunityrewards.com or email at kcr11@kroger.com

If you have a moment, please sign up with these vendors. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

Hope and Joy Ministry

- Contact Jennie Johnson at jenniepsi@yahoo.com for more information on the Hope and Joy Ministry.

Outreach Ministry

Good news we will have our volunteers for the Family Promise week to sign up on line for our weeks this year. Here is the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaba92eaaf49-stsrni>.

It very easy and self-explanatory. The Family Promise families will be at Sts RNI on Feb. 18, April 22, July 8, and August 26. On Jan. 14 will be a training session during coffee hour at the PLC. Please volunteer to help us with these events It truly takes a “village”! Contact Anthony Birozes Anthony.Birozes@ejgallo.com if you have any questions!

Philoptochos Ministry

2017-18 Philoptochos Board:

President: Jennifer Tubbs; 1st Vice President: Helen McCart
2nd Vice President: Evie Atkinson; Treasurer: Ann Hayes
Assistant Treasurer: Midge Perry; Correspondence Secretary: Athena Miller
Recording Secretary: Marilyn Ponton; Advisor: Marie Chapman

- Save the date for **Aporeatiko Glendi on February 10th**, 2018 in the PLC. More details to come after the New Year !
- **Food Items needed for The Place:** Canned Soups, Canned Beans, Canned Vegetables (not green beans please), Tuna Helper, Dry Pasta, Boxed Cereal, Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Chef Boy R Dee) – please place items in food bin in the hallway by the freezer!
- **Meeting dates and times for 2018** (in the PLC unless otherwise stated): Board Meeting Jan 16th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting Feb 20th 7:00-8:30 PM; Board Meeting Mar 20th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting Apr 17th 7:00-8:30 PM; Board Meeting May 15th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting June 19th 7:00-8:30 PM; Board Meeting July 17th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting Aug 21st 7:00-8:30 PM; Board Meeting Sept 18th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting Oct 16th 7:00-8:30 PM; Board Meeting Nov 20th 7:00-8:30 PM; General Meeting Dec 18th 7:00-8:30 PM

READERS and CHOIR MINISTRY

I will sacrifice a sacrifice of praise unto You, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:17, Septuagint)

Lord, I have loved the beauty of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. (Ps. 25:8, Septuagint)

Come, all you people, let us all sing to Christ God, Who divided the sea, and made a way for the people which He had brought up out of the bondage of Egypt; for He is glorified. (Canon of Preparation for Holy Communion, Ode One Heirmos) God's people are called to praise Him and sing to Him in gratitude for all He has done for our salvation.

We do this in every service of the Church. The Readers assist in this work of the people by reading the Psalms, Old Testament Prophecies, Epistles, and other prayers during the services. The Choir assists the people by leading them in singing to God, and helping to beautify our worship to His glory. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Reader and/or a member of the Choir, please contact Lynne Lucher at lalucher@gmail.com for more information. Currently we have Choir/Reader rehearsal each Sunday at noon, for about a half hour.

CALENDAR for January/February 2018

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 21 - Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Noon	15th Sunday of Luke Orthos Liturgy 40 day blessing – Polyxeni Amalia (Xenia) - George & Bruno Zazanis, parents 40 day blessing – Sophia - Demitris & Heidi Kazazakas, parents Choir/Reader Rehearsal in church building
Jan 22 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Jan 24 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Class (PLC) 9th Hour Prayers Liturgy Journey to Fullness Class after service (PLC)
Jan 25 - Thurs	7:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 805 Adult Only Meeting
Jan 27 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	No Service Tonight
Jan 28 - Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Noon	Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Triodion begins Orthos Liturgy Memorial for the family of John Consos, Mrs. Angie Andropolous (former parishioners) and Gabriel Athenson (father of Sandy and Julie Athenson) and Catherine Moutevellis (aunt of Julie Athenson) Choir/Reader Rehearsal in church building
Jan 29 - Mon	10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Depression/Bipolar Support Group meeting (PLC) 9th Hour Liturgy Liturgy Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Jan 31 – Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Class (PLC) Small Paraklesis Service Journey to Fullness Class after service (PLC)
Feb 2 - Fri	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal

Feb 3 - Sat	Noon 5:00 p.m.	Wedding (Church and PLC) Vespers
Feb 4 - Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Noon	Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthos Liturgy GOD PARENTS' SUNDAY Choir/Reader Rehearsal in church building

Stewardship Commitment for 2018 (76 as of 1/16/18)

Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Apesos, Thomas
Barnard, Stephen & Deane
Bauer, Ken (“Ted”) & Kim
Bethune, Richard & Sophia
Birozes, Anthony
Birozes, Mabel
Birozes, Renee
Bowen, Deborah
Bozzuto, Konstantinos & Carolyn
Boyd, David & Michelle
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