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October 4, 2015  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE



*When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body,  
Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world.  
Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection,  
O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man*



## Second Sunday of Luke

On This day, we also Commemorate:  
Hierotheos, Bishop of Athens  
Domnina and her daughters



### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### **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 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 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.

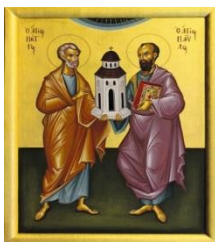
*Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith*

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone:**

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, \* and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. \* You rose on the third day, O Lord \* and Savior, granting life unto the world. \* And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Giver-of-Life: \* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; \* glory to Your kingdom; \* glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

#### **Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone:**

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.



## EPISTLE READING

### St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 1.

Psalm 32.22,1

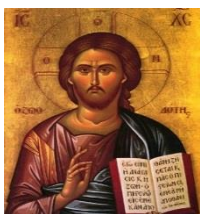
Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.



## GOSPEL READING

### The Gospel of Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανεῖζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανεῖζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλήν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.







**Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene  
Greek Orthodox Church**



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*Florence Lytle & Dennis Sparks*  
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