

# **SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**November 22, 2015**  
**9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**





## 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

On This day, we also Commemorate:

Arhippus the Apostles, Philemon the Apostle & his wife, Apphia, Onesimos the Disciple of Paul, Holy Martyr Cecilia and those with her; Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple



### 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,*

*Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, 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 Feast in the Fourth Tone:**

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

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

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

*as our divine protectors and intercessors with the Lord.*



## EPISTLE READING

### St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-7

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.

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἷς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἓν βάπτισμα, εἷς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.





## GOSPEL READING

### The Gospel of Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθὰ μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλὰ· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἃ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τί νί ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν.



*Welcome to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning.  
Please join us for Fellowship Hour afterwards at the Blue House.*

Father Barnabas is available to hear confession every Wednesday either before or after Vespers and by appointment. Please call or email the church office to request a time to meet with Father and avail yourself to this healing divine mystery of the Church.

Please call the Church office for more information:  
(770) 781-5250.

**TODAY, Nov 22**      **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**8:45 a.m. Orthos**  
**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

Sunday School Children will be dismissed for class immediately after Communion. The Kindergarten and First Grade Sunday School class will have snacks with Father Barnabas after the Divine Liturgy.

**Wed., Nov. 25**      **10:00 a.m. -Bible Study (Library)**  
**6:30 p.m. - Vespers**

**Sat., Nov. 28**      **Vespers – Father Paul**

Please see “Current News” publication at the desk in the Narthex for current calendar and information on church activities.

**For Today:**

**Ushers: Greg Pappas/Plutarch Vamvakias**

**Welcoming Ministry: Michelle Boyd**

**Fellowship Hosted by Fellowship Ministry**

**Parish Council of 2015: John Patrick, President; Harald Hagen, Vice President; David Chapman, Secretary; Chris Foxhall, Treasurer; Anthony Birozes, Kosta Bozzuto, Marie Chapman, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, Greg Pappas, Plutarch Vamvakias, Len Vanerstrom**

**Acolytes: Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Mike & Peter Jordanopolos, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Jacob Sparks, Mike Trainor, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis Senior Acolytes: Johnny Melts, Mike Manos, Dean Pryles**

**Please say a special prayer for the following**

**Individuals:** J. Andropoulos, Bill, A. Dukas, V. Jones, D. Lucher, Maryann, T. Marvos, D. Sarandis, and S. and K. Yalanzon

**Friendly Reminder:** The Orthodox Church practices “close” 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.



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Greek Orthodox Church**



*We are an Intentional Orthodox Christian Community for  
North Georgia*

## Stewardship Commitment for 2015—96

George & Maria Andros  
Jim & Angie Andropoulos  
Sandy & Julie Athenson  
Tori Avery  
Deane & Stephen Barnard  
Anthony & Mary Birozes  
Mabel Antigone Birozes  
Renee Birozes  
Lisa Boston  
Deborah Bowen  
David & Michelle Boyd  
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto  
Maria & Sean Carney  
Athena Catapano  
David & Marie Chapman  
Russell & Chyrise Chason  
Julie Chokos  
Giles & Emily Christie  
Rick & Jan Christy  
Connie Condos  
John & Shelia Consos  
John & Athena Donkar  
Keith & Mary Druffner  
Quay & Trissie Farr  
Chris & Liz Foxhall  
Bill & Hayley Fulbright  
Bill & Margaret Gasper  
Rob & Carey Gilbert  
Robert & Jennifer Guano  
Harald & Stamatia Hagen  
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes  
Robert & Ana Henning  
Harriet Howell  
Steven & Linda Hutka  
Melanie & Panagiotis Jordanopoulos  
Jennie Johnson  
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis  
Jim Kanellos  
Tasso & Laura Kefalas  
Jackie Klock  
Soula Levendakis & Theodoros Kazazakis  
Alex & Melpo Levantis  
Leon & Frances Lopez  
David & Lynne Lucher  
Archie & Florence Lytle  
Tina Maheras  
Bill & Margaret Manos  
Bill & Audrey Marianes  
Todd & Ann Marvos  
Al & Helen McCart  
Johnny & Becky Melts  
George Mermigkas-Georgia Loupeti  
Bill & Mary Milam  
Matt & Athena Miller  
Nikolaos Moissiadis & Family  
Patricia Morris  
Peter & Jamie Nunn  
Nick & Teddie Panos  
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos  
Greg Pappas  
Gus Pappas  
Tom and Lillian Pappas  
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Michele Perry  
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Marina Raymond  
Aftan Romanczak  
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George & Anna Sofikitis  
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