

SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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January 8, 2017

Sunday after Epiphany





*Welcome to all visitors who are worshipping 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 8

Sunday After Epiphany

8:45 a.m. - Orthos

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Children will attend Sunday School Classes immediately after Communion. Today they are studying "Joshua"

Appointments with Father Barnabas: If you would like to schedule any appointments or arrangements with Father Barnabas, please contact the office administrator in order to assure that there are no conflicts on his calendar. Thank you.

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: Plutarch Vamvakias and Rusty Waldron

Welcoming Ministry: Deborah Bowen

Coffee Hour hosted by: Waldron & Vamvakias family

Parish Council of 2016: Kosta Bozzuto, *President; Greg Pappas, Vice President; Len Vanerstrom, Secretary; David Chapman, Treasurer; Sandy Athenson, Anthony Birozes, Marie Chapman, Chris Foxhall, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, 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:

A. Andropoulos, Ashley, Ava, D. Bethune, Bill, Carrie, J. Consos, C. Farr, Fulvio Cenciarelli, A. Harris, M. Hayes, B. Fulbright, D. Jeffrey, Mariann, Maria, A. Papandreou, M. Samaltanos; 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.



The Sunday after Epiphany

On This day, we also Comemorate:

George of Hozeva

Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople

Atticus and Cyrus, Holy Patriarchs of Constantinople

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: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith, Todd Stewart

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion of the Feast in the First Tone

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone

You appeared today to us * on earth, O Master, * and Your light was signed on us * who cry aloud to You and say * with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

Prokeimenon. Mode 1.

Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.



Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:7-13

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος α΄.

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλώτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνέβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταντήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:12-17

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοῦμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλὼν καὶ Νεφθαλεῖμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἑσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλὼν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλεῖμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότειϊδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.



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, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.



How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief I confess to You: Lord, remember me in Your kingdom.



PARISH NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with John Consos, a parishioner of our parish, while he was sick and after his passing. It was a great collaborative effort by all. May His Memory Be Eternal.

Sincerely,

Helen McCart and Deborah Bowen



Outreach Ministry

- **Family Promise**

Our first week-long event with the families from Family Promise was a great success. We hosted three families with 9 children in December. Thank you to all who participated in the wonderful Outreach ministry. The events for 2017 are March 12-19, May 21-28, September 3-10, and December 10-17, 2017. Outside of the 4 weeks that we host, we want to give the opportunity for our parishioners to continue their ministry with Family Promise and to the families who need it in our county .

Day Center Coverage

Weekend Day Center Coverage

We are searching for volunteers who are compassionate and want to help make a difference in the lives of homeless families in Forsyth County.

On the weekend (Saturday & Sunday) we need people who are willing to give two hours of their time to do the following types of activities:

- play games with kids
- lead a craft time with kids
- general office help
- be present for families at the day center in case of an emergency

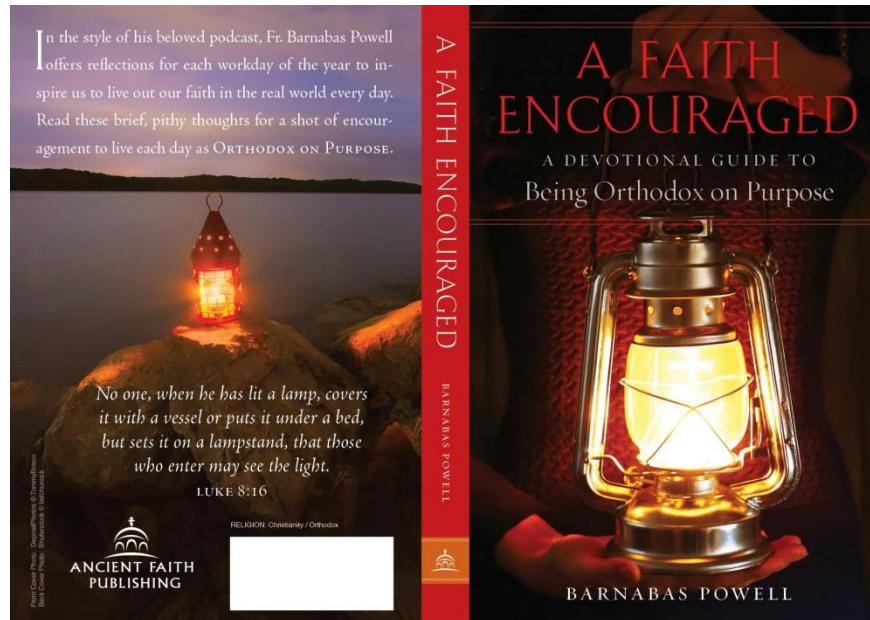
If interested, please sign up for a time slot(s) that you'd be available for. A family promise representative will then contact you to complete a background check.

Thanks & God bless!!

Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409of4eaba92eaaf49-weekendi>

*Please pick up your 2017 Ecclesiastical Calendar
on the table in the Narthex.
Ingram Funeral Home was gracious enough to sponsor
these calendars for our parishioners.*

Book Store at Sts RNI



Father Barnabas' book is now available for order at the AncientFaith.com store. Our church bookstore has them in stock also. Father Barnabas will sign books upon request .

Education Ministry

- **Kennesaw State Students** -- OCF Chapter is growing! KSU students, did you know that there is an active Orthodox Christian Fellowship Chapter (OCF) on campus? They are reaching out to Orthodox students who attend KSU in the hope that they will join them in this important on-campus ministry. Please contact Athena Vlamis (avlamis.av@gmail.com) for further information. We're also on Facebook at "Orthodox Christian Fellowship at Kennesaw State University". Thank you!
- **Classes are closed until January 11, 2017** -- "A Journey to Fullness" educational classes with Father Barnabas are held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and starting with Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

Flower Ministry

- Please help with the costs and decorating of the flowers for the Feast Days' Icons. It takes approximately \$20 for each icon to be decorated. The Feast Days for Icon Decorations are (2017):

January 6:	The Feast of Epiphany	August 6:	The Transfiguration of Christ
February 2:	The Presentation of Christ	August 15:	The Dormition of the Theotokos (white flowers)
March 25:	Annunciation of the Theotokos (white flowers)	September 8:	The Nativity of the Theotokos
April 16:	Great and Holy Pascha	September 14:	The Exaltation of the Cross
June 2:	The Apodosis of the Feast of the Holy Ascension	November 21:	The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos (white flowers)
June 4:	Holy Pentecost	December 25:	The Nativity of Christ

Food Ministry

- Coffee Hour Sponsorship (please sign up at the PLC)

<u>2017</u> January 1: Gasper Family January 8: Vamvakias & Waldron Family January 15: _____ January 22: _____ January 29: _____	February 5: _____ February 12: _____ February 19: _____ February 26: _____
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Fundraising Efforts

The Sts RNI Playground Set is scheduled for repair and cleanup soon. Thanks to everyone who donated.

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.

Media Ministry

- Father Barnabas' homilies can be heard on You Tube at Father Barnabas Powell. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=father+barnabas+powell
- Sign up for daily devotionals to be emailed to you at <http://blogs.ancientfaith.com/faithencouraged/>
- Hear Father Barnabas "live" on the Faith Encouraged Program, every second and fourth Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. The website is <http://www.ancientfaith.com>.
- Father Barnabas' 16 video series "A Journey to Fullness" is now available at <http://store.ancientfaith.com/journey-to-fullness/>

Philoptochos Ministry

Philoptochos Board: Marie Chapman, President; Helen McCart, Vice President; Diane Walters, Recording Secretary; Julie Athenson, Corresponding Secretary, Florence Lytle, Treasurer; Midge Perry, Assistant Treasurer; Harriett Howell, Tina Maheras, Liz Ralston.

- The dates for The Place in the 2017 year will be Feb. 8th May 10th Sept. 13th Nov. 8th Dec. 6th
- If you would like to know more about membership for Philoptochos, please contact Marie Chapman at mommystargater@comcast.net.
- Philoptochos would like to send cookies to our college students from the church. We only have three names and addresses so far. Please forward information to the office.
- We're collecting change in glass bottles for the Place so that they can purchase fresh milk and eggs for the families in need of Forsyth County.

Sunday School - 2016-17

Teachers:

Pre-K: Margaret and Bill Gasper and Presvytera Connie
K-1st grade: Christine Waldron and April Eifert
2nd and 3rd grade: Liz Ralston and Michelle Boyd
4th and 5th grade: Jennifer Tubbs, Evie Tzevelekos
6th and 7th grade: Anthony Birozes
8th grade and up: Tasso Kefalas and Dennis Sparks

Assistants: Tori Avery, Keith Druffner, Linda Hutka, Midge Perry and Tina Vamvakias.

Directors: Deborah Bowen and Evon Patrick

"We're studying the Old Testament"

MORE NEWS FROM THE PARISH!

- **Needs for the Vestry, Altar and Solea** – Note from Father Barnabas: The stone floors are in desperate need of being steamed and sealed in the church building. Please call the office if you can help with this project.
- **Church Property and Buildings** – Our community is very excited about the growth with events, meetings, and parties that we are now experiencing. Our Parish Life Center has added so much to our capabilities of having more rooms in our church building available for classes and the Center itself is available for meetings, as well as events for our parishioners of all ages. Please be aware that if you plan to meet or use the church facilities in any manner, you should contact the church office to check for any conflicts on the calendar. Our office administrator is Deborah Bowen and she will be glad to work with you with your requests.
- The **Parish Life Center** is available for rental and we do have a Food Ministry that can provide catering or you can provide your own. If you are interested, contact the church office for information and costs.

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 5 – Godparent's Day

CALENDAR for January 2017

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Jan 8 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday after Theophany Orthos Liturgy Sunday School Classes studying “Joshua”
	8:00 p.m.	Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com
Jan 9 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Jan 10 - Tues	9:00 a.m.	Prosforo Baking (PLC)
Jan 11 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study – “A Journey to Fullness” Vespers Educational Classes by Father Barnabas “A Journey to Fullness” in the PLC after Vespers
Jan 14 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers
Jan 15 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	12th Sunday of Luke Orthos Liturgy Sunday School Classes studying “Judges/Gideon”
Jan 16 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Jan 17 - Tues	6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	9th Hour Liturgy for Sts Athanasios & Cyril Philoptochos Meeting (PLC)
Jan 18 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study – “A Journey to Fullness” Vespers GOYA – Dinner/Pizza Educational Classes by Father Barnabas “A Journey to Fullness” in the PLC after Vespers
Jan 21 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers
Jan 22 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	15th Sunday of Luke Orthos Liturgy Sunday School Classes studying “Job”
	8:00 p.m.	Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com

Jan 23 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Jan 24 - Tues	6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	9th Hour Liturgy for St Gregory the Theologian
Jan 25 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study – “A Journey to Fullness” Vespers Educational Classes by Father Barnabas “A Journey to Fullness” in the PLC after Vespers
Jan 28 - Sat	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Vespers “Family Game Night” at the PLC
Jan 29 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Canaanite Orthos Liturgy Sunday School Classes studying “Ruth”
Jan 30 - Mon	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	The Three Hierarchs Orthos Liturgy Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)

Stewardship Commitment for 2017 – 69 as of 01/04/17

Andros, George & Maria
Athenson, Sandy & Julia
Bethune, Richard & Sophia
Birozes, Anthony & Mary
Birozes, Mabel
Birozes, Renee
Bowen, Deborah
Boyd, David & Michelle
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn
Carney, Sean & Marcia
Catapano, Athena
Chapman, David & Marie
Chason, Russell & Chyriss
Christy, Rick & Jan
Consos, John
Dimitrakakis, John & Alexis
Donkar, John & Athena
Druffner, Keith & Mary
Eifert, David & April
Foxhall, Chris & Liz
Gasper, Bill & Margaret
Goolsby, Matthew & Karen
Guano, Robert & Jennifer
Henning, Robert & Anna
Hutka, Steven & Linda
Johnson, Jennie
Kanellos, James
Kefalas, Spiros
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura
Kefalas, Thalia
Klock, Jackie
Lambros, Angelo & Crystal
Levantis, Alex & Melpo
Lucher, David & Lynne
Lytle, Archie & Florence
Maheras, Tina
Manos, Emanuel
Manos, William & Margaret
Marvos, Todd & Ann
McCart, Al & Helen
Melts, Johnny & Becky
Milam, Bill & Mary
Miller, Matthew & Athanasia
Moissiadis, Nik & Argentina

Panos, Nicolas & Teddie
Pantazopoulos, Constantinos & Evelyn
Pappas, Greg
Pappas, Gus
Patrick, John & Evon
Perry, Michele
Popa, Mihai & Heidi
Powell, Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie
Powers, Pam
Ralston, Luke & Liz
Singleton, Kurt & Jen
Sofikitis, Estelle
Sofikitis, George & Anna
Sparks, Dennis & Laura
Sparks, Jacob
Sperounis, Nicholas & Leila
Theofilis, Gary & Barbara
Trainor, Anne & Edward
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer
Tyre, James & Sharon
Vamvakias, Eleanor
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina
Vanerstrom, Len & Marina
Waldron, Rusty & Christine
Zourzoukis, John & Mildred



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



We are an Intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia