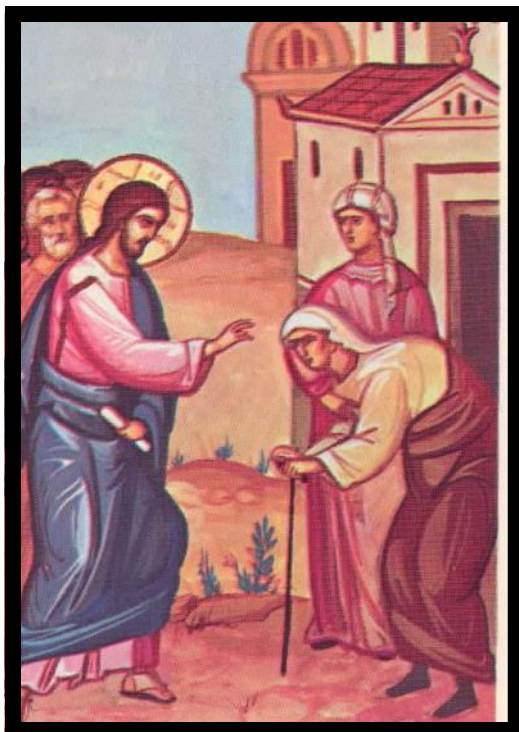


TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE DECEMBER 7TH, 2014



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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Fourth Eothinon/Tone First

We are so very glad you have joined us today, and we pray you will be inspired and encouraged by your time with us.

The Orthodox worship service is an ancient and timeless expression of how people have loved, served and worshipped God for many centuries, but it may be a bit of a different experience for you. Please feel free to use a service book or not and simply allow the words of the service to wash over you.

The central act of our worship culminates in people receiving communion. This is a very special time for us all and we have some specific beliefs about our communion together. This is why we never impose this service on those who are not prepared or are not baptized Orthodox. This service may raise questions in your mind.

Please feel free to ask Fr. Barnabas or Fr. Paul anything you wish after the service.

At the end of the service EVERYONE is invited to come forward and receive a portion of the "blessed bread" from Fr. Barnabas. No one should leave church "hungry!"

Know you are welcome and we are glad you are here.

May God bless you and your family.

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 rejoice 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.

Memorial Service - A 40-day memorial in loving memory of Mark Johnson is offered today by his wife, Jennie, and children, Patricia and Alex.

May His Memory Be Eternal!

Service Schedule for the Week

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| <u>Today, December 7th</u> | 8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy |
| <u>Wednesday, December 10th</u> | 10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education |
| <u>Thursday, December 11th</u> | 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Metropolis Chapel |
| <u>Saturday, December 13th</u> | 5 p.m. Great Vespers |

Parish Council On Duty Today - John Patrick and Greg Pappas

Ushering Ministry - PC/Parishioners

Welcoming Ministry - Trissie Farr

Fellowship Ministry - Diane Walters

TODAY WE REMEMBER

10th SUNDAY OF LUKE

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 Third Tone - On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appeared as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

We Also Remember

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Athenodoros the Martyr of Mesopotamia

Righteous Father Gerasimus, Ascetic of Euboia

Holy Father John of Kronstadt

Please pray for those faithful who are currently in need of our most fervent intercessions:

Andrew, Angie, Bill, Bill, Brent, Carrie, Demetra, Diane, Dina, Donna, Ela, Elaine, Elizabeth, Christina, George, Gus, Harriet, Heidi, Igli, James, Jamie, Jerry, Joe, Maria, Mary Ann, Michael, Nicky, Oni, Patsy, Paul, Peter, Presvytera Connie, Taki, Tara, Violeta, John & Sheila Consos, Katherine & Sam Yalanzon

It is with sadness to announce the falling asleep in the Lord of Sara Cook,
mother of our parishioner, Julie Chokos.

Mrs. Cook passed on Wednesday, December 3rd. Funeral service and internment will be at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Savannah, GA, on Saturday, December 6th.

Donations may be made in her name to Sts. RNI or Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

May Her Memory be Eternal!

*Please pray for the speedy recovery of Eric Smith, who was involved in a serious accident
on Monday, December 1st, and his family—Donna, Laramie & Jesse Mae.*

Eric is recovering at Grady Hospital, Atlanta.

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ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Children will be dismissed to go to their Sunday School Class following the Sacraments. Thank You.

ACOLYTES

Jacob Atkinson, Mike & Peter Jordanopolos, Spiro Kefalas, Thomas Miller, Mike Trainor,
Alex & Niko Tzevelekos and Christos Zourzoukis

SENIOR ACOLYTES - Mike Manos, Dean Pryles

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19



Prokeimenon. Mode 1.

Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

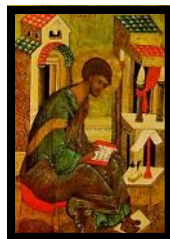
Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε - ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθωσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ - δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ κυρίῳ· καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε· τὰ γὰρ κρυφῆ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρὸν ἐστὶν καὶ λέγειν. Τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦνται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστίν. Διὸ λέγει, Ἐγειρε ὁ καθεύδων καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφαύσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσιν. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from
The Gospel of Luke 13:10-17



At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

ΑΩ

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, Ἦν δὲ διδάσκων ἐν μιᾷ τῶν συναγωγῶν ἐν τοῖς σάββασι. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ ἦν πνεῦμα ἔχουσα ἀσθενείας ἔτη δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ, καὶ ἦν συγκόπτουσα καὶ μὴ δυναμένη ἀνακῦσαι εἰς τὸ παντελές. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὴν ὁ Ἰησοῦς προσεφώνησε καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· γύναι, ἀπολέλυσαι τῆς ἀσθενείας σου· καὶ ἐπέθηκεν αὐτῇ τὰς χεῖρας· καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνωρθώθη καὶ ἐδόξαζε τὸν Θεόν. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ ἀρχισυνάγωγος, ἀγανακτῶν ὅτι τῷ σαββάτῳ ἐθεράπευσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, ἔλεγε τῷ ὄχλῳ· Ἐξ ἡμέραι εἰσὶν ἐν αἷς δεῖ ἐργάζεσθαι· ἐν ταύταις οὖν ἐρχόμενοι θεραπεύεσθε, καὶ μὴ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου. ἀπεκρίθη οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Κύριος καὶ εἶπεν· ὑποκριτά, ἕκαστος ὑμῶν τῷ σαββάτῳ οὐ λύει τὸν βοῦν αὐτοῦ ἢ τὸν ὄνον ἀπὸ τῆς φάτνης καὶ ἀπαγαγὼν ποτίζει; ταύτην δέ, θυγατέρα Ἀβραὰμ οὖσαν, ἣν ἔδησεν ὁ σατανᾶς ἰδοὺ δέκα καὶ ὀκτώ ἔτη, οὐκ ἔδει λυθῆναι ἀπὸ τοῦ δεσμοῦ τούτου τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ σαββάτου; καὶ ταῦτα λέγοντος αὐτοῦ κατησχύνοντο πάντες οἱ ἀντικείμενοι αὐτῷ, καὶ πᾶς ὁ ὄχλος ἔχαιρεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐνδόξοις τοῖς γινομένοις ὑπ' αὐτοῦ.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Father Paul is available on Sunday during Orthros to hear confession, but no later than 9:20 a.m. Please phone the church office to make an appointment.

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

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TODAY, December 7th

8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Stewardship Sunday

12 Noon Choir Practice

Nativity Play Rehearsal in the Youth

Room following Sunday School

8 p.m. Father Barnabas' live Faith Encouraged
radio program.

Monday, December 8th

7 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 9th

9 a.m. Prosforo Baking @ Blue House

7 p.m. Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering
At Annunciation Cathedral, Atlanta

Wednesday, December 10th

10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study

6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education

Thursday, December 11th

9 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Metropolis Chapel

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, December 12th

6:30 p.m. Philoptochos Christmas Party at
Lake Astoria Clubhouse (Covered Dish &
Ornament Exchange) All are welcome!

Saturday, December 13th

5 p.m. Great Vespers

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SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 14 -

Parish Council Elections (Dennis
Sparks, Election Chair)

Nativity Play Rehearsal in the Youth
Room following Sunday School

Tuesday, December 16

Women's Fellowship at Mary Milam's home
6:30 p.m. - Light supper/Enrichment lesson
on the Nativity of the Theotokos

Sunday, December 21 -

Nativity Play presented by Sunday
School following Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Parish Council Elections will take place on Sunday, December 14th, following the Divine Liturgy. Candidates are Koko Tadros, Tasso Kefalas, Marie Chapman, Plutarch Vamvakias, Anthony Birozes, and Len Vanerstrom. Five new members need to be elected for a 3-year term. Please plan to come out & vote. All stewards in good standing are eligible to vote.

DONATIONS

We are collecting non-perishable food items in the barrel in the Narthex. The contents will be brought either to The Place in Cumming or St. John the Wonderworker in Atlanta. With the holidays quickly approaching as well as colder weather, donations to the food banks are desperately needed.

Please be as generous as you are able.

ANNUAL TOY/GIFT DRIVE FOR ST. JOHN THE WONDERWORKER

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys and teen gifts for St. John the Wonderworker Orthodox Church in Grant Park for their "Loaves & Fishes Program". A collection box has been placed in the Narthex.

Toys should be new & unwrapped. Please no stuffed animals, board games, books, puzzles or violent toys.

Teen suggestions include exercise body pull-up bar, DVD player, CD boom box, portable CD player, MP3 player, headphones, camera, scooter, basketball hoop, hair straightener, color yourself bags/purses, jewelry, gift cards to Target or Walmart.

Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, December 14th.

Monetary donations to "St. John the Wonderworker Loaves & Fishes" are also welcome. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the historic meeting in Jerusalem between Blessed Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras, you are cordially invited to the next Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering that will take place on Tuesday, December 9th, at 7 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Clairmont Road, Atlanta, Archbishop Gregory & Metropolitan Alexis will preside and preach. The theme will be "Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord in a Broken World." A reception will follow.

Please contact Fr. George Tsahakis at 404-634-9345, x13, or at chancellor@atlmetsopolis.org if you have any questions.

**To date the 99 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2014.**

James & Angeline Andropoulos
George & Maria Andros
James & Kathryn Arfanakis
Sarante & Julie Athenson
Stephen & Deane Barnard
Matthew & Brittany Beckett
Anthony & Mary Birozes
Renee Birozes
Jordan & Lisa Boston
Deborah Bowen
David & Michelle Boyd
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto
Lenny Brown
David & Marie Chapman
Russell & Chyrisse Chason
Grace Chihlas
Julie Chokos
Giles & Emily Christie
Eddie & Connie Clark
Connie Condos
John & Sheila Consos
Keith & Mary Druffner
Gregory & Mariya Dunkel
Quay & Trissie Farr
Chris & Elizabeth Foxhall
Robert & Jennifer Guano
Harald & Stamatia Hagen
Allison Hammond
Christine Hatcher
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes
Harriet Howell
Mark & Jennie Johnson
Eleni Jordan
Panagiotis & Melanie Jordanopoulos
Vasilis & Mary Kalandis
Jim Kanellos
Maria Kardomateas
Aphrodite Levendakis-Kazazakis
Tasso & Laura Kefalas
Paul Kremer
Alex & Melpo Levantis
Jennifer Loumakis
Melanie Loumakis
David & Lynne Lucher
Archie & Florence Lytle
Tina Maheras
Wade & Andrea Mancil
Angelica Manolakis
Kiki Manolakis
William & Margaret Manos
Bill & Audrey Marianes
Riley & Ann Marvos
George Matthews
Al & Helen McCart
Johnny Melts
Bill & Mary Milam
Matthew & Athena Miller
Nikolaos Moissiadis
Patricia Morris
Nicolas & Teddie Panos
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Lazaros & Christina Papadopoulos
Gregory Pappas
Gus Pappas
Tom & Lillian Pappas
John & Evon Patrick
Michele Perry
Mihai & Heidi Popa
Fr. Barnabas & Presvytera Connie Powell
Pam Powers
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Marina Raymond
Aftan & Cheri Romanczak
Jimmy & Pat Roney
Donna Sagnelli
Mary Samaltanos
Dina Sarandis
Taka & Kathy Shoji
Jimmy Smith
Estelle Sofikitis
George & Anna Sofikitis
Dennis Sparks
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Ed & Anne Trainor
Michael Trainor
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou
Brian & Jennifer Tubbs
Greg Tzevelekos/Evie Atkinson
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Len Vanerstrom
Rusty & Christine Waldron
Diane Walters
Jacob & Katherine Wilson
Steven & Smara Wolff
Sam & Katherine Yalanzon
George & Thalia Zazanis
John & Mildred Zourzoukis