

# SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**December 13, 2015**  
**11 TH SUNDAY OF LUKE**



**Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska and the  
First Saint of America**

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

On This day, we also Commemorate:  
Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska &  
First Saint of America; the Holy Martyrs Eustratius,  
Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and  
Orestes of Greater Armenia; Lucia the Virgin-martyr



### 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 Third Tone:**

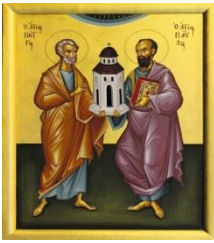
Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

#### **Apolytikion for the Holy Forefathers in the Second Tone:**

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

#### **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 appear as a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.



## EPISTLE READING

### St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:4-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

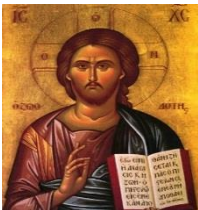
Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἣ ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζῆτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν Χριστός





## GOSPEL READING

### The Gospel according to Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"



Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δεῖπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἄγρον ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἔλθειν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δεῖπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δὲ ἐκλεκτοί



*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, Dec 13**    **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**8:45 a.m. Orthos**

**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**40 day blessing Evangeline Beckett**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**Nominations for Parish Council**

**Fellowship Hour**

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal after service**

**5:00 p.m. – Christmas Pageant**

**6:30 p.m. – Hope/Joy Christmas Event**

**8:00 p.m. Faith Encouraged LIVE Program at**

**[www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)**

**Wed., Dec 16**

**10:00 a.m. -Bible Study (Library)**

**6:30 p.m. – Vespers**

**Sat., Dec 19**

**5:00 p.m. - Vespers**

**For Today:**

**Ushers: Kosta Bozutto/Chris Foxhall**

**Welcoming Ministry: Jan Christy**

**Fellowship Hosted by GOYA 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, John Havins, 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.

Please see “Current News” publication in the Narthex for more information on church activities.



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



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

## CALENDAR for DECEMBER, 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec 13 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.  8:00 p.m.	<b><i>11th Sunday of Luke</i></b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Welcome Ministry – Jan Christy Parish Council – K. Bozutto/C. Foxhall <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> Fellowship Hour after Service in the Blue House hosted by GOYA ministry Children’s rehearsal for pageant  <b>Children’s Christmas Pageant</b> Ornament Exchange Event in the Blue House hosted by Hope and Joy ministry  Faith Encouraged Live Program at <a href="http://www.ancientfaith.com">www.ancientfaith.com</a>
Dec 15 – Tues	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Fellowship Dinner at Mary Milam’s home (Blessing Bags will be the theme for this meeting)
Dec 16 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Library) Greek Language Class <b>Vespers</b>
Dec 18 - Fri	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Greek Language Class Greek Language Class <b>Philoptochos</b> Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Meeting at Evon Patrick’s home
Dec 19 - Sat	4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Greek Language Class <b>Vespers</b>
Dec 20 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday before Nativity</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Welcome Ministry – Tina Maheras Parish Council – John Patrick/Len Vanerstrom
Dec. 21 - Mon	10:30 a.m.	<b>GOYA’s</b> annual volunteering at St. John the Wonderworker in their Soup Kitchen. They will be serving lunch.
Dec 23 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Library) <del>Cancelled</del> - Greek Language Class <b>Vespers</b>
Dec 24 – Thur	8:30 a.m.   6:30 p.m.	<b>THE GREAT HOURS OF CHRISTMAS</b> Welcome – Deborah Bowen  <b>DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL</b>

Dec 25 – Fri	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b><i>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i></b>  <u>Cancelled</u> – Greek Language Class <u>Cancelled</u> – Greek Language Class
Dec 26 – Sat	8:30 a.m.  4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	<b><i>SYNAXIS OF THE VIRGIN MARY (THEOTOKOS)</i></b> Welcome – Deborah Bowen  <u>Cancelled</u> – Greek Language Class <u>Cancelled</u> – Vespers
Dec 27 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b><i>SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY</i></b> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Faith Encouraged program at <a href="http://www.ancientfaith.com">www.ancientfaith.com</a>
Dec 30 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> – Bible Study <u>Cancelled</u> - Greek Language Class <i>Vespers</i>
Dec 31 - Thur	6:30 p.m.	<i>Great Vespers</i>
<b>Jan 1 - Fri</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<b><i>CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD</i></b> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i>
Jan 2 - Sat	4:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m.	<u>Cancelled</u> – Greek Language Class  <i>Vespers</i>



## 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 Jordanopaulos  
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  
John & Evon Patrick  
Michele Perry  
Mihai & Heidi Popa  
Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell  
Pam Powers  
Vic & Suzi Pryles  
Luke and Liz Ralston  
Marina Raymond  
Aftan Romanczak  
Mary Samaltanos  
Dina Sarandis  
Takanori & Kathryn Shoji  
Effie Skiouris  
James Smith  
Estelle Sofikitis  
George & Anna Sofikitis  
Dennis & Laura Sparks  
O'Brien Statham  
James Stockdill  
Koko & Carol Tadros  
Steven & Thalia Thompson  
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou  
Ed & Anne Trainor  
Greg & Evie Tzevelekos  
Eleanor Vamvakias  
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias  
Len Vanerstrom  
Rusty & Christine Waldron  
Tim & Diane Walters  
Jacob & Katherine Wilson  
Katherine & Sam Yalanzon  
George & Thalia Bruno Zazanis  
John and Mildred Zourzoukis