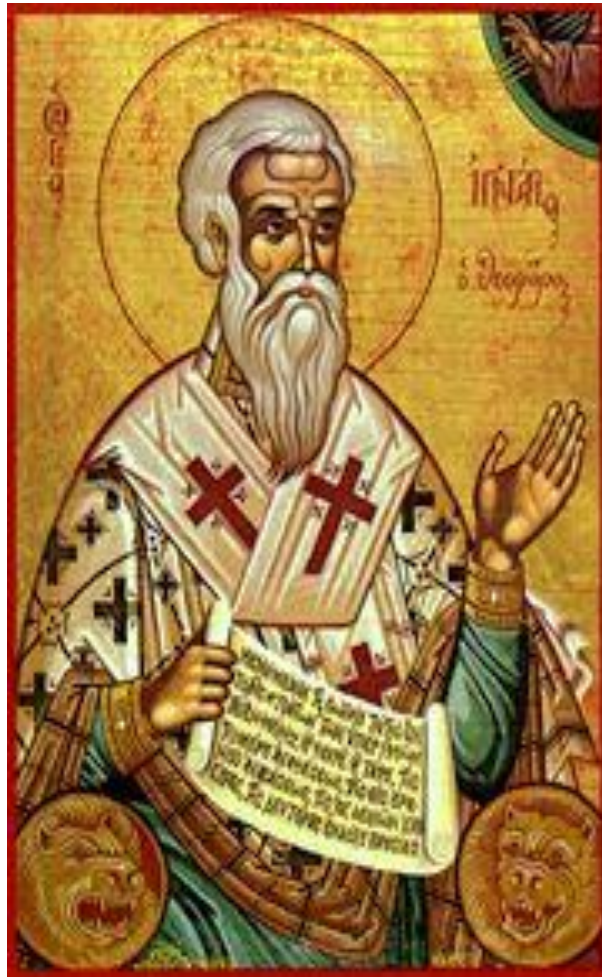


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December 20, 2015



Ignatius the God-Bearer

Bishop of Antioch



SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY

Forefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ

On This day, we also Commemorate:
Ignatius the God-Bearer, Bishop of Antioch;
Our Righteous Father Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch



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-joyce 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 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 for the Forefeast in the Fourth Tone:

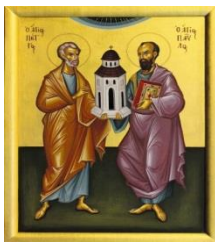
O Bethlehem, prepare, Eden is opened unto all. And be ready, Ephrata, for the Tree of life has in the grotto blossomed forth from the Virgin. Indeed her womb is shown to be spiritually a Paradise, in which is found the God-planted Tree. And if we eat from it we shall live, and shall not die, as did Adam of old. Christ is born, so that He might raise up the formerly fallen image.

Apolytikion for the Fathers in the Second Tone:

Magnificent are Faith's accomplishments! The three holy Youths exultingly stood in the fountain of fire as if beside the still waters of rest. And Daniel the Prophet was shown to be a shepherd of lions. At their entreaty, O Christ 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 Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

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, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

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Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοῦς θεμελίους ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυῖδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοῦς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίρσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel"(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.



Βίβλος γενέσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ Δαυὶδ υἱοῦ Ἀβραάμ. Ἀβραάμ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰσαάκ, Ἰσαάκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰούδαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Φαρὲς καὶ τὸν Ζαρὰ ἐκ τῆς Θάμαρ, Φαρὲς δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἑσρῶμ, Ἑσρῶμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀράμ, Ἀράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμιναδάβ, Ἀμιναδάβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ναασσῶν, Ναασσῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλμών, Σαλμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Βοὺζ ἐκ τῆς Ῥαχάβ, Βοὺζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὠβήδ ἐκ τῆς Ῥούθ, Ὠβήδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεσσαί, Ἰεσσαί δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Δαυὶδ τὸν βασιλέα. Δαυὶδ δὲ ὁ βασιλεὺς ἐγέννησε τὸν Σολομῶνα ἐκ τῆς τοῦ Οὐρίου, Σολομῶν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ῥοβοάμ, Ῥοβοάμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιά, Ἀβιά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀσά, Ἀσά δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσαφάτ, Ἰωσαφάτ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωράμ, Ἰωράμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ὀζιαν, Ὀζίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωάθαμ, Ἰωάθαμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχαζ, Ἀχαζ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐζεκίαν, Ἐζεκίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Μανασσῆ, Μανασσῆ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀμών, Ἀμών δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσίαν, Ἰωσίας δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰεχονίαν καὶ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος.

Μετὰ δὲ τὴν μετοικεσίαν Βαβυλῶνος Ἰεχονίας ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαλαθιήλ, Σαλαθιήλ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ζοροβάβελ, Ζοροβάβελ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀβιούδ, Ἀβιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιακείμ, Ἐλιακείμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀζῶρ, Ἀζῶρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Σαδώκ, Σαδώκ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἀχειμ, Ἀχειμ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλιούδ, Ἐλιούδ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἐλεάζαρ, Ἐλεάζαρ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ματθάν, Ματθάν δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰακώβ, Ἰακώβ δὲ ἐγέννησε τὸν Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἄνδρα Μαρίας, ἐξ ἧς ἐγεννήθη Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Χριστός. Πᾶσαι οὖν αἱ γενεαὶ ἀπὸ Ἀβραάμ ἕως Δαυὶδ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ Δαυὶδ ἕως τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες, καὶ ἀπὸ τῆς μετοικεσίας Βαβυλῶνος ἕως τοῦ Χριστοῦ γενεαὶ δεκατέσσαρες.

Τοῦ δὲ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἡ γέννησις οὕτως ἦν. μνηστευθείσης γὰρ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ Μαρίας τῷ Ἰωσήφ, πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ἐκ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου. Ἰωσήφ δὲ ὁ ἀνὴρ αὐτῆς, δίκαιος ὢν καὶ μὴ θέλων αὐτὴν παραδειγματίσαι, ἐβουλήθη λάθρα ἀπολῦσαι αὐτήν. ταῦτα δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐνθυμηθέντος ἰδοὺ ἄγγελος Κυρίου κατ' ὄναρ ἐφάνη αὐτῷ λέγων· Ἰωσήφ υἱὸς Δαυὶδ, μὴ φοβηθῆς παραλαβεῖν Μαριάμ τὴν γυναῖκά σου· τὸ γὰρ ἐν αὐτῇ γεννηθὲν ἐκ Πνεύματός ἐστιν Ἁγίου. τέξεται δὲ υἱὸν καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν· αὐτὸς γὰρ σώσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν. Τοῦτο δὲ ὄλον γέγονεν ἵνα πληρωθῆ τὸ ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου διὰ τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· ἰδοὺ ἡ παρθένος ἐν γαστρὶ ἔξει καὶ τέξεται υἱόν, καὶ καλέσουσι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἐμμανουήλ, ὃ ἐστι μεθερμηνευόμενον μεθ' ἡμῶν ὁ Θεός. Διεγερθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰωσήφ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὕπνου ἐποίησεν ὡς προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ὁ ἄγγελος Κυρίου καὶ παρέλαβε τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτήν ἕως οὗ ἔτεκε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτῆς τὸν πρωτότοκον, καὶ ἐκάλεσε τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν.



*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 20 Sunday before Nativity

8:45 a.m. Orthos

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

2016 Ecclesiastical Calendars are in the Narthex. Please take one home with you.

Wed., Dec 23

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

6:30 p.m. – Vespers

Thurs., Dec. 24

8:30 a.m. The Great Hours of Christmas

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Fri., Dec. 25

8:30 a.m. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sat., Dec 26

8:30 a.m. Synaxis of the Virgin Mary

Cancelled - 5:00 p.m. Vespers

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

For Today:

Ushers: John Patrick/Len Vanerstrom

Welcoming Ministry: Tina Maheras

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, 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.



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



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CALENDAR for DECEMBER, 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Dec 20 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday before Nativity <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Welcome Ministry – Tina Maheras Parish Council – John Patrick/Len Vanerstrom
Dec. 21 - Mon	10:30 a.m.	GOYA's 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) <u>Cancelled</u> - Greek Language Class <i>Vespers</i>
Dec 24 – Thur	8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	<i>THE GREAT HOURS OF CHRISTMAS</i> Welcome – Deborah Bowen <i>DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL</i>
Dec 25 – Fri	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<i>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i> <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.	<i>SYNAXIS OF THE VIRGIN MARY (THEOTOKOS)</i> 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.	<i>SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY</i> <i>Orthos</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Welcome Ministry – Tina Maheras Parish Council – John Patrick/Len Vanerstrom Faith Encouraged program at www.ancientfaith.com
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>
Jan 1 - Fri	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	<i>CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD</i> <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
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Eleanor Vamvakias
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
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