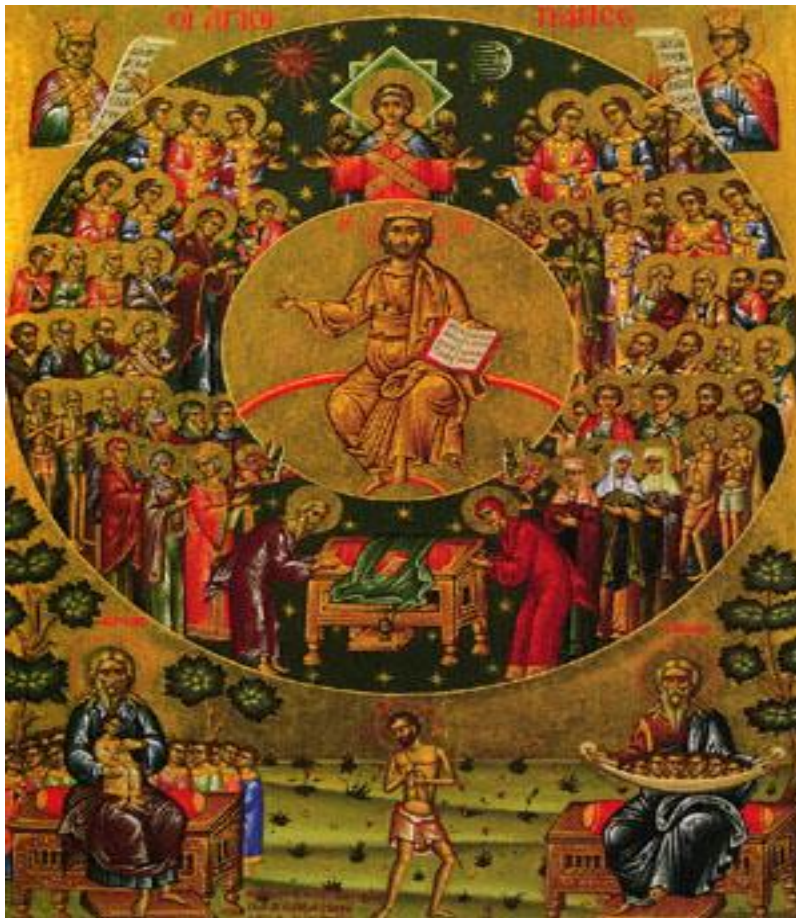


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February 14, 2016



Holy Father Auxentius of the Mountain

This Saint, who was from the East, lived during the reign of Saint Theodosius the Younger. In 442 he enlisted in the Fourth Military Company of the Scholarii, that is, the Imperial Guard. Afterwards, he became a monk on a certain mountain in Bithynia (which later took his name), not far from Chalcedon. On becoming the archimandrite of the monastics gathered there, and proving himself to be most enduring in asceticism and most Orthodox in his faith, he reposed during the reign of the Emperor Leo the Great of Thrace, who reigned from 457 to 474



SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE

On This day, we also Commemorate:

Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles & Teacher of the Slavs
Nicholas the New Martyr of Corinth



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, Maria Hagen, 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.

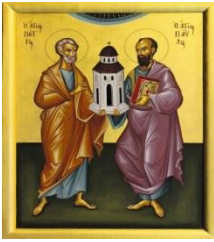
Apolytikion for the Saint in the First Tone

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate * and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Afxentios, our God-bearing father. * Since you received the spiritual gifts * by fasting and vigilance and prayer, * you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls * of those who run to you with faith. * Glory to Him who gave His might to you; * glory to Him who placed a crown on you; * glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.





EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.

Psalms 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

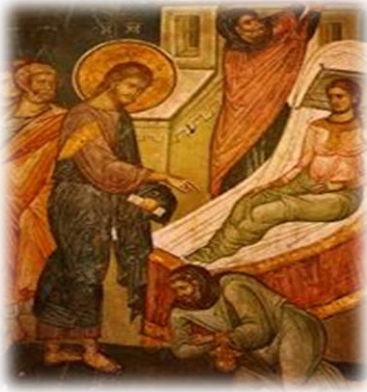
BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.





GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ἐκεῖθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὰ μέρη Τύρου καὶ Σιδῶνος. καὶ ἰδοὺ γυνὴ Χαναναῖα ἀπὸ τῶν ὀρίων ἐκείνων ἐξελθοῦσα ἐκραύγαζεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· ἐλέησόν με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἠρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες· ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὀπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. ἡ δὲ ἐλθοῦσα προσεκύνησεν αὐτῷ λέγουσα· Κύριε, βοήθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἄρτον τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυναρίοις. ἡ δὲ εἶπε· ναί, Κύριε· καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· ὦ γύναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενηθήτω σοι ὡς θέλεις. καὶ ἰάθη ἡ θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὥρας ἐκείνης.



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.



CALENDAR for February, 2016 – revised as of 2/14/2016

** “PLC” means Parish Life Center

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Feb 14 - Sun | 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. | <u>Sunday of the Canaanite Happy Valentine’s Day</u> Orthos Divine Liturgy Faith Encouraged LIVE Program – www.ancientfaith.org |
| Feb 16 - Tues | 6:00 p.m. | Ladies Fellowship at Mary Milam’s home All ladies are welcomed: contact Tina Maheras at tdmaheras@comcast.net or Mary Milam at dmarymilam@bellsouth.net |
| Feb 17 - Wed | 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Bible Study - Book of Genesis (Library) Vespers |
| Feb 18 - Thurs | 7:00 p.m. | Philoptochos General Meeting (PLC) |
| Feb 19 - Fri | 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Greek Class Greek Class |
| Feb 20 - Sat | 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | Philoptochos Brunch (PLC) Greek Class Vespers |
| Feb 21 - Sun | 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | <u>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Triodion Begins</u> Orthos Divine Liturgy |
| Feb 24 - Wed | 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Father Barnabas Out of Town Feb. 23 - 27 <u>Cancelled</u> - Bible Study - Book of Genesis (Library) <u>Cancelled</u> - Vespers |
| Feb 26 - Fri | 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Greek Class Greek Class |
| Feb 27 - Sat | 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | Greek Class <u>Cancelled</u> - Vespers |
| Feb 28 - Sun | 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. | <u>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</u> Orthos Divine Liturgy Faith Encouraged LIVE program at www.ancientfaith.com |
| Feb 29 - Mon | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts meeting (PLC) For more information contact Harald Hagen at mrhhagen@yahoo.com or see bulletin board |
| March 1 - Tues | | Father Barnabas at Winter Clergy Retreat in Salem, SC - March 1 – 3 |
| March 2 - Wed | 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | <u>Cancelled</u> – Bible Study Class <u>Cancelled</u> – Vespers |

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| March 4 - Fri | 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Greek Language Class Greek Language Class Goyan Lock-in at PLC |
| March 5 - Sat | 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. | <u>Saturday of Souls</u> Orthos Divine Liturgy Greek Language Class Vespers |
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Notes and Thank Yous

- The ongoing **Sts RNI Bake Sale** - You can order anytime and receive fresh pastries or baked goods. See bulletin board for more information. Forms are in the PLC.
- **Saturday of Souls** – Helen McCart will be offering trays of Koliva for \$10 for the Saturday of Souls commemoration which is March 5, 12, and 19. Email Helen at helenmccart49@gmail.com to order.
- Mark your calendars for the **Philoptochos Brunch** at the PLC on February 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the PLC
- Mark your calendar for **Vacation Church Camp** – June 13 – 17, 2016
- Please call Administrative Office to schedule your **House Blessing** with Father Barnabas.

GREAT NEWS: New Boy Scout Troop chartered by STS RNI -- JOIN TODAY!

The Troop meets weekly and does one weekend activity per month. Activities include camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, shooting sports, archery, rappelling, geocaching, bicycling, service projects, sailing, cooking, career exploration, caving, skiing, personal growth and development, public speaking, project management, and much more. Boys aged 11-18.

Monday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:30 p.m. at the new Parish Life Center.

Contact Harald Hagen. Website <http://troop805.trooptrack.com>

For more information see bulletin board or contact the administrative offices at 770-781-5250.

First Meeting at the PLC on Monday, Feb. 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the PLC



Stewardship Commitment for 2016 – 61 as of 2/14/2016

Apesos, Matthew & Addy
Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Birozes, Anthony
Birozes, Renee
Bowen, Deborah
Boyd, David & Michelle
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn
Chapman, David & Marie
Chason, Russell & Chyrisse
Christy, Rick & Jan
Consos, John
Donkar, John & Athena
Eifert, April & David
Farr, Quay & Trissie
Foxhall, Chris & Liz
Gasper, Bill & Margaret
Gilbert, Rob & Carey
Guano, Robert & Jennifer
Hatzispiros, Tasia & Fontasa
Henning, Robert & Ana
Hutka, Steven & Linda
Johnson, Jennie
Kaloudis, Vasilis & Mary
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura
Kefalas, Thalia
Klock, Jacqueline
Levantis, Alex & Melpo
Lopez, Leon & Frances
Lucher, David & Lynne
Maheras, Tina
Manos, Emanuel
Manos, William & Margaret
Marvos, Todd & Ann
McCart, Al & Helen
Melts, Johnny & Becky
Milam, Bill & Mary
Moissiadis, Nik & Argentina
Panos, Nicholas & 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

Sparks II, Dennis
Sparks, Dennis & Laura
Sparks, Jacob
Stewart, Todd
Trainor, Edward & Anne
Tyre, James & Sharon
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer
Vamvakias, Eleanor
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina
Vanerstrom, Len & Marina
Waldron, Rusty & Christine
Walters, Tim & Diane
Zourzoukis, John & Mildred
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