

Sts Raphael Nicholas & Irene
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

EVENTS CALENDAR March 8 – April 14th, 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Daily		Daily Devotional “Living Orthodox on Purpose from Faith Encouraged” by Father Barnabas You can sign up for daily devotionals at http://ancientfaith.com/faithencouraged
2 nd and 4 th Sundays	8:00 -9:30 p.m.	Faith Encouraged Radio Program
March 8 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas: Orthos Divine Liturgy</i>
March 9 – Mon	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
March 11 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study – Hebrews <i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
March 13 – Fri	7:00 p.m.	<i>Salutations to the Theotokos Service</i>
March 14 – Sat	6:30 p.m.	Duty to God Banquet at Prospect United Methodist Church located at 1549 Prospect Rd., Lawrenceville, GA. “Boy Scouts of America” Northeast Georgia Council
March 15 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<i>Sunday of the Holy Cross: Orthos Divine Liturgy followed by procession of Holy Cross with flowers</i>
March 16 – Mon	10:00 a.m.	Project Comfort & Guild (blue house)
March 18 – Wed	10:00 a.m.	Scripture Study – Hebrews
March 18 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
March 20 – Fri	7:00 p.m.	<i>Salutation to the Theotokos</i>
March 21 – Sat	10:00 a.m.	Church Work Day

March 21 – Sat	10:00 a.m.	Project Comfort Guild at Hobby Lobby
March 21 – Sat	5:00 p.m.	<i>Great Vespers</i>
March 22 – Sun	(pls note times) 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.	<i>Sunday of St. John Climacus: Orthos Diving Liturgy</i>
March 24 – Tues	12:00 noon	Women’s Fellowship at Mary Milam’s Home RSVP Mary Milam at 770-889-1324 or dmarymilam@bellsouth.net or Tina Maheras at 678-427-3143 or tdmaheras@comcast.net
March 24 – Tues		You are invited to join the celebration for the Feast Day of the Annunciation at 2500 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta, GA 30329
	6:30 p.m.	Great Vespers with Artoclasia
March 25 - Wed	8:00 a.m.	Orthos followed by the Divine Liturgy
March 25 – Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Scripture Study – Hebrews <i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
March 27 – Fri	7:00 p.m.	<i>Akathist to the Theotokos</i>
March 29 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	<i>Orthos Divine Liturgy</i> Bill Mariannes guest on Faith Encouraged Radio Program
April 1 – Wed	6:30 p.m.	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
April 4 – Sat	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Lazarus Saturday: Orthos Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Followed by Making of Palm Crosses and a Community Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>Great Vespers</i>
April 5 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Palm Sunday: Orthos Divine Liturgy</i> <i>Matins of the Bridegroom #1</i>
April 6 – Mon	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Monday: Presanctified Liturgy</i> <i>Matins of the Bridegroom #2</i>

April 7 – Tues	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Tuesday: Presanctified Liturgy</i> <i>Matins of the Bridegroom #3</i>
April 8 – Wed	8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Wednesday: Presanctified Liturgy</i> <i>Holy Unction</i> <i>Matins of the Bridegroom #4 (Unction given at end of service)</i>
April 9 – Thurs	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Thursday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</i> <i>Service of the Twelve Gospels and Procession of the Holy Cross</i>
April 10 – Fri	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Holy and Great Friday: The Royal Hours</i> <i>Service of the Descent from the Cross</i> <i>Service of Lamentations and Procession of Epitaphion</i>
April 11,12- Sat	9:00 a.m. Noon 11:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.	<i>Holy and Great Saturday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil</i> <i>Chrismation and Reception of Catechumens</i> <i>Matins of the Resurrection</i> <i>Resurrection Service/Resurrection Divine Liturgy</i>
April 12- Sun	Noon	<i>Great and Holy Pascha:</i> <i>Agape Vespers</i> <i>Parish-wide Easter Egg Hunt and Parish Picnic</i>
April 14 – Tues	5:00 p.m.	<i>Saints Raphael, Nicholas and Irene Feast Day:</i> <i>Hierarchical Great Vespers</i> <i>Lamb Dinner Celebration Follows</i>

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please contact Deborah Bowen at the church office (770-781-5250) or at officeadmin@stsrni.org to place a schedule on the calendar for the church and/or Father Barnabas or to place any special events, announcements or changes to the bulletin each week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – March 8, 2015



Donate an Easter Lily to Decorate the Narthex & Sanctuary for Easter in honor of a special someone or event or in memory of a loved one.

Your Name _____

Lily donated for _____

Lilies are \$20 each. Checks should be payable to Sts. RNI Philoptochos & turned in with this form.

Names will be listed in the program on Sunday, April 26th.

Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER BAKE SALE



Baklava



Galatoboureko



Kourambiedes



Koulourakia



Pastichio



Tiropita



Tsoureki



Spanakopita

Baklava (nut strudel) - 9 x 12 tray (yield 24 pieces) - \$30.00
Galatoboureko (custard dessert) - 9 x 12 tray (12 squares) - \$30.00
Spanakopita (spinach pie) - 9 x 12 tray - \$30.00
Tiropita (cheese pie) - 9x12 tray - \$30.00
Pastichio (Greek lasagna) - 9 x 12 tray - \$30.00

Koulourakia (braided, plain butter cookie) - 1 doz - \$6.00
Kourambiedes (powder sugar covered butter cookie) - 1 doz - \$6.00
Tsoureki (sweet Easter bread) - \$10.00

Order Deadline - Friday, March 27th
Ready for pick up beginning Wednesday, April 1st

**DELICIOUS GREEK PASTRIES
GREAT FOR HOSTESS GIFTS**

**The Ladies Philoptochos Society of
Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene
Greek Orthodox Church
3074 Bethelview Road
Cumming, Georgia 30040**

Proceeds will fund philanthropic projects of Philoptochos
Contact Helen McCart (404-428-4336) or email helenmccart49@gmail.com OR
Marie Chapman 770-205-7220 or email mommystargater@gmail.com

The Easter Egg has many meanings

The white color represents the white marble tomb, where Jesus Christ's body was laid after He was taken down from the Cross. Also the egg is a symbol of life. From the tomb life came out, the Risen Lord.



Dying the Eggs Red

THE GREETING "CHRIST IS RISEN - TRULY HE IS RISEN"

The orthodox faithful dyes the eggs red because the Roman soldiers put on Jesus Christ a red cloak, as King of the Jews, while they were mocking and torturing Him.

There is also a recorded historical event and a miracle that happened 2 years after the resurrection of Christ, outside Jerusalem.

Mary Magdalene was carrying a basket full of white eggs. She heard the new governor after Pontius Pilate will be passing from there. On the middle of the road she put the basket full of the white eggs and stooped the Governor saying:

"Welcome to Jerusalem oh Respectful Governor! I wish you will be righteous to the citizens of Jerusalem and will not be unrighteous like your predecessor Pontious Pilate. He, in vain, crucified the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He was threatened and He put Him on the Cross and He resurrected on the third day"

She explained all the miracles that He performed and His life.

The governor on the horse was listening to her. At the end of the conversation he said to Mary Magdalene:

"If all the accounts you told me are true, let these white eggs that you put in the middle of the road become red. Then I will believe all you said about Jesus Christ of Nazareth."

Immediately all the eggs turned red and Mary Magdalene gave one red egg to the governor Tiberius and one she kept and said:

"Christ is Risen" and he replied: "Truly He is Risen"

From this event we have the greeting Christ is Risen and Truly is risen and also the red eggs.

In Jerusalem, today, at the sight where this event took place there is a Russian Church, which is a convent and called Saint Mary Magdalene or of Magdala Monastery. At the monastery on a wall there is a large icon depicting this event. The orthodox Christians use this greeting (Christ is Risen / Truly He is Risen) for 40 days. Replacing, Hi! , Good morning, good evening, good night.

Unfortunately this tradition started to fade out. The initials of Christ is Risen also is drawn on red eggs with gold pen. In Greek is Christos Anesti / Alithos Anesti, XA. In Arabic is El Messih Kham / Hakkin Kham. In Slavic is Christos Vaskrese / Voyistina Vaskrese, XB. In Romanian, Christos Aviyat/ Beredetit Aviyat, HA. Etc.

Church Camp Summer 2015!

Do you children remember Vacation Church Camp from last year? Have they stopped talking about it yet? Help us plan for another exciting week. Contact Lisa Boston if you would like more information at myakunda@yahoo.com

Fellowship Coffee Ministry

Diane Walters is the Chairperson of the Coffee Fellowship. She is looking for *volunteers* to assist her on Sundays so that we all can continue to enjoy coffee, light refreshments & good fellowship together following our Divine Liturgy.

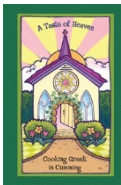
Please contact Diane at dianewalters@tnwinc.com.

FOOD 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 Wonderwork in Atlanta. Donations to the food banks are desperately needed. Please be as generous as you are able.

Philoptochos

If you are interested in working with the Philoptochos group please contact Marie Chapman at mommystargater@gmail.com for more info.



The first edition of the Cooking Greek in Cumming cookbook is now available for purchase for \$15 a copy. Copies may be obtained from Marie Chapman, Helen McCart, or Ginny Kostulakos.

PROSFORO MINISTRY

The Prosforo Ministry led by Stamatia Hagen meets once a month to bake loaves of Prosforo to be used during the Divine Liturgy each Sunday and any weekday services. If you would like to have Prosforo dedicated to the memory or health of someone or to donate towards Prosforo ingredient expenses, please reach out to Stamatia Hagen at 770-315-4530 or mamma2maria@gmail.com or Helen McCart at 404-428-4336 or helenmccart49@gmail.com.

The Ministry always welcomes volunteers to help on baking days.