

# HOLY PENTECOST MAY 31, 2015



## **STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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# WORSHIP

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*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 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.*

*Your Servant,*

*Father Barnabas*

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*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.*

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# EPISTLE READING

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Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 18.4, 1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

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# GOSPEL READING

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## Holy Pentecost

### The Gospel of John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## THIS WEEK

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*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, May 31**    **HOLY PENTECOST**  
**8:45 a.m. Orthos**  
**9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**Wed., June 3**    **10:00 a.m. Bible Study - Genesis**  
**6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education**

**Sat., June 6**    **5:00 p.m. Great Vespers**

**Please see Events Calendar and Announcements at the front desk for more information on church activities.**



***For Today:***

*Ushers: Helen McCart, David Chapman*  
*Welcoming Ministry: Eleni Jordan*  
*Fellowship Ministry: Diane Walters*

**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*



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*Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith*

## **Apolytikion of the Feast in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone.**

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

## **Kontakion of the Feast in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone.**

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations. When He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

**Please say a special prayer for the following individuals:**

D. Sarandis, N. Thrasivouou; J. Andropoulos,  
S and K Yalanzon, F. Hatzispirou



**Please let us know in the office at [officeadmin@stsrni.org](mailto:officeadmin@stsrni.org) if you know of any births, marriages, graduations, deaths, illnesses, or special events, so that we may keep our parish community informed.**

George & Maria Andros  
Jim & Angie Andropoulos  
Sarante & Julie Athenson  
Deane & Stephen Barnard  
Anthony & Mary Birozes  
Mabel Antigone Birozes  
Renee Birozes  
Lisa Boston  
Deborah Bowen  
David & Michelle Boyd  
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto  
Athena Catapano  
David & Marie Chapman  
Russell & Chyrisse Chason  
Julie Chokos  
Giles & Emily Christie  
Rick & Jan Christy  
Connie Condos  
John & Shelia Consos  
Keith & Mary Druffner  
Quay & Trissie Farr  
Chris & Liz Foxhall  
William & 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  
Jennie Johnson  
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis  
Jim Kanellos  
Tasso & Laura Kefalas  
Soula Levendakis &  
Theodoros Kazazakis  
Alex Levantis  
Leon & Frances Lopez  
David & Lynne Lucher  
Archie & Florence Lytle  
Tina Maheras  
Bill & Margaret Manos  
Bill & Audrey Marianes  
Riley Todd & Elizabeth Marvos  
Al & Helen McCart  
Johnny & Becky Melts  
Bill & Mary Milam  
Matt & Athena Miller  
Nikolaos Moissiadis & Family  
Patricia Morris  
Nick & Teddie Panos  
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos

Gregory Pappas  
Gus Pappas  
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Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias  
Len Vanerstrom  
Rusty & Christine Waldron  
Tim & Diane Walters  
Katherine & Sam Yalanzon  
George & Thalia Zazanis  
John and Mildred Zourzoukis



Donations made this month in  
remembrance of: Arthur Costakis,  
and Kathleen Mary Gasper