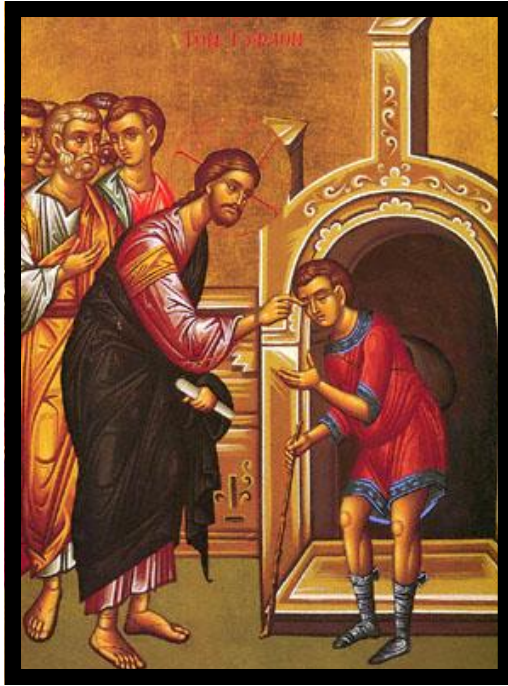


SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN JUNE 9TH, 2013



STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Eighth Eothinon/Tone Plagal First

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 or Fr. Paul 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.

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.

One Year Memorial for Haralambos Levantis, father of Alex & Melpo Levantis.

May His Memory be Eternal!

Schedule for the Week

June 12th, Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Vespers

June 13th, Saturday - 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Harriet Howell, Eric Smith, Harald Hagen

Ushering Ministry - GOYA

Welcoming Ministry - Florence Lytle/Renee Birozes **Fellowship Ministry** - GOYA

ACOLYTES

Zachery Bethune, James Blane, Nathan Frazier, Nicholas Pryles, Tommy Roberts, Luke Sulyma, Mike Trainor, Thomas Miller and Christos Zourzoukis

SENIOR ACOLYTES

Dean Pryles, Mike Manos

STS. RNI YOUTH CHOIR

Tabitha Bethune, Jessica Catapano, Maria Hagen, Christina Pryles & Laramie Smith

2013 Parish Council

President - John Patrick; Vice President/Assist. Treasurer- Harald Hagen;
Recording Secretary - Paul Ray; Corresponding Secretary - Harriet Howell;
Treasurer - Vic Pryles; Sophia Bethune, Kosta Bozzuto, Marie Chapman,
Quay Farr, Chris Foxhall, Eric Smith

TODAY WE REMEMBER

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Reading: The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay-not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone: Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone: Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

We Also Remember

Cyril, Patriarch of Alexandria

3 Virgin-martyrs of Chios

5 Nuns beheaded in Persia: Theola, Mariamne, Martha, Mary & Enmatha

Righteous Father Columba of Iona

Righteous Father Cyril of Belozersk

Please pray for those faithful who are currently in need of our most fervent intercessions:
Andrew, Angie, Bill, Bill, Carrie, Demetra, Dina, Donna, Elaine, Elizabeth, Christina, George, Gus, Heidi, Igl, James, Jerry, Joe, Maria, Michael, Oni, Paul, Peter, Staikoula, Taki, Tara, Violeta,

John & Sheila Consos, Archie Lytle, Katherine & Sam Yalanzon

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34



Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 1.

Psalm 11.7,1

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from John 9:1-38



At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

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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.

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ATTENTION STEWARDS!!! General Assembly Meeting TODAY immediately following Divine Liturgy — Please stay, your participation is needed.

WHITE HOUSE TOURS — Curious to see our new space, John Patrick will meet you in the carport of the newly purchased White House after church and give you a tour.

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Sts. RNI Choir Practice

**Immediately following Divine Liturgy
in the Chapel**

**Contact Marie Chapman for more information.
770-205-7220 or mommystargater@comcast.net**

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BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

**Wednesday Morning @ 10 a.m.
Thursday Evening @ 6:30**

Week of June 10th Philippians Chapter 4

SUMMER EVENTS

June 27th evening Movie Night and Discussion on “The Way – Talk 1” – “The Search for Faith”

July 25th evening Movie Night and Discussion on “The Way – Talk 2” – “God the Holy Trinity: The Lover of Mankind”

August 22nd evening Movie Night and Discussion on “The Way – Talk 3” – “Being Human: Fully Alive”



If you are interested in coming to the Bible Studies or being placed on the Email list, please contact Donna Smith @ missmagnoliasmox-ie@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SATURDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Please join us after Saturday Vespers for Food, Fellowship, and Good Conversation!

During our Summer fellowship, we will be reading “Scent of Holiness.”

June 15	Discussion of Knot One – Knot Eight
July 20	Discussion of Knot Nine – Knot Sixteen
August 17	Discussion of Knot Seventeen – Knot Twenty-Four
August 31	Discussion of Knot Twenty-Five – Knot Thirty-Three

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GREEK SCHOOL

Contact Smara Wolff for information on Greek School registration for Fall 2013 - smara.wolff@gmail.com or 770-889-5419

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Visitors Welcome

Dina Sarandis resides at The Oaks on Post Road and welcomes visits from fellow parishioners.

John & Sheila Consos are now residing in Dunwoody—4355 Georgetown Sq., Unit 442—and would enjoy phone calls (770/232-5147) &/or visits.

If you know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Helen McCart at 678-947-4771 or the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

Summer Calendar

July **Teaching Liturgy with Father** –ever wondered, “What is Father doing? Why is he doing that? What does it all mean???” Come and find out.

August 18th **Dormition Play** –We’ll learn about the Theotokos’ falling asleep.

August 29th **John the Baptist is beheaded** –That’s all I’ll say about that ...for now!

!!TEACHERS NEEDED!!

The 2013-2014 Church Year begins in September. Sts. RNI’s class offerings, as well as attendance, have increased substantially. We are in need of additional teachers for Sunday School, Youth, and Adult Education. We are planning teacher training prior to the Church year to help anyone who is interested joining in this ministry. So, if you interested in helping in any capacity, please contact: Lisa Boston (PreK – 12th) at myakunda@yahoo.com or Donna Smith (Adult) at miss-magnoliasmoxie@gmail.com.

Summer Reading

“Finally”(everyone is breathing a sigh of relief). Here is the Summer Reading list everyone has been waiting for, anticipating, and losing sleep over.

In the Bible:

1st - Book of Jonah (chapters 1-4)

2nd - 1 Samuel chapters 16-17 (David and Goliath) and book of Ruth

3rd - Judges chapters 6-7 (Gideon), and chapters 13-16 (Samson and Delilah)

4th - Daniel chapters 1-6 (The Three Youths, Daniel in the Lions Den)

5th - 1 Kings 16:29-2 Kings 6:23 (Elijah through Elisha)

6th - Book of Esther

7th - Book of Judith

8th - Book of Tobit

High School- Ecclesiastes

How to look up books, chapters, and verses of the Bible:

1. Go to Table of Contents in front and find name of book.
2. On each page there are big numbers and small numbers.
3. The big numbers are the chapters.

The small numbers are verses.

Chapter 16 verse 29 is written like this- 16:29. The chapter is the first number and the numbers after the semi-colon are the verses.

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While I would love everyone to have a library of Christian books for their children, I stress the books of the Bible over all others. If you or your child has any question about finding the right books and chapters in the Bible readings, please do not hesitate to ask me. I recommend using the Orthodox Study Bible or the New Revised Standard Version with Apocrypha (both available through the Gift Shop/Book store in the church).

Secular Books with Christian themes or good for discussion:

3&4 Year Olds The Tale of the Three Trees by Angela Elwell Hunt and Tim Jonke

1st The Monk Who Grew Prayer by Claire Brandenburg

2nd From I-ville to You-ville by Mersine Vigopoulou

3rd -5th Magician's Nephew

The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe

The Horse and His Boy

Prince Caspian

all by C.S. Lewis

6th The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

7th and 8th The Road From Home: A True Story of Courage, Survival and Hope by David Kherdian

(a book written for children about the Armenian genocide)

High School Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (what does vanity look like? Is that a redundant question?)

Screwtape Letters by C.S Lewis (an interesting look into the inter-workings between demons and our thoughts)

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas (how do we view revenge? Why?)

Pre-order any of these books through the church bookstore.

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Sts. RNI Bookstore News

Your purchases through Amazon helps us raise money!

We have a new e-store on Amazon for the Sts. RNI Bookstore. This is an Amazon webstore that we put items into categories like books, cds, jewelry, food, etc. and we get paid 10% on all sales through our store. If someone from the church wants to buy something on Amazon, they need to click through our link for us to get credit. Also, if anyone wants a book, cd, etc., not on our list, they need to let us know & we can add it to the site.

Use the link: <http://astore.amazon.com/stsrapnicireo-20>

For more information or to add items, contact Aftan Romanczak at aromanczak@hotmail.com

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PHILOPTOCHOS

2013 Membership Drive is underway. **ALL** are welcome to join.
Philoptochos is not just a ladies organization anymore!

The Sts. RNI Philoptochos is assembling a Greek Recipe Cookbook that it plans to publish & sell as a fund raiser. We would appreciate if you would share with us your favorite Greek recipes - regular or nistisimo (fasting).

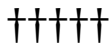
Please submit your recipes to
Ginny Kostulakos (officeadmin@stsrni.org) or to
Helen McCart (filiatra3@comcast.net).

If you have any background for the recipe such as who originated it (your mom, yiayia, papou, best friend); special details as to how you prepare it (special pan size, measuring technique, etc.), what part of Greece it comes from or is popular in, please share that with us as well. We want ours to come out as good as yours!

Handwritten/typed recipes are also welcome.

Don't forget to put your name with the recipe (& a contact number for the committee if we have questions) so you get credit for your contribution.

Congratulations to the new Philoptochos Board for 2013-2015. They will be sworn today. Serving you are Marie Chapman, President; Helen McCart, 1st V.P.; Julie Chokos, 2nd V.P.; Margaret Manos, Recording Secretary; Harriet Howell, Treasurer; Virginia Kostulakos, Assist. Treasurer; Anne Trainor, Past President/Advisor.



IOCC ATLANTA

13th Annual Run/Walk 5K (3.1 miles)

Saturday, August 24, 2013

Piedmont Park

(Behind Park Tavern—Monroe Drive & 10th Street)

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.—Race starts at 9:45 a.m.

\$30 per person (includes t-shirt and snacks after the race)

\$5 discount per ticket for online registration

To register or donate online go to www.iocc.org/atlanta

For more information:

Matushka Angela Allesandroni at 678-395-3353 or aallesandroni@comcast.net

Mira Brockett at 770-364-4096 or mirjanan1@bellsouth.net

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our 2012-2013 Fellowship Hour Donation Campaign has begun.

A suggested donation of \$25/family helps cover the cost of the weekly Fellowship Hour. Checks should be made payable to Sts. RNI G.O. Church with "Fellowship" on the memo line.

We hope you have enjoyed the refreshments provided over the past year and will continue to support the Fellowship Committee's efforts to serve you each Sunday.

2012-13 Donors

**Jim & Angie Andropoulos
Anthony & Mary Birozes
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto
David & Marie Chapman
Grace Chihlas
John & Beth Doulgerakis
Mariya & Gregory Dunkel
Keith & Mary Druffner
Chris & Liz Foxhall
Jean Gwaltney,
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Eleni Jordan
Vasilios Kaloudis
Jim Kanellos
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Riley & Elizabeth Marvos
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Nik Moissiades
Patricia Morris
Nick & Teddie Panos
Gus Pappas
Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Gigi & Paul Ray
Kathy & Taka Shoji
Nikolaos & Eva Thrasivoulou
Ed & Anne Trainor
Arthur Tsiropoulos
Sharon Tyre**

Thank you all for your support of this Ministry.

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**Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Mission Station
invites you to their 1st Annual Patronal Feast
Reader's Vespers Service, Friday, June 28th, 7 p.m.**

**Divine Liturgy, Saturday, June 29th, 10 a.m. with Fr. Paul Burholt
as the presiding priest at**

**St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Catholic Church
1750 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville**

**A picnic will be held following the Divine Liturgy at a nearby park
on Lake Lanier.**

**To date the 93 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2013.**

Nicholas & Varvara Alexiou
Jim & Angie Andropoulos
Sarante & Julie Athenson
Richard & Sophia Bethune
Anthony & Mary Birozes
Renee Birozes
Katherine Blanos
Joseph & Barbara Bonelli-Selwa
Jordan & Lisa Boston
Helen Bouboulis
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto
Sean & Maria Carney
David & Marie Chapman
Grace Chihlas
Julie Chokos
John & Sheila Consos
Dan & Alyssa Douglas
John & Beth Doulgerakis
Quay & Trissie Farr
Chris & Liz Foxhall
Valerie Galanis
Robert & Carey Gilbert
Robert & Jennifer Guano
Harald & Stamatia Hagen
Christine Hatcher
Harriet Howell
Alan & Julia Jenkins
Mark & Jennie Johnson
Eleni Jordan
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis
James Kanellos
Maria Kardomateas
Theodoros & Aphrodite Kazazakis-Levendakis
Dennis & Ginny Kostulakos
Alex & Melpo Levantis
Leon & Francis Lopez
Archie & Florence Lytle
Connie Machoudy
Harry & Tina Maheras
Bill & Margaret Manos
Emanuel Manos
Bill & Audrey Marianes
John Martin
George Matthews
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Bill & Mary Milam
Matt & Athena Miller
Nikolaos Moissiadis
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Peter & Jamie Nunn
Nicolas & Teddie Panos
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Lazaros & Christina Papadopoulos
Gregory Pappas
Gus Pappas
John & Evon Patrick
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Gus Plakiotis
Ioanna Plakiotis
Mihai & Heidi Popa
Father & Presvytera Powell
Pam Powers
Katherine Prattes
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Paul & Gigi Ray
Marina Raymond
David & Mary Roberts
Athan & Cheri Romanczak
Jimmy & Pat Roney
Andrew & Lorez Rousey
Dina Sarandis
Taka & Kathy Shoji
Eric & Donna Smith
Eugenia Smith
Estelle Sofikitis
George & Anna Sofikitis
Dennis & Laura Sparks
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Ed & Anne Trainor
Brian & Jennifer Tubbs
Sharon Tyre
Greg Tzevelekos
George Tzortzinakis
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Rusty & Christine Waldron
Tim & Diane Walters
Steve & Smara Wolff
Sam & Katherine Yalanzon
George & Thalia Zazanis-Bruno
John & Mildred Zourzoukis