

SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 3, 2016



Second Sunday of Matthew



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On This day, we also Commemorate:

Hyacinth the Martyr of Caesarea & Theodotos and
Theodota the Martyrs; Anatolius, Patriarch of
Constantinople; Gerasimos the Holy Martyr of Karenesi

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-joice 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 First Tone.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the
Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching
Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third
day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the
world. * And therefore the powers of heaven cried
to You, O Giver-of-Life: * Glory to Your
resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; *
glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves
mankind.

Season 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 Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Prokeimenon. Mode 1.

Psalm 32.22,1

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσὶν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:18-23

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.



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.



Welcome to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning.
Please join us for Coffee Hour afterwards in the Parish Life Center ("PLC").

Reminder: If there is ever a luncheon prepared for donations to the church and you wish not to participate,
the coffee and treats table is always available to everyone without a donation.

Fellowship is the main focus of this time together! Visitors Meet & Greet with Father Barnabas at the PLC.

TODAY, July 3 **Second Sunday of Matthew**

8:45 a.m. - Orthos

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

No Sunday School during Summer Break

Wednesday and Saturday services will not be held. Father Barnabas attending Clergy Laity meetings in Nashville, Tennessee from July 4 through July 9.

Visit the Gift Shop for Inspiration and Gifts

**Are you interested in being a part of the Orthodox Church? If so, classes will be forming. Please call Admin Office or see Deborah Bowen to communicate your interest. We have four names on the list so far. **

For Today:

Ushers: Greg Pappas/Plutarch Vamvakias

Welcoming Ministry:

Coffee Hour hosted by Food Ministry

Parish Council of 2016: *Kosta Bozzuto, President; Greg Pappas, Vice President; Len Vanerstrom, Secretary; David Chapman, Treasurer; Sandy Athenson, Anthony Birozes, Marie Chapman, Chris Foxhall, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, Anne Trainor, and Plutarch Vamvakias*

Acolytes: *Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Evan Eifert, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Jacob Sparks, Mike Trainor, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis, Senior Acolytes: Johnny Melts*

Please say a special prayer for the following Individuals:

Aftan Romanzcak's family in the death of his father; Tasia Hatzispiros in the death of her husband; Alexandros, J. Andropoulos, Bill, C. Birozes, Christine, Heather, Mariann, Maria, M. Samaltanos; Pam, D. Sarandis, E. Sofikitis, Victor, Patsy 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.*

Reminder: Church offices are now located in the Parish Life Center.

CALENDAR for July 2016 (updated 6/29/16)

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 3 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy
July 4 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY – BE SAFE Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
July 5 - 9		Father at Clergy Laity in Nashville, TN
July 6 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Vespers
July 9 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Vespers
July 10 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Third Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Faith Encouraged LIVE Program at www.ancientfaith.com
July 11 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
July 12 - Tues	9:00 a.m. – noon 7:00 p.m.	Prosforo Baking (PLC) Parish Council Meeting (PLC)
July 13 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	Vespers
July 16 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers
July 17 - 30		Father Barnabas – Vacation
July 17 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Holy Fathers Orthos – Father Paul presiding Divine Liturgy – Father Paul presiding
July 18 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
July 19 - Tues	Noon	Ladies Fellowship Luncheon Meeting – Mary Milam’s home Contact Mary Milam at dmarymilam@bellsouth.net or Tina Maheras at tdmaheras@comcast.net for more information
July 20 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Vespers
July 23 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Vespers

July 24 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Matthew Orthos – Father Paul presiding Divine Liturgy – Father Paul presiding
July 25 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
July 27 - Wed		Cancelled – Vespers
July 30 - Sat		Cancelled – Vespers
July 31 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy
Aug 1 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Aug 2 - Tue	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (PLC)
Aug 3 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	Vespers
Aug 5 - Fri	6:30 p.m.	Great Vespers - <u>Holy Transfiguration in Marietta</u>
Aug 6 - Sat	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy in <u>Marietta for Feast of Transfiguration</u> Cancelled – Vespers
Aug 7 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Seventh Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Hope/Joy Pool Party on Sunday August 7 at 12:30 (after church) at Lake Astoria Pool

Mark Your Calendars

See bulletin board or calendar for more details.

- **Hope/Joy Pool Party on Sunday August 7 at 12:30 (after church) at Lake Astoria Pool**
- **Sunday School Classes begin - August 14, 2016 (Blessing of the Waters)**
- **Back to Church Sunday – September 11, 2016**
- **Greek Festival – October 14 – 16, 2016**
- **Pancake Breakfast and Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant- December 10th**
- **Christmas Pageant – December 11, 2016**

MORE NEWS FROM THE PARISH!

- Thru July 24 Sts RNI Ladies Philoptochos will be **collecting new children's socks and underwear** to be given to Forsyth County children in need, as part of a back to school bag. Any donations would greatly be appreciated. We are also still collecting canned Salmon and other food items for the food pantry at The Place! Box is in the Parish Life Center.
- **Icons for Holy Feast Days** - Donations (\$20) or 2 dozen flowers to decorate each icon is needed for the following feast days: Sept. 8 - The Nativity of the Theotokos (white flowers); and Sept. 14 – The Exaltation of the Cross. If you could help with these activities, please call Deborah Bowen at the office.
- **Church Property and Buildings** – Our community is very excited about the growth with events, meetings, and parties that we are now experiencing. Our Parish Life Center has added so much to our capabilities of having more rooms in our church building available for classes and the Center itself is available for meetings, as well as events for our parishioners of all ages. Please be aware that if you plan to meet or use the church facilities in any manner, you should contact the church office to check for any conflicts on the calendar. Our office administrator is Deborah Bowen and she will be glad to work with you with your requests.
- The **Parish Life Center** is available for rental and we do have a Food Ministry that can provide catering or you can provide your own. If you are interested, contact the church office for information and costs.
- We have had some response for our outreach ministry, **Family Promise**. There is information on the wall next to the bulletin board in the hallway. If you can assist in this area, please do. All money goes directly to Family Promise. See more information at <http://www.familypromiseofforsythcounty.org/>.
- We also have information on our **prison ministry** on the bulletin board if you are interested.
- Please stop by **Sts RNI Gift Shop** for any special needs for a chrismation, baptism, birthday, or anniversary. If we don't have it, we can special order the item. We are trying to reduce our expensive items in inventory; however, we can order anything for you, including jewelry.
- 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.

Stewardship Commitment for 2016 – 92 as of 7/3/2016

Andros, George & Maria
Aposos, Matthew & Addy
Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Avery, Tori
Birozes, Anthony
Birozes, Mabel
Birozes, Renee
Bowen, Deborah
Boyd, David & Michelle
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn
Catapano, Athena
Chapman, David & Marie
Chason, Russell & Chyrisse
Christy, Rick & Jan
Condos, Connie
Consos, John
Donkar, John & Athena
Druffner, Keith & Mary
Eifert, April & David
Farr, Quay & Trissie
Foxhall, Chris & Liz
Fulbright, William & Hayley
Gasper, Bill & Margaret
Gilbert, Rob & Carey
Guano, Robert & Jennifer
Hagen, Harald & Stamatia
Hatzispiros, Tasia & Fontasa
Hayes, Michael and Ann Costakis
Henning, Robert & Ana
Howell, Harriet
Hutka, Steven & Linda
Johnson, Jennie
Kaloudis, Vasilis & Mary
Kanellos, Jim
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura
Kefalas, Thalia
Klock, Jacqueline
Ladies Philoptochos Society
Lampadarios, Stelios & Penny
Levantis, Alex & Melpo
Loumakis, Jennifer
Loumakis, Melanie
Lopez, Leon & Frances
Lucher, David & Lynne
Lytle, Archie & Florence

Maheras, Tina
Manos, Emanuel
Manos, William & Margaret
Marvos, Todd & Ann
McCart, Al & Helen
Melts, Johnny & Becky
Mermigkas, George and Georgia Loupeti
Milam, Bill & Mary
Miller, Matthew & Athanasia
Moissiadis, Nik & Argentina
Panos, Nicholas & Teddie
Papandreou, Andreas & Mary
Pantazopoulos, Constantinos & Evelyn
Pappas, Greg
Pappas, Gus
Patrick, John & Evon
Perry, Michele
Popa, Mihai & Heidi
Powell, Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie
Powell, Kristin
Powers, Pam
Pryles, Victor & Susan
Ralston, Luke & Liz
Robinson, Paula
Samaltanos, Mary
Sarandis, Dina
Shoji, Takanori and Kathryn
Sparks II, Dennis
Sparks, Dennis & Laura
Sparks, Jacob
Statham, O'Brien & Jennie
Stewart, Todd
Tadros, Koko & Carol
Thompson, Steven & Thalia
Trainor, Edward & Anne
Tyre, James & Sharon
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer
Tzevelekos, Greg & Evelyn
Vamvakias, Eleanor
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina
Vanerstrom, Len & Marina
Waldron, Rusty & Christine
Walters, Tim & Diane
Wilson, Jake & Catherine
Zazanis, George & Thalia Bruno
Zourzoukis, John & Mildred
Zukerino-Kazazakis-Levendakis



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Greek Orthodox Church



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