

SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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July 10, 2016



Third Sunday of Matthew



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On This day, we also Commemorate:

45 Holy Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia
Our Holy Father Gregory,
Bishop of Assa

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 Second Tone

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

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 Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

Prokeimenon. Mode 2.

Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 5:1-10

Ἀδελφοί, δικαιοθέντες οὖν ἐκ πίστεως, εἰρήνην ἔχομεν πρὸς τὸν θεὸν διὰ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ καὶ τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἐσχήκαμεν τῇ πίστει εἰς τὴν χάριν ταύτην ἐν ἣ ἑστήκαμεν, καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐπ' ἐλπίδι τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ. Οὐ μόνον δέ, ἀλλὰ καὶ καυχώμεθα ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσιν, εἰδότες ὅτι ἡ θλίψις ὑπομονὴν κατεργάζεται, ἡ δὲ ὑπομονὴ δοκιμὴν, ἡ δὲ δοκιμὴ ἐλπίδα· ἡ δὲ ἐλπίς οὐ καταισχύνει, ὅτι ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἐκκέχυται ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου τοῦ δοθέντος ἡμῖν. Ἔτι γὰρ Χριστὸς, ὄντων ἡμῶν ἀσθενῶν, κατὰ καιρὸν ὑπὲρ ἀσεβῶν ἀπέθανεν. Μόλις γὰρ ὑπὲρ δικαίου τις ἀποθανεῖται· ὑπὲρ γὰρ τοῦ ἀγαθοῦ τάχα τις καὶ τολμᾷ ἀποθανεῖν. Συνίστησιν δὲ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἀγάπην εἰς ἡμᾶς ὁ θεός, ὅτι ἔτι ἁμαρτωλῶν ὄντων ἡμῶν Χριστὸς ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἀπέθανεν. Πολλῶ οὖν μᾶλλον, δικαιοθέντες νῦν ἐν τῷ αἵματι αὐτοῦ, σωθησόμεθα δι' αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῆς ὀργῆς. Εἰ γὰρ ἐχθροὶ ὄντες κατηλλάγημεν τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ θανάτου τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, πολλῶ μᾶλλον καταλλαγέντες σωθησόμεθα ἐν τῇ ζωῇ αὐτοῦ.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."



Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 6:22-33

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ὁ λύχνος τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν ὁ ὀφθαλμός· ἐὰν οὖν ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου ἀπλοῦς ᾖ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου φωτεινὸν ἔσται· ἐὰν δὲ ὁ ὀφθαλμός σου πονηρὸς ᾖ, ὅλον τὸ σῶμά σου σκοτεινὸν ἔσται. εἰ οὖν τὸ φῶς τὸ ἐν σοὶ σκότος ἐστί, τὸ σκότος πόσον; Οὐδεὶς δύναται δυοὶ κυρίοις δουλεύειν· ἢ γὰρ τὸν ἓνα μισήσει καὶ τὸν ἕτερον ἀγαπήσει, ἢ ἐνὸς ἀνθέξεται καὶ τοῦ ἑτέρου καταφρονήσει. οὐ δύνασθε Θεῷ δουλεύειν καὶ μαμωνᾷ. Διὰ τοῦτο λέγω ὑμῖν, μὴ μεριμνᾶτε τῇ ψυχῇ ὑμῶν τί φάγητε καὶ τί πίνητε, μηδὲ τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν τί ἐνδύσησθε· οὐχὶ ἡ ψυχὴ πλεῖον ἐστί τῆς τροφῆς καὶ τὸ σῶμα τοῦ ἐνδύματος; ἐμβλέψατε εἰς τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ, ὅτι οὐ σπεύρουσιν οὐδὲ θερίζουσιν οὐδὲ συνάγουσιν εἰς ἀποθήκας, καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος τρέφει αὐτά· οὐχ ὑμεῖς μᾶλλον διαφέρετε αὐτῶν; τίς δὲ ἐξ ὑμῶν μεριμνῶν δύναται προσθεῖναι ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλικίαν αὐτοῦ πῆχυν ἓνα; καὶ περὶ ἐνδύματος τί μεριμνᾶτε; καταμάθετε τὰ κρίνα τοῦ ἀγροῦ πῶς αὐξάνει· οὐ κοπιᾷ οὐδὲ νήθει· λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδὲ Σολομῶν ἐν πάσῃ τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ περιεβάλετο ὡς ἐν τούτων. εἰ δὲ τὸν χόρτον τοῦ ἀγροῦ, σήμερον ὄντα καὶ αὔριον εἰς κλίβανον βαλλόμενον, ὁ Θεὸς οὕτως ἀμφιέννυσιν, οὐ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ὑμᾶς, ὀλιγόπιστοι; μὴ οὖν μεριμνήσητε λέγοντες, τί φάγωμεν ἢ τί πίωμεν ἢ τί περιβαλώμεθα; πάντα γὰρ ταῦτα τὰ ἔθνη ἐπιζητεῖ· οἶδε γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν ὁ οὐράνιος ὅτι χρήζετε τούτων ἀπάντων. ζητεῖτε δὲ πρῶτον τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ τὴν δικαιοσύνην αὐτοῦ, καὶ ταῦτα πάντα προστεθήσεται ὑμῖν.



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 July 2016 (updated 6/29/16)

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 10 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Third Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Food Ministry donating gyros salads and children’s meals at the PLC during coffee hour for a donation of \$5.00 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 20 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Vespers
July 23 - Sat	8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Church yard sale and gyros (Blue House) 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 Sunday School Teachers' meeting directly after services in the Library Hope/Joy Pool Party 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 Teachers meeting immediately after services on August 7
- Sunday School Classes begin - August 14, 2016 (Blessing of the Waters)
- Back to Church Sunday – September 11, 2016; luncheon at the PLC after services
- 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 7/10/2016

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



We are an Intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia