

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS SUNDAY, JULY 15TH, 2012



STs. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Sixth Gospel/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.

Memorial - A 6-month memorial is lovingly offered in memory of Nicholas Blanos by his sister Katherine Blanos and his niece & nephew, Evon & John Patrick.

May His Memory be Eternal!

Prosforo: Is lovingly offered by the Prosforo Ministry Team

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, July 18th - 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by "Ask Father"

Saturday, July 21st - 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Confessions will be heard following Great Vespers by Fr. Paul

Parish Council On Duty Today - Harald Hagen & David Chapman

Welcoming Ministry - Helen McCart

Ushering Ministry - Philoptochos

ACOLYTES

James Blane, Nathan Frazier, Spiros Kefalas, Dean Pryles, Nicholas Pryles, Mike Manos, Giovanni Ray, Tommy Roberts, Luke Sulyma, Mike Trainor, Connor Walters, Roney Walters, Thomas Miller and Christos Zourzoukis

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Reading: On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together in the Seven Ecumenical Councils, that is: the First Council, of the 318 Fathers who assembled in Nicaea in 325 to condemn Arius, who denied that the Son of God is consubstantial with the Father; the Fathers of the First Council also ordained that the whole Church should celebrate Pascha according to the same reckoning; the Second Council, of the 150 Fathers who assembled in Constantinople in 381 to condemn Macedonius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit; the Third Council, of the 200 Fathers who assembled in Ephesus in 431, to condemn Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople, who called Christ a mere man and not God incarnate; the Fourth Council, of the 630 who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches; the Fifth Council in 535, of the 165 who assembled in Constantinople for the second time to condemn Origen and Theodore of Mopsuestia, the teacher of Nestorius; the Sixth Council in 680, of the 170 who assembled in Constantinople for the third time, to condemn the Monothelite heresy, which taught that there is in Christ but one will, the divine; and the Seventh Council in 787, of the 350 who assembled in Nicaea for the second time to condemn Iconoclasm.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the First Tone: Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone: You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone: O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Resurrectional Kontakion in the Plagal of the First Tone: You descended to Hades, my Savior, and shattered its gates, as the Almighty. As Creator, You raised the dead with yourself, and smashed the sting of death, O Christ. You freed Adam from the curse, O Lover of humanity. Therefore we all cry out to You, Save us, O Lord.

We Also Remember

**The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and His Mother Julitta
Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles of Kiev
The Finding of the Head of St. Matrona of Chios**

Please pray for those faithful who are currently in need of our most fervent intercessions: **Andrew, Archie, Bill, Bill, Carrie, Demetra, Dina, Donna, Efthymios, Elaine, Elizabeth, Christina, Gus, Heidi, Igli, James, Jerry, Joe, John, Maria, Michael, Nomiki, Oni, Paul, Sarah, Taki, Tara and Violeta**

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Titus 3:8-15



TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

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Πιστός ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιούσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προῖστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῶ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρέτικόν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἔλθειν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προῖστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαὶ τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from Matthew 5:14-19



The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Α Ω

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη· οὐδὲ καιοῦσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μόδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτω λαμψάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσι τὸν πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ τοὺς προφῆτας· οὐκ ἦλθον καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι. ἀμὴν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ, ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτω τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following families for their recent donation of the icons now adorning the walls of the Chapel in the Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Parish

Katherine Blanos—Icon of St. Nicholas

Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto—Icons for Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Washing the Disciples Feet, Taking Down from the Cross, St. Matthew and Sts. Constantine & Helen

Mark & Jennie Johnson—Icon of St. Mark

Eleni Jordan—Icons for the Annunciation and Holy Transfiguration

Jim Kanellos—Icons for Thomas Sunday and St. Demetrios

Dennis & Ginny Kostulakos—Icon for the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

Archie & Florence Lytle—Menaion Set

Harry & Tina Maheras—Icon of St. George

Al & Helen McCart—Icon for the Blessing of the Loaves

Matt & Athena Miller—Icon of the Nativity of Christ

Nik Moissiades—Icons of St. Alexandra and St. Andrew

Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos—Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Lazaros & Christina Papadopoulos—Icon of the Raising of Lazarus

John & Evon Patrick—Icons of St. Catherine and the Mother of God of Vladimir

Mihai & Heidi Popa—Icon of St. John

Pam Powers—Icon of the Ascension

Eric & Donna Smith—Icon of the Birth of the Theotokos

Robert & Alexis Sulyma—Icons of the Resurrection and for St. Luke

Koko & Carol Tadros—Icon of St. Elias

Jim & Jane Vlahos—Icon of the Baptism of our Savior

Michael & Dora Willis—Icon of St. Irene

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 22nd—Recognition of Paul Bilson

For the past 15 years, Paul Bilson has served Sts. RNI as our Psalti. He has helped us make our worship both beautiful and a worthy offering to the Lord. During Holy Week, Paul came to me and asked if he could begin diminishing his duties so he could attend worship with his wife and children and serve his family better. We worked out a schedule where his ministry as Psalti here at the Parish would end in July of this year. Paul's last Sunday as our chanter will be July 22nd. On that day we would very much like the parish to be full and to express our love, admiration, and gratitude to Paul for his many years of faithful and fruitful service here at our parish.

God bless you, Paul, and thank you so very much. You will be missed.

Father Barnabas

On behalf of our Parish Council and our entire community

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Society of Wisdom Lunch

Tuesday, July 17th, 12:15 p.m.

Mia's Ristorante Italiano

2300 Bethelview Road, Suite 104

770-887-3000

(Kroger Shopping Center—Bethelview & Hwy 20)

We will be celebrating Katherine Prattes' birthday with a cake.

RSVP to Grace Chihlas at 404-326-0477

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Friday, July 27th, 9 a.m. - Prosforo Baking

Contact Stamatia Hagen at mamma2maria@aol.com

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Sunday, August 5th - Father Barnabas' 2nd anniversary at

Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene

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GOYA BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BARNABAS

August 19th, 5-6:00 p.m.

@ home of Jessica Catapano

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Summer's just started, but we're looking ahead to September.

Watch for announcements on September Special Events!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MONDAY, August 20th - Cumming Open Golf Classic at the Polo
Golf & Country Club**

\$100/golfter (4 person scramble) Deadline August 15th, 2012

Hole Sponsorship \$200 - Golf Cart Sponsor \$50

**All sponsor information needs to be sent in by August 5th so signs
can be printed for tournament.**

For more information contact:

678-572-6420 or cummingopengolfclassic@gmail.com

Quay Farr at 770-686-2293 or quayfarr@bellsouth.net

**Julie Chokos @ 404-557-3925 or julchokos@aol.com
for more information.**

Flyers available in the Narthex

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Sts. RNI Choir

**No Practice this Week. Marie is on vacation.
Watch for the next practice date to be announced.**

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

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is on summer hiatus.

The Wednesday evening class "Exploring the Liturgy" will be on summer hiatus. It
will be replaced with a summer series of "Ask Father"
following each of the Wednesday evening Vespers.

All are invited to attend.

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Book Club

For more information call Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212

or myakunda@yahoo.com

or contact Donna Smith at missmagnoliasmoxie@gmail.com

GREEK FEST 2012

SAVE THE DATES WHICH ARE:

Friday, October 19th - 3 PM to 10 PM

Saturday, October 20th - 11 AM to 10 PM

Sunday, October 21st - 11:30 AM to 6 PM

WE ALSO NEED HELP:

Setup - Thursday, October 18th

Clean-up - Monday, October 22nd

It will be a lot of work for all of us and we are praying that our entire parish family be available in the preparations and implementation of the festival. We hope by giving early notice everyone can plan to give of the Time and Talents for this five day period to help make the 2012 Festival a huge success.

Questions, concerns, and to **volunteer** to help plan the Festival should be emailed to Johnny Melts at greekfest@stsrni.org

Father Barnabas asks you to volunteer now so we can firm up our plans and schedules. Use one of the Festival Volunteer sheets and reserve your spot! A sign-up table will be in the Narthex or outside (weather permitting).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to Noon

Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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5th Annual St. Philothea Golf Classic

to benefit

Bread for Life, Inc. and St. Philothea Orthodox Church
Monday, September 17, 2012 at The Georgia Club, Statham,
GA

Register by August 17th—\$100.00 per person

Register after August 17th—\$125.00 per person

Register online at www.breadforlifeathens.org

For additional information call 770-725-5035 or email in-
fo@ilicons.us

Flyers available in the Narthex

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Sincere Thanks

Dearest Father Barnabas, Presvytera Connie, Parish Council Leaders, Ladies of
Philoptochos and all our Church Family,

Please accept all my “thank you’s” and hugs for all your help, support, kindness, phone calls, emails, hugs, etc. when and since my mom passed away on April 26th. There are also several of you who donated to our Church’s building fund in my mom’s memory, and our Church family, my brother and I are very grateful and honored. My brother thanks you as well. Ted appreciated very much meeting so many of you when he was here for the day of our mom’s (40 day) and dad’s (15 years) Memorial Service. There are still so many tasks to complete back up in New Jersey, but God has granted us the energy so far to keep our focus well on those. Thank you all again...

In +Christ,
Pat Morris

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our 2011-2012 Fellowship Hour Donation Campaign has begun. 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.

For the 2011-2012 year, donations have been made by the following families:

**Andropoulos
Birozes
Bozzuto
Chapman
Chihlas
Doulgerakis
Druffner
Hayes
Johnson
Jordan
Kanellos
Kefalas
Klock**

**Kostulakos
Koulouvaris
Livaditis
Lytle
Manos
Marvos
McCart
Melts
Milam
Miller
Moissiades
Morris
Panos**

**Pappas
Patrick
Pardinas
Philoptochos
Pournaras
Powell
Pryles
Ray
Sulyma
Trainor
Willis**

2012 PARISH COUNCIL

Dennis Kostulakos (President), John Patrick (Vice President), Paul Ray (Secretary),
Vic Pryles (Treasurer), David Chapman, Harald Hagen ,
Harriet Howell and Florence Lytle

Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church Our Vision & Mission

Our *vision* as Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church is to grow as a family in Christ.

Our *mission* as a Greek Orthodox Church is to serve God and neighbor, strengthen the family and reach out to the community.

To date the 92 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2012.

Nicholas & Varvara Alexiou	Archie & Florence Lytle
Jim & Angie Andropoulos	Connie Machoudy
Richard & Sophia Bethune	Harry & Tina Maheras
Paul & Elaine Bilson	Kiki Manolakis
Anthony & Mary Birozes	Emanuel Manos
Renee Birozes	William & Margaret Manos
Katherine Blanos	Bill & Audrey Marianes
Joseph (Ike) Bonnelli-Barbara Selwa	Riley & Elizabeth Marvos
Jordan & Lisa Boston	Al & Helen McCart
Niko & Helen Bouboulis	Johnny & Becky Melts
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto	Bill & Mary Milam
Thalia Bruno	Matt & Athena Miller
Athena Catapano	Nik Moissiades
David & Marie Chapman	Patricia Morris
Grace Chihlas	Nick & Teddie Panos
Julie Chokos	Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Roy & Lydia Clarkson	Gus & Albie Pappas
Arthur Costakis	John & Evon Patrick
Jamie Crossno	Lawson & Susan Plummer
Dean & Jenny Demos	Mihai & Heidi Popa
Wesley & Donna Dennison	Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell
Keith & Mary Druffner	Pam Powers
Quay & Trissie Farr	Katherine Prattes
Chris & Liz Foxhall	Vic & Suzi Pryles
Dan & Sonia Frazier	Paul & Gigi Ray
Paul & Caroline Geertgens	Earl & Marina Raymond
Robert & Jennifer Guano	David & Mary Roberts
Harald & Stamatia Hagen	Jimmy & Pat Roney
Kevin & Allison Hammond	Bill & Debbie Sarandis
Christine Hatcher	Dina Sarandis
Michael & Ann Hayes	Taka & Kathryn Shoji
Harriet Howell	Eric & Donna Smith
Mark & Jennie Johnson	George & Anna Sofikitis
Eleni Jordan	Stamatia (Estelle) Sofikitis
Bill & Mary Kaloudis	Dennis & Laura Sparks
Jim Kanellos	Robert & Alexis Sulyma
Maria Kalou Kardomateas	Tohotmos & Carol Tadros
Theodoros & Aphrodite Kazazakis-Levendakis	Mike & Estelle Theodosion
Tasso & Laura Kefalas	Nikolaos & Eva Thrasivoulou
Jackie Klock	Ed & Anne Trainor
Dennis & Ginny Kostulakos	Brian & Jennifer Tubbs
Jonathan & Kelley Kostulakos	James & Jane Vlahos
Louis & Dianne Koulouvaris	Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Alex & Melpo Levantis	Tim & Diane Walters
Earnest & Elizabeth Livaditis	Steve & Smara Wolff
Leon & Frances Lopez	Sam & Katherine Yalanzon