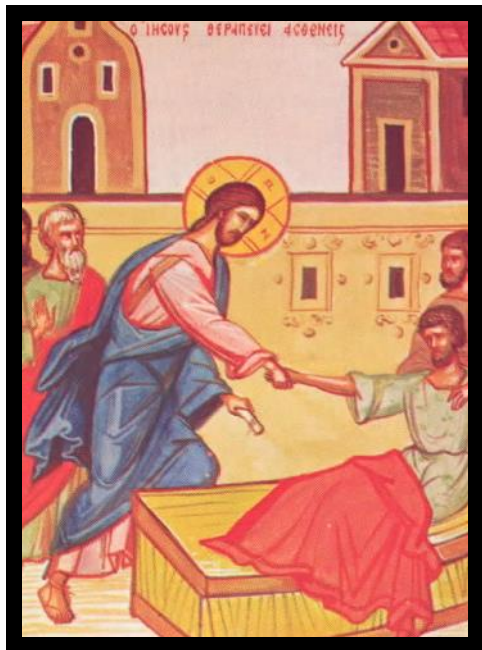


SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW JULY 20TH, 2014



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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Sixth 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 Lesbos 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.

Service Schedule for the Week

Tuesday, July 22nd 11 a.m. Baptism of Markella Lucia Manolakis-Reyes

Wednesday, July 23th 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Orthodoxy 101

Saturday, July 26th 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Bill Manos and Harald Hagen

Ushering Ministry - PC/Parishioners

Welcoming Ministry - Helen McCart

Fellowship Ministry - Evon Patrick

We welcome home Greg & Tara Tsikerdanos and family today. Please join us at the Blue House for refreshments and to visit with them.

ACOLYTES

Jacob Atkinson, Mike & Peter Jordanopoulos, Spiro Kefalas, Thomas Miller, Mike Trainor, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos and Christos Zourzoukis

SENIOR ACOLYTES

Mike Manos, Dean Pryles

2014 Parish Council-I

John Patrick, President; Harald Hagen, Vice President; Kosta Bozzuto, Secretary; Chris Foxhall, Treasurer; David Chapman, Marie Chapman, Bill Manos, Johnny Melts, Greg Pappas, Plutarch Vamvakias

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Sixth Sunday of Matthew

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 for the Prophet Elias (Elijah) in the Fourth Tone - The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, * the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, * sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. * He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. * Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

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.

We Also Remember

Elias the Prophet

Please pray for those faithful who are currently in need of our most fervent intercessions: Andrew, Angie, Bill, Bill, Brent, Carrie, Demetra, Diane, Dina, Donna, Ela, Elaine, Elizabeth, Christina, George, Gus, Harriet, Heidi, Igli, James, Jamie, Jerry, Joe, Maria, Michael, Nicky, Oni, Patsy, Paul, Peter, Presvytera Connie, Taki, Tara, Violeta, John & Sheila Consos, Katherine & Sam Yalanzon

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is St. James Universal Letter 5:10-20



Prokeimenon. Mode 1.

Psalm 109.4,1

You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies my footstool.

BRETHREN, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath, but let your yes be yes and your no be no, that you may not fall under condemnation. Is any one among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, ὑπόδειγμα λάβετε, ἀδελφοί μου, τῆς κακοπαθείας, καὶ τῆς μακροθυμίας, τοὺς προφῆτας οἱ ἐλάλησαν τῷ ὀνόματι κυρίου. Ἴδού, μακαρίζομεν τοὺς ὑπομένοντας· τὴν ὑπομονὴν Ἰὼβ ἠκούσατε, καὶ τὸ τέλος κυρίου ἴδετε, ὅτι πολὺσπλαγγνός ἐστιν καὶ οἰκτιρῶν. Πρὸ πάντων δέ, ἀδελφοί μου, μὴ ὀμνύετε, μήτε τὸν οὐρανόν, μήτε τὴν γῆν, μήτε ἄλλον τινὰ ὄρκον· ἦτω δὲ ὑμῶν τὸ ναί, ναί, καὶ τὸ οὐ, οὐ· ἵνα μὴ εἰς ὑπόκρισιν πέσητε. Κακοπαθεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; Προσευχέσθω. Εὐθιμεί τις; Ψαλλέτω. Ἀσθενεῖ τις ἐν ὑμῖν; Προσκαλεσάσθω τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας, καὶ προσευξάσθωσαν ἐπ' αὐτόν, ἀλείψαντες αὐτὸν ἐλαίῳ ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ κυρίου· καὶ ἡ εὐχὴ τῆς πίστεως σώσει τὸν κάμνοντα, καὶ ἐγερεῖ αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος· κὰν ἁμαρτίας ἢ πεποιηκώς, ἀφεθήσεται αὐτῷ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε ἀλλήλοις τὰ παραπτώματα, καὶ εὐχεσθε ὑπὲρ ἀλλήλων, ὅπως ἰαθῆτε. Πολὴ ἰσχὺει δέησις δικαίου ἐνεργουμένη. Ἥλιος ἄνθρωπος ἦν ὁμοιοπαθῆς ἡμῖν, καὶ προσεχῆ προσηύξατο τοῦ μὴ βρέξαι· καὶ οὐκ ἔβρεξεν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐνιαυτοὺς τρεῖς καὶ μῆνας ἕξ. Καὶ πάλιν προσηύξατο, καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ὑετὸν ἔδωκεν, καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐβλάστησεν τὸν καρπὸν αὐτῆς. Ἀδελφοί, ἐάν τις ἐν ὑμῖν πλανηθῆ ἀπὸ τῆς ἀληθείας, καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃ τις αὐτόν, γινωσκέτω ὅτι ὁ ἐπιστρέψας ἁμαρτωλὸν ἐκ πλάνης ὁδοῦ αὐτοῦ σώσει ψυχὴν ἐκ θανάτου, καὶ καλύψει πλῆθος ἁμαρτιῶν.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from
Matthew 9:1-8



At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?'" But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

ΑΩ

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἔγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἔγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

Father Barnabas is on vacation July 21 through August 2nd. In his absence, Father Paul will be celebrating the Vesper Services and Divine Liturgy. In case of emergency, please contact Fr. Paul at 678-995-2619 or the church office.

Father Paul is available on Sunday during Orthros to hear confession, but no later than 9:20 a.m. Please phone the church office to make an appointment.

Please call the Church office for more information (770) 781-5250.

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<u>TODAY, July 20th</u>	8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
<u>Tuesday, July 22nd</u>	11 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism for Markella Lucia Manolakis-Reyes
<u>Wednesday, July 23rd</u>	6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Orthodoxy 101
<u>Saturday, July 26th</u>	5 p.m. Great Vespers

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, July 25th - Friday Night Fish Fry

See Aftan Romancyk to volunteer to help. He starts prepping at 9 a.m. So anytime between 9 a.m. & 9 p.m., especially between 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. (service hours), your help would be more than appreciated.

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Sunday, August 10th - HOPE/JOY Back-to-School Swim Party - 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. at Lake Astoria Pool - Dr. Bramlett & Lake Wallace Circle, Cumming. RSVP at SignUpGenius.com/go/8050F44A5A82CA64 or contact Jennie Johnson at jenniepsi@yahoo.com or 678-637-9670.

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Sunday, September 14th - Back-to-Church Sunday

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2014 GREEK FEST, October 17-19 - Volunteers Needed Immediately: AD SALES—URGENT! - Chair needed to lead sales of ads for festival program; Children's Area—Chair needed to host this area.

Please contact Johnny Melts to advise your interest at johnnymelts@gmail.com or 770-843-7713

**To date the 91 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2014.**

James & Angeline Andropoulos
George & Maria Andros
Sarante & Julie Athenson
Stephen & Deane Barnard
Matthew & Brittany Beckett
Anthony & Mary Birozes
Renee Birozes
Jordan & Lisa Boston
Deborah Bowen
David & Michelle Boyd
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto
Lenny Brown
David & Marie Chapman
Russell & Chyrisse Chason
Grace Chihlas
Julie Chokos
Giles & Emily Christie
Eddie & Connie Clark
Connie Condos
John & Sheila Consos
Keith & Mary Druffner
Gregory & Mariya Dunkel
Quay & Trissie Farr
Chris & Elizabeth Foxhall
Robert & Jennifer Guano
Harald & Stamatia Hagen
Allison Hammond
Christine Hatcher
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes
Harriet Howell
Mark & Jennie Johnson
Eleni Jordan
Panagiotis & Melanie Jordanopoulos
Vasilis & Mary Kaloudis
Jim Kanellos
Aphrodite Levendakis-Kazazakis
Tasso & Laura Kefalas
Paul Kremer
Melanie Loumakis
David & Lynne Lucher
Archie & Florence Lytle
Tina Maheras
Wade & Andrea Mancil
Angelica Manolakis
Kiki Manolakis
William & Margaret Manos
Bill & Audrey Marianes
Riley & Ann Marvos
George Matthews
Al & Helen McCart
Johnny Melts
Bill & Mary Milam
Matthew & Athena Miller
Nikolaos Moissiadis
Patricia Morris
Nicolas & Teddie Panos
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Lazaros & Christina Papadopoulos
Gregory Pappas
Gus Pappas
Tom & Lillian Pappas
John & Evon Patrick
Michele Perry
Mihai & Heidi Popa
Fr. Barnabas & Presvytera Connie Powell
Pam Powers
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Marina Raymond
Aftan & Cheri Romanczak
Donna Sagnelli
Mary Samaltanos
Dina Sarandis
Taka & Kathy Shoji
Jimmy Smith
Estelle Sofikitis
George & Anna Sofikitis
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Ed & Anne Trainor
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou
Brian & Jennifer Tubbs
Greg Tzevelekos/Evie Atkinson
Rusty & Christine Waldron
Diane Walters
Steven & Smara Wolff
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Len Vanerstrom
Jacob & Katherine Wilson
Sam & Katherine Yalanzon
George & Thalia Zazanis