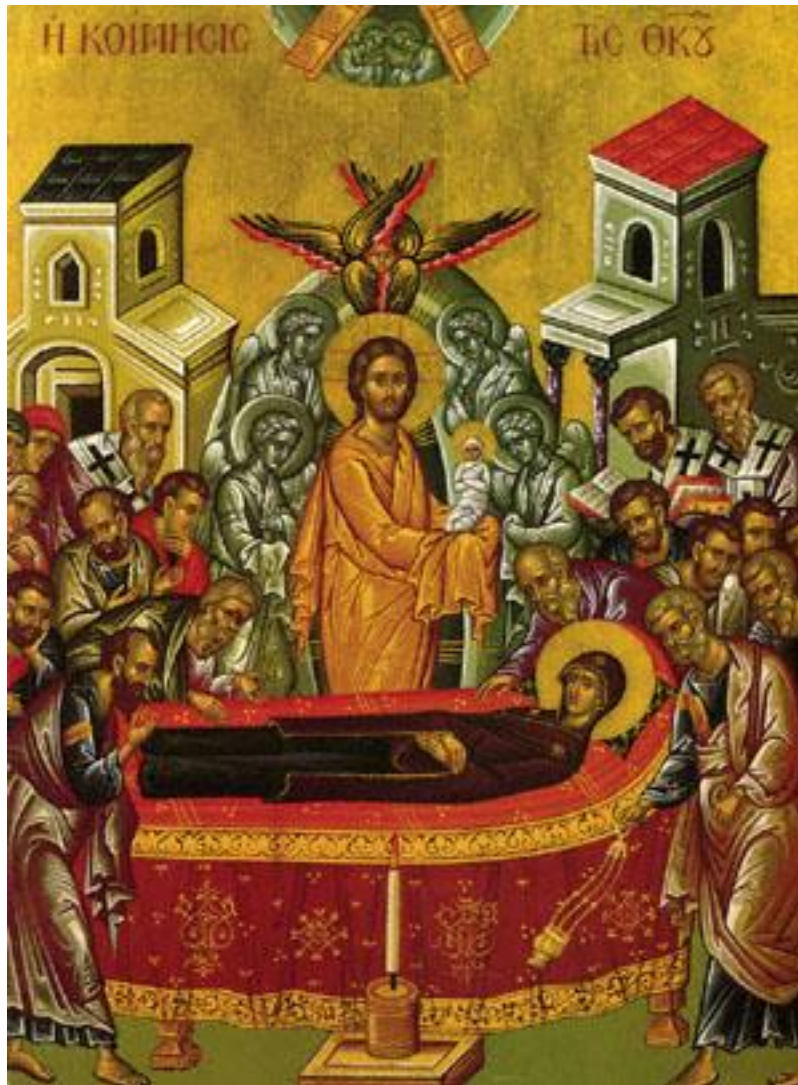


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August 14, 2016



Eighth Sunday of Matthew

A Note for Our Parishioners:

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this blessed feast of the **Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**, we continue to give thanks to God for His blessings upon our gathering in Nashville for our 43rd Clergy-Laity Congress. Throughout the week in our worship, meetings, and deliberations we witnessed unity and commitment to the sacred work of the Church and dedication to faithful ministry in meeting tremendous needs.

We were inspired by the theme of our Congress, “You are the Voice of Christ in a Changing World,” and as we commemorate this holy day of August 15, we are also inspired by one who knew, followed and shared the voice of Christ. The Virgin Mary knew the voice of Christ because she shared a unique relationship with Him as His mother. She heard His voice from birth throughout His life and ministry; she heard His words as He grew; she marveled at His wisdom as a youth; she listened to His teaching; she was burdened with great sorrow when He cried out from the Cross; and she was filled with great joy following His resurrection and hearing His promises.

The Virgin Mary also followed the voice of Christ because of her commitment to the will of God. In her dedication to a life of holiness and purity, she was obedient to His calling to become the Theotokos and to carry the Son of God in her womb. In faithfulness she nurtured Jesus, trusting in the promises of God to fulfill His plan for our salvation. She followed in hope and faith as Christ proclaimed and revealed divine grace. She listened and found great strength in His words as His teaching offered assurance of abundant blessings and eternal life.

As she knew and followed the voice of Christ, the Theotokos also shared His voice. Through her life of holiness, many others found new life in Christ. Many were able to see the power of God’s presence and blessings through her witness. She shared His voice through her love of God and others, her sacrifice, and her faith. Generation after generation has called her blessed because the example of her life continues to lead people to God.

This witness of faith and sanctity of life was celebrated on her repose, a celebration we continue today as we cherish her life and witness. Through her life we see the power of knowing and following the voice of Christ. We affirm the need for a direct relationship with Him so that we hear His voice. Through worship, prayer, and reading the Holy Scriptures, we know His words, we commune with Him, and acknowledge His presence. From this foundation of knowing Christ we are able to share Him and His message of truth and love with others. We are able to be the voice of Christ in a changing world filled with challenges. Through our daily lives, our words and actions, and our parishes, we offer His invitation to grace and eternal life, to all that was known and experienced by our Most Holy Mother, the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

On this blessed day we give thanks to God for her holy life and repose, for her faithful intercessions for mercy and protection, and for her witness of our Lord. As she inspires us in our journey of faith, may we also be witnesses of Him so that all will hear His voice!

With paternal love in Christ,

†DEMETRIOS, Archbishop of America

THE GREAT BLESSING OF WATER: MEGAS AGIASMOS

Epiphany, one of the oldest and most important Feast days of the Orthodox Church, commemorates the manifestation of the Holy Trinity which took place at the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River. Recognizing rich meaning in this event, Orthodoxy believes that when Christ was baptized, it not only marked the beginning of its public ministry and revealed the Trinity, but also signified that the entire creation is destined to share in the glory of redemption in Christ. While Christ entered into the Jordan to be baptized, two things were happening: He was identifying Himself with the people He had come to save; and, He was identifying Himself with the whole of Creation which was represented by water. Through His baptism, the Lord revealed the value of the created world and He redirected it toward its Creator. Creation is good and it belongs to God.

The Great Blessing of Water is held on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany and on the day itself, following the Divine Liturgy. The Blessing not only remembers the event of Our Lord's baptism and the revelation of the Holy Trinity but also expresses Orthodoxy's belief that creation is sanctified through Christ. The Blessing affirms that humanity and the created world, of which we are a part, were created to be filled with the sanctifying presence of God. After the solemn blessing, the Holy Water is distributed to the faithful and is used to bless homes during the Epiphany season. When the faithful drink the "Epiphany Water," we are reminded of our own baptism. When the Church blesses an individual, or object, or event with the water, we are affirming that those baptized, their surroundings, and their responsibilities are sanctified through Christ and brought into the Kingdom of the Father through the Spirit.

In addition to the Great Blessing of Water, there is a Lesser Blessing of Water service which can take place at anytime. Usually, it is celebrated when a home is blessed, on the first day of the month, the beginning of the school year, and beginning of new responsibilities.



*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, August 14 Eighth Sunday of Matthew

8:45 a.m. - Orthos

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

40 day Memorial: Alexandros Giannakopoulos,
(Anne Trainor's father)

Agiasmo or Blessing of the Water. All children
will participate.

8:00 p.m. - Faith Encouraged LIVE Program
<http://www.ancientfaith.com>

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: David Chapman and Chris Foxhall

Welcoming Ministry: Deborah Bowen

Coffee Hour hosted by: Sunday School 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:
J. Andropoulos, Bill, C. Birozes, Christine, Heather, B. Fulbright, Mariann, Maria, M. Samaltanos; Pam, D. Sarandis, E. Sofikitis, Victor, Patsy and S. and K. Yalanzon.

Friendly Reminder: *The Orthodox Church practices "closed" 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.

**Administrative Office Hours:
Tuesday – Friday; 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



Eighth Sunday of Matthew

On This day, we also Commemorate:

Forefeast of the Dormition, Micah the Prophet,
Holy Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apameia
Holy New Martyr Symeon of Trapezoundos (1653)

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-joyce 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 Grave Tone.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Forefeast in the Fourth Tone.

O people, anticipate and leap for joy now with faith, * and longingly congregate today applauding with joy, * and all of you cheerfully * shout now in exultation; * for the Theotokos * is preparing for her departure * from the earth to the heavens * with glory; and we sing hymns to her * and glorify her as the Mother of God.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone.

On this day, your glorious * mem'ry, the whole world * by the Holy Spirit's grace * has been noetically adorned. * With joy and gladness we cry to you, * "Rejoice, O Virgin, the pride and joy of Christians all!"



EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 28.11,1

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 1:10-17

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς.

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 28.11,1

Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.

Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ, ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.

Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῖ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης, ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσιν. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει, Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Εὐχαριστῶ τῷ θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα, εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον· ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι· οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.



GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 14:14-22

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐξελθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδε πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρήλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρειαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτοὺς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦσαν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.



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.



PARISH NEWS

Sunday School -

The Blessing of the Waters for Sunday School Students by Father Barnabas – **August 14th**

First Day of Sunday School Classes. Meet your teachers and fellow students – **August 21**

Sunday School Teachers will be hosting the Coffee Hour on **August 14th**

<p><u>Teachers:</u></p> <p>Pre-K: Margaret and Bill Gasper and Presvytera Powell</p> <p>K-1st grade: Christine Waldron and April Eifert</p> <p>2nd and 3rd grade: Liz Ralston and Michelle Boyd</p> <p>4th and 5th grade: Jennifer Tubbs, Evie Athinson</p> <p>6th and 7th grade: Anthony Birozes</p> <p>8th grade and up: Tasso Kefalas and Dennis Sparks</p>	<p><u>Assistants:</u> Tori Avery, Keith Druffner, Linda Hutka, Midge Perry and Tina Vamvakias.</p> <p><u>Directors:</u> Deborah Bowen and Evon Patrick</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“We’re studying the Old Testament”</i></p>
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FOOD MINISTRY -

BAKING AND COOKING FOR THE 2016 CUMMING FESTIVAL HAS BEGUN AND THE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00.m. We anticipate some evening baking and cooking sessions and most likely a couple of Saturdays. We finished ahead of schedule last year. Let’s do even better this year. Contact Marie at mommystargater@comcast.net or Helen McCart at helenmccart49@gmail.com. You may also call the office at 770-781-5250 for more information.

We would appreciate any donations of the following ingredients to keep us going. You can turn them in at the Parish Life Center any Tues – Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. or after any of the services at the church. The ingredients needed are: **Sugar (need 100 lbs.); Walnuts (need 50 lbs); Honey (need 50 lbs); Butter, sweet, unsalted (need 100 lbs).** Any of these ingredients would be very much appreciated. Costco and BJ’s are great places to pick up these items. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide us.

Coffee Hour Sponsorship (please sign up at the PLC)

September 4: Memorials – Mabel Birozes & John Consos

September 11: Food Ministry

September 18: _____

September 25: _____

Outreach Ministry

Family Promise

Bed race is August 27 at Creekside Methodist Church. We need a few volunteers to push the bed, other than Fr. Barnabas, and someone to ride in it. Plutarch Vamvakias is building the bed and we will need some folks to help decorate it to make it look “interesting”. We need sponsors (forms and basket are in the Narthex) and as many folks as possible to attend the event. It will be fun and Sts RNI will have a pastry booth! See Anthony Birozes or Renee Birozes for more information. Basket and forms are in the Narthex. See more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex hallway.

Sts RNI will be hosting three families for Family Promise starting the week of December 10. More information to come!

See more information at <http://www.familypromiseofforsythcounty.org/>.

We have information on our prison ministry on the bulletin board in the Narthex hallway.

Fundraising Efforts

Yard Sale on August 27th at the Blue House. We are still collecting for the sale so there will be many new items. Gyros and Hot Dogs will be sold.

Altar Boys

Beginning August 28 all Altar boys will be required to wear Black Pants, Black Shoes and a White Collared Shirt. They must arrive by start of Divine Liturgy (10am) to serve on the Altar. All Altar Boys are encouraged to attend at least one of the following services weekly: Sunday Services - Orthos 8:45 a.m. & Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.; Weekly Vespers: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. and Saturday 5 p.m. Contact the Church Office or Johnny Melts if you would like to serve as an altar boy.

Greek Festival - October 14 - 16, 2016

Meeting of volunteers after services at the PLC on Sunday, August 21, 2016.

2016 Cumming Greek Festival Fundraiser – see Laura Kefalas for tickets (flyer at the end of this bulletin)

Flower Ministry -

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.

Philoptochos Ministry -

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.

Education Ministry

Upcoming Conference on Spiritual Formation, will take place at the end of this coming September and first weekend of October at Holy Transfiguration: Two weekends: Sep 30-Oct 2, 2016 and Oct 7-9, 2016. Friday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served on both Saturdays (Oct 1 and Oct 8). Cost: \$50 per weekend or \$80 for both weekends if you Register and pay by August 15. Please go to the webpage to see the whole announcement and more details. <http://www.holytransfiguration.info/spiritual-formation-conference>

Hear Father Barnabas “live” on the Faith Encouraged Program, every second and fourth Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. The website is <http://www.ancientfaith.com>

Father Barnabas’ 16 video series “A Journey to Fullness” will be available in October

Father Barnabas’ book “A Faith Encouraged” is due out in October

Gift Shop Ministry

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.

Mark Your Calendars - 2016

See bulletin board or calendar for more details.

- Daughters of Penelope Fall Luncheon on August 27 at 11:30 a.m. See Florence Lytle at FlorenceLytle@bellsouth.net for more information.
- Back to Church Sunday – September 11 - luncheon at the PLC after services
- Nov. 6 - General Assembly Meeting after Services
- Nov. 20 – Parish Council Elections
- December 3 – Christmas Tree decorating in PLC
- December 4 – Stewardship Sunday luncheon in PLC
- Pancake Breakfast and Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant- December 10
- Family Promise Program – Three families will be hosted at Sts RNI beginning December 11
- Christmas Pageant – December 11

MORE NEWS FROM THE PARISH!

- **HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**

Kroger Community Rewards Re-enrollment starts Sunday - July 31, 2016

WHAT

The Kroger Community Rewards (KCR) program is evaluated annually, and the time for Kroger Plus Card holders to re-enroll is now. The Atlanta Division launched the program in September 1, 2013 and Card holders must re-enroll to begin accumulating dollars for their schools, charities, and organizations annually. This year, Kroger is proud to donate \$600,000 to local schools and nonprofits through this Kroger Plus Card based fundraiser.

WHO

All organizations that have already signed up for Community Rewards DO NOT have to enroll again. Once an organization is signed up for the program they continue to be active. An organization's enrolled members and supporters DO have to re-enroll every August. They will not have to set up a new Kroger.com account only link their card again to the organization of their choosing.

WHEN

Now through August 31, 2016 customers may re-enroll. Their current selection will not be affected and continue to earn rewards through the end of this program year (August 31, 2015). Their re-enrollment organization will start earning for the new program year starting August 28, 2016

WHERE

Kroger.com/communityrewards

WHY

Past programs of this nature tend to lose their impact over long periods of time. Participants need to have an active role in order for the program to continue to be effective and engage our customers. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the team members in Public Affairs at 770.496.7538 or 496.7466.

- **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.

CALENDAR for August 2016 (updated 8/11/16)

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Aug 14 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Eighth Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Blessing of the Waters for the Sunday School students Coffee Hour: Sponsored by Sunday School Teachers Faith Encouraged LIVE Program http://www.ancientfaith.com
Aug 15 - Mon	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Orthos - Dormition of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy - Dormition of the Theotokos Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Aug 16 - Tues	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Aug 17 - Wed	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC Vespers
Aug 18 - Thu	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Aug 20 - Sat	Noon 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Wedding at the Church Baptism Vespers
Aug 21 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Ninth Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy First Day of Sunday School Classes Coffee Hour: Sponsored by the Food Ministry – Luncheon fundraiser Greek Festival meeting to be held on Sunday, August 21st after church. Meeting to be held in the PLC.

Aug 22 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Aug 23 - Tues	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Aug 24 - Wed	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC Vespers
Aug 25 - Thu	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Aug 27- Sat	8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Church Yard Sale at the Blue House Family Promise Bed Race fundraiser – Creekside United Methodist Church – contact Anthony Birozes at Anthony.Birozes@ejgallo.com for more details or call the office at 770-781-5250 (see bulletin board) Daughters of Penelope Fall Luncheon – contact Florence Lytle at FlorenceLytle@bellsouth.net for more information (see bulletin board)
Aug 28 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Tenth Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com
Aug 29 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Aug 30 - Tues	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Aug 31 - Wed	11:00 a.m. 6:10 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC 9th Hour prayer service Divine Liturgy – Beginning of the Indiction
Sept 1 - Thu	11:00 a.m.	Greek Festival Baking at the PLC
Sept 3 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sept. 4 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday of Matthew Orthos Divine Liturgy Memorial for Chris Birozes and Sheila Consos

Stewardship Commitment for 2016 – 94 as of 8/9/16

Andros, George & Maria
Aposos, Matthew & Addy
Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Avery, Tori
Birozes, Anthony
Birozes, Mabel
Birozes, Renee
Boston, Lisa
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
Lambros, Angelo & Crystal
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
2016/17 Sunday School Registration Form**

Our clergy, Sunday School Directors, and teachers invite you to register your child/children for the upcoming 2016/17 school year. Please complete this form with information regarding your child/children and return to the parish office or email to officeadmin@stsrni.org by August 1st. (*Parents please sign Release on second page*) Ages start at 4 years old through high school. As an added benefit, all classes will meet in the main chapel building. The curriculum for this year is the Old Testament. We look forward to seeing everyone starting August 14th with the Blessing of the Waters service.

Directors – Evon Patrick and Deborah

Bowen

Parent 1 Name _____

Parent 2 Name _____

Home Address _____

City / State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Parent 1 Cell # _____

Parent 2 Cell # _____

Email Address _____

Child 1 Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age in Years _____ Grade _____

Baptismal Name _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

Child 2 Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age in Years _____ Grade _____

Baptismal Name _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

Child 3 Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age in Years _____ Grade _____

Baptismal Name _____

Known Allergies/Medical Concerns _____

**AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
for Sunday School Children:**

As legal guardian of the minor child(ren) named on the first page of this document, I hereby confirm that I have chosen for this/these child(ren) to participate in the Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene Greek Orthodox Church (“STS RNI”) Sunday School program, including all planned and arranged activities. I am aware that this program may present risks of personal injury, property loss, or damage to participants. I accept all responsibility and all liability for any and all liability for any injury, death, or other loss or damage that may occur to me and/or to the minor child(ren) as a result of the minor child(ren)’s participation in the STS RNI Sunday School program.

I release STS RNI and will indemnify and hold harmless STS RNI in Cumming, Georgia, its agents, affiliates, and successors from all claims, judgments, and costs, including attorney’s fees, incurred in connection with any action that may be brought as a result of the minor child(ren)’s participation in the STS RNI Sunday School program.

I have read the Agreement and Release of Liability. I understand and agree to the terms.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name



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Each ticket costs \$50; every ticket purchased gives you a chance to earn up to \$100,000!

Tickets on sale JUL 9 – OCT 16 & are available from Cumming Greek Festival authorized sellers using cash, check or credit card, or online at www.CummingGreekFestival.com/100Daysto100K



The 100 Days to Earn Up to \$100,000 supports the following beneficiaries

- 10% will be given to the Cops & Kids program (Forsyth County Fraternal Order of Police #82)
- 10% will be given to the Benefits Fund (Forsyth County Firefighters fund)
- 15% will be given to Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) fund
- Remainder to Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church
 - **Terms & Conditions:** Must purchase an entry ticket to be eligible to earn cash, tickets must be purchased by 10/16/2016 at 12:00pm ET. Cash split 40/60 – recipient with drawn ticket will earn up to \$100,000 cash (in the form of a cashier's check) and check will be available for disbursement within seven (7) business days; remaining funds go towards non-profit entities. Maximum of 5,000 tickets will be sold; final drawing on Oct. 16, 2016, 2:00pm ET. Must be legal US resident 18 years of age or older to qualify; do not have to be present at time of drawing. Recipient must provide their Social Security Number and all income will be reported as taxable income. Recipient must present the ticket stub and Government issued proof of identity to claim the disbursement. The logistics of the disbursement will be mutually arranged prior to the disbursement. The prize must be claimed by Jan 15, 2017 (~90 days) or the ticket is voided and the money reverts to Sts RNI ownership.