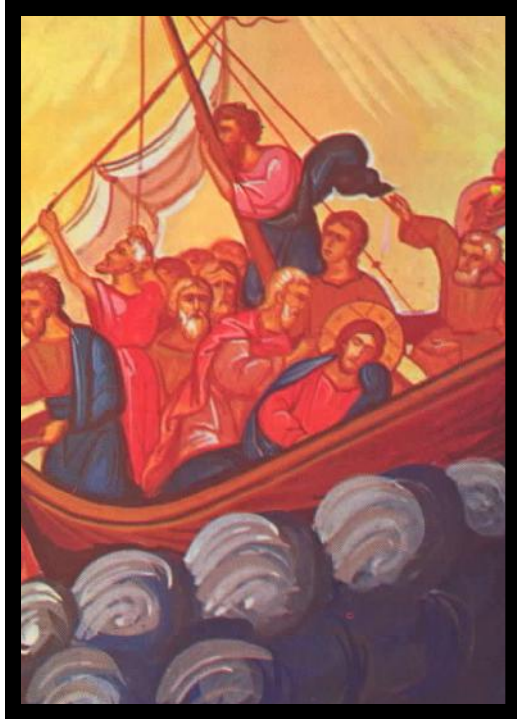


**NINTH SUNDAY OF  
MATTHEW  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2012**



**STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**Rev. Fr. Barnabas Powell, Proistamenos**  
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# WORSHIP

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## *Ninth Gospel/Tone - Plagal Fourth*

*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.*

Prosforo: Is lovingly offered by the Prosforo Ministry Committee.

## Schedule for the Week

### **Dormition Fast**

Sunday, August 5th - 7 p.m. Great Vespers for the Transfiguration of the Savior, Metropolitan Alexios presiding, followed by a reception in the PLC at Holy Transfiguration, Marietta

Monday, August 6th, 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy - for the Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior, at the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church - 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta 30066

Wednesday, August 8th - 7 p.m. Paraclesis Service

Friday, August 10th - 7 p.m. Paraclesis Service

Saturday, August 11th - 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Confessions will be heard following Great Vespers by Fr. Paul

Parish Council On Duty Today - John Patrick & Florence Lytle

Welcoming Ministry - Margaret Manos

Ushering Ministry - GOYA

### 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

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# TODAY WE REMEMBER

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## Ninth Sunday of Matthew

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone:** You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone:** All of mortal nature now divinely shineth on this day with the divine Transfiguration ere the time; and in great gladness, she crieth out: Christ is transfigured, and saveth the race of man.

**Resurrectional Kontakion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone:** Arising from the tomb, O mighty Saviour, Thou didst rouse the dead; Thou didst raise Adam; while Eve danceth in her joy at Thy blest Resurrection, O Lord. And the world's farthest regions keep the festival on Thine arising from the dead with gladness and thanksgiving, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

### *We Also Remember*

**Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ  
Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch  
Our Righteous Father Eugene of Aitola**

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**

### Remember Our Military



**Connor Walters (son of Diane & Tim Walters, grandson of Jimmy & Pat Roney) is in basic training at the Marine Corps Base in Paris Island, SC.**

**Cards & letters, along with your prayers, from home would be welcome.**

**RCT Walters, CP  
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**3rd BN, LIMA CO, PLT 3072  
P.O. Box 16345**

**MCRD Paris Island, SC 29905-6345**

### STS. RNI YOUTH CHOIR

**Jessica Catapano, Maria Hagen, Christina Pryles & Laramie Smith**

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## ΕΠΙΣΤΟΛΗ

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### The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17



**BRETHREN**, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

## Α Ω

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομὴ ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἐκαστος δὲ βλεπέτω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ. Θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. Εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερὸν γενήσεται· ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὅποιόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τινος τὸ ἔργον μένει ὁ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται. Εἴ τις τινος κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; 17 Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθειρεῖ, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

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# GOSPEL READING

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## The Reading is from Matthew 14:22-34



At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## Α Ω

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὐ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπέειχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτῃ δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. Οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι φάντασμα ἐστίν, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραζαν. Εὐθὺς δὲ ἐλάλησεν [ὁ Ἰησοῦς] αὐτοῖς λέγων, Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν, Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβάς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα καὶ ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξεν λέγων, Κύριε, σῶσόν με. Εὐθὺς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπέλαβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὀλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες, Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν εἰς Γεννησαρέτ.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Congratulations to Father Barnabas on his 2nd anniversary as the Parish Priest of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church.

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## Upcoming Services

TONIGHT, August 5th, 7 p.m. - Great Vespers for the Transfiguration of the Savior, Metropolitan Alexios presiding, followed by a reception in the PLC at Holy Transfiguration, Marietta

Monday, August 6th, 8:30 a.m. Orthros, 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy - for the Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior, at the Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church - 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta 30066

Tuesday, August 14th, 6:30 p.m. - Vespersal Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Wednesday, August 15th, 6:30 p.m. - Vespers

Tuesday, August 28th, 6:30 p.m. - Vespersal Liturgy for the Beheading of John the Baptist

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## GOYA BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BARNABAS

August 19th, 5-6:00 p.m.  
@ home of Jessica Catapano

## Save the Date

Friday, August 31, through Sunday, September 2nd—Sts. RNI  
Diakonia Center Work Weekend

Contact Stamatia Hagen for more information  
at [mamma2maria@aol.com](mailto:mamma2maria@aol.com)

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Sunday, September 9th - Sunday School Begins  
Registration will begin Sunday, August 5th

Parents, please register your children for Sunday School early so that we can plan for classroom space and supplies.

Volunteers are needed for Sunday School teachers and assistants.

Your participation makes Sunday School possible.

Please contact Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212 or [myakunda@yahoo.com](mailto:myakunda@yahoo.com)

Sunday, September 16th - Back-to-Church Sunday

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Seeking Additional Community Input

The Growth and Development Ministry is looking for your input. Displayed in the Narthex is latest draft of the Sts RNI Complex Master Plan. This is a 5-10 year plan with the first phase being the Multipurpose Facility. This is based upon the survey results reviewed at the last general assembly.

The plan has a narrative attached to it explaining the layout and some of the changes already discussed. Please look it over and if you have any additional comments or suggestions, please email them to Paul Ray at [pcsec@stsrni.org](mailto:pcsec@stsrni.org), or you may drop off written comments at the church office.

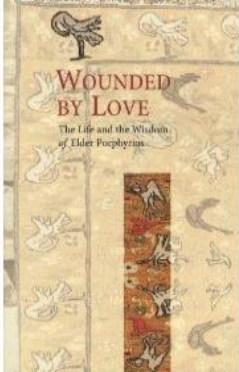
The plan will remain displayed in the Narthex through the end of August. This is an exciting time for our community and our future. We need everyone's involvement to be successful. Thank you in advance for your support!

The Growth and Development Ministry



## Book Club Meeting Schedule

We will begin a new book - “Wounded by Love” The life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios



This book is wonderful. Some of the topics we will discuss, in addition to his wonderful life story at the beginning, are:

Spiritual Struggle

Prayer

Love for One's Neighbor

Upbringing of Children

Gift of Clear Sight

August 4, 18, 25

September 8, 15, 22, 29

All meetings will begin following Saturday evening Vespers.

The book is in the Gift Shop at church or it can be found at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

For more information call contact Donna Smith at [missmagnoliasmoxie@gmail.com](mailto:missmagnoliasmoxie@gmail.com) or Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212 or [myakunda@yahoo.com](mailto:myakunda@yahoo.com)

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Parish Council has authorized the purchase of two AEDs for our community. One will be placed in the Chapel Building and one will be placed in the Blue House. The cost for these life saving units is about \$3,000. So far we have raised approximately \$1,700 to cover this expense. If you are interested in donating to this project, please see any Parish Council Member.

What is an AED? An automated external defibrillator or AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

Thank you for your support with this important project!  
Sts. RNI Parish Council



## **Sts. RNI Choir Practice—NEW DAY/NEW TIME**

**Today - SUNDAY - Immediately following Divine Liturgy  
in the Chapel**

**Contact Marie Chapman for more information.  
770-205-7220 or [mommystargater@comcast.net](mailto:mommystargater@comcast.net)**



## **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.



## **Prosforo Baking**

**Friday, August 24th, and Friday, September 28th - 9 a.m.**

**Contact Stamatia Hagen for more information  
at [mamma2maria@aol.com](mailto:mamma2maria@aol.com)**



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# GREEK FEST 2012

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## **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](mailto: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).**

**OPA!**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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](http://www.breadforlifeathens.org)

For additional information call 770-725-5035 or email [info@ilicons.us](mailto:info@ilicons.us)

Flyers available in the Narthex

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### FREE Catechism Workshop

#### Understanding & Engaging our Students

Presented by Dr. Anton Vrame, Director of the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

**Saturday, August 18th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** (breakfast & lunch provided)

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Marietta

All religious educators, including parents, are encouraged to attend.

To reserve a spot or for more information contact the church office at 770-924-8080 or [holytrans@comcast.net](mailto:holytrans@comcast.net)

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### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Turkey

+Metropolitan Alexios invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Constantinople and Cappadocia, November 17-December 1, 2012, arranged by Cloud Tours, Inc.

Reservations will be accepted until the Pilgrimage is full. Contact Gerry Clonaris ([gclonaris@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gclonaris@carolina.rr.com)) for more information or to reserve a space.

(The Metropolitan's invitation and trip information can be found in the Narthex.)

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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  
Shoji  
Sulyma  
Thrasivoulou  
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