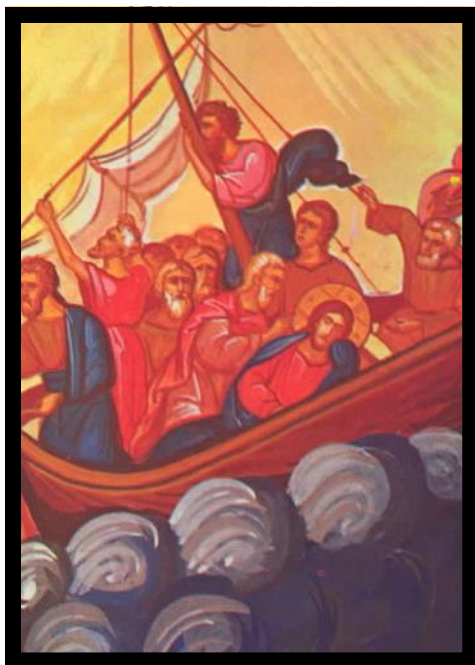


**NINTH SUNDAY
OF MATTHEW
AUGUST 10TH, 2014**



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

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Ninth Eothinon/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 for St. Raphael in the First Tone

Since the discovery of your divine relics, O wise one, Lesvos has been filled with the grace which has been given to you abundantly, for you, Osiomartyr Raphael, appear wondrously to many persons and provide cures; wherefore, we who are believers rejoice in your marvels.

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.

Dormition Fast - August 1st - August 15th

Service Schedule for the Week

Monday, August 11 7 p.m. Small Paraklesis

Tuesday, August 12th 7 p.m. Great Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 13th 6:30 p.m. Small Paraklesis followed by Orthodoxy 101

Thursday, August 14th 6:30 p.m. Great Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Friday, August 15th 8:30 a.m. Orthros/9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Saturday, August 16th 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Greg Pappas and Plutarch Vamvakias

Ushering Ministry - GOYA

Welcoming Ministry - Donna Sagnelli

Fellowship Ministry - Evon Patrick

ACOLYTES

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

SENIOR ACOLYTES - Mike Manos, Dean Pryles

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Eighth 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.

Apolytikion of the Feast in the Grave Tone - You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Grave Tone - Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

We Also Remember

Laurence the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Rome

Chitus of Athens, Bishop of Rome

Hippolytus the Martyr of Rome

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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



2014 Parish Council

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



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



ATTENTION CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Sunday, August 24th, following Divine Liturgy - Meeting with Fr. Paul in the Teen Room

EPISTLE READING

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



Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.

Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

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.

ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἐκαστος δὲ βλέπω 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· ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὁποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μένει ὃ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἳτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

GOSPEL READING

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.

ΑΩ

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσευξασθαι. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπεῖχεν, 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 ἔλθειν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβὰς 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. Εὐθέως 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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

Father Barnabas is available to hear confession every Wednesday either before or after Vespers and by appointment. Please call or email the church office to request a time to meet with Father and avail yourself to this healing divine mystery of the Church.

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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TODAY, August 10th

**8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of the School Children**

Youth Choir Practice in the Youth Room

**12:30 p.m. HOPE/JOY Back-to-School Swim Party
Lake Astoria Pool - Dr. Bramlett & Lake Wallace
Circle, Cumming 30040**

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7 p.m. Small Paraklesis

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

**We look forward to beginning another year on the Sunday of the Exaltation
of the Cross, September 14th.**

Parish Monthly Income/Expense Analysis

	<i>1st Quarter Financial Status 2014</i>			<i>2nd Quarter Financial Status 2014</i>			<i>3rd Quarter Financial Sta- tus 2014</i>		
	January 2014	February 2014	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014		
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Income	\$15,047.98	\$16,458.00	\$12,809.00	\$26,054.54	\$13,272.00	\$13,559.13	\$17,826.64		
Greek Festival Funds Transfer for Mortgage Payment	\$0	\$0	\$10,984.39	\$0	-	\$5,984.39	\$5,984.39		
Op Acct External Income Subtotal	\$15,047.98	\$16,458.00	\$23,793.39	\$26,054.54	\$13,272.00	\$19,543.52	\$23,811.03		
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Expenses	\$21,305.68	\$21,945.83	\$23,773.00	\$23,860.87	\$22,675.81	\$23,885.33	\$16,170.97		
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) Net	\$ (6,257.70)	\$ (5,487.83)	\$20.39	\$2,193.67	\$ (9,403.81)	\$ (4,341.81)	\$ 7,640.06		

**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