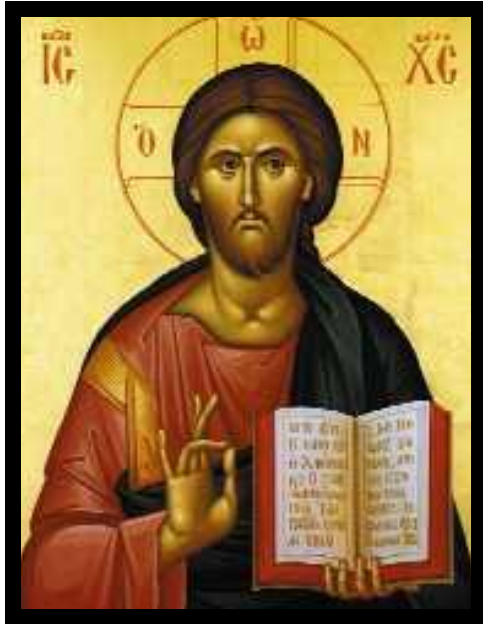


**ELEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF MATTHEW  
AUGUST 24TH, 2014**



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

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# WORSHIP

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## *Eleventh Eothinon/Tone Second*

*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.*

## Service Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, August 27th 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Orthodoxy 101

Saturday, August 30th 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Costa Bozzuto and David Chapman

Ushering Ministry - Philoptochos

Welcoming Ministry - Mildred Zourzoukis

Fellowship Ministry - Evon Patrick

### 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

**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**

## Tenth Sunday of Matthew

**Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Tone** - When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

**Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone** - Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

### *We Also Remember*

*Eutyches the Hieromartyr & Disciple of St. John the Theologian*

*Saint Cosmas of Aetolia, Equal to the Apostles*

*The Translation of the Relics of Dionysios of Zakynthos, Bishop of Aegina*

*The Translation of the Holy Relics of Saint Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow*

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, Mary Ann, Michael, Nicky, Oni, Patsy, Paul, Peter, Presvytera Connie, Taki, Tara, Violeta, John & Sheila Consos, Katherine & Sam Yalanzon

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# EPISTLE READING

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## The Reading is St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12



Prokeimenon. Mode 2.

Psalm 117.14,18

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.**

## ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ σφραγὶς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀποστολῆς ὑμεῖς ἐστε ἐν κυρίῳ. Ἡ ἐμὴ ἀπολογία τοῖς ἐμὲ ἀνακρίνουσιν αὕτη ἐστίν. Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν φαγεῖν καὶ πιεῖν; Μὴ οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν ἀδελφὴν γυναῖκα περιάγειν, ὡς καὶ οἱ λοιποὶ ἀπόστολοι, καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ τοῦ κυρίου, καὶ Κηφᾶς; Ἡ μόνος ἐγὼ καὶ Βαρνάβας οὐκ ἔχομεν ἐξουσίαν τοῦ μὴ ἐργάζεσθαι; Τίς στρατεύεται ἰδίοις ὀψωνίοις ποτέ; Τίς φυτεύει ἀμπελῶνα, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ καρποῦ αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐσθίει; Ἡ τίς ποιμαίνει ποίμνην, καὶ ἐκ τοῦ γάλακτος τῆς ποίμνης οὐκ ἐσθίει; Μὴ κατὰ ἄνθρωπον ταῦτα λαλῶ; Ἡ οὐχὶ καὶ ὁ νόμος ταῦτα λέγει; Ἐν γὰρ τῷ Μωϋσέως νόμῳ γέγραπται, Οὐ φιμώσεις βοῶν ἀλοῶντα. Μὴ τῶν βοῶν μέλει τῷ θεῷ; Ἡ δι' ἡμᾶς πάντως λέγει; Δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγράφη, ὅτι ἐπ' ἐλπίδι ὀφείλει ὁ ἀροτριῶν ἀροτριᾶν, καὶ ὁ ἀλοῶν τῆς ἐλπίδος αὐτοῦ μετέχειν ἐπ' ἐλπίδι. Εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῖν τὰ πνευματικὰ ἐσπείραμεν, μέγα εἰ ἡμεῖς ὑμῶν τὰ σαρκικὰ θερίζομεν; Εἰ ἄλλοι τῆς ἐξουσίας ὑμῶν μετέχουσιν, οὐ μᾶλλον ἡμεῖς; Ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐχρησάμεθα τῇ ἐξουσίᾳ ταύτῃ, ἀλλὰ πάντα στέγομεν, ἵνα μὴ ἐγκοπὴν τινα δώμεν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

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# GOSPEL READING

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## The Reading is from Matthew 18:23-35



The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

ΑΩ

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ὁμοιώθη ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀνθρώπῳ βασιλεῖ, ὃς ἠθέλησε συναῖραι λόγον μετὰ τῶν δούλων αὐτοῦ. ἀρξαμένου δὲ αὐτοῦ συναίρειν προσηνέχθη αὐτῷ εἰς ὀφειλέτης μυρίων ταλάντων. μὴ ἔχοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἀποδοῦναι ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦπραθῆναι καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα αὐτοῦ καὶ τὰ τέκνα καὶ πάντα ὅσα εἶχε, καὶ ἀποδοθῆναι. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ δούλος προσεκύνη αὐτῷ λέγων· κύριε, μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ πάντα σοὶ ἀποδώσω. σπλαγχισθεὶς δὲ ὁ κύριος τοῦ δούλου ἐκείνου ἀπέλυσεν αὐτὸν καὶ τὸ δάνειον ἀφῆκεν αὐτῷ. ἐξελθὼν δὲ ὁ δούλος ἐκεῖνος εὗρεν ἕνα τῶν συνδούλων αὐτοῦ, ὃς ὄφειλεν αὐτῷ ἑκατὸν δηνάρια, καὶ κρατήσας αὐτὸν ἔπνιγε λέγων· ἀπόδος μοι εἰ τι ὀφείλεις. πεσὼν οὖν ὁ σύνδουλος αὐτοῦ εἰς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν λέγων· μακροθύμησον ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ ἀποδώσω σοι. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἠθέληεν, ἀλλὰ ἀπελθὼν ἔβαλεν αὐτὸν εἰς φυλακὴν ἕως οὗ ἀποδῶ τὸ ὀφειλόμενον. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ σύνδουλοι αὐτοῦ τὰ γενόμενα ἐλυπήθησαν σφόδρα, καὶ ἐλθόντες διεσάφησαν τῷ κυρίῳ ἑαυτῶν πάντα τὰ γενόμενα. τότε προσκαλεσάμενος αὐτὸν ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ λέγει αὐτῷ· δούλε πονηρέ, πᾶσαν τὴν ὀφειλὴν ἐκείνην ἀφῆκά σοι, ἐπεὶ παρεκάλεσάς με. οὐκ ἔδωκε καὶ σὲ ἐλεῆσαι τὸν σύνδουλόν σου, ὡς καὶ ἐγὼ σε ἠλέησα; καὶ ὀργισθεὶς ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν τοῖς βασανισταῖς ἕως οὗ ἀποδῶ πᾶν τὸ ὀφειλόμενον αὐτῷ. Οὕτω καὶ ὁ πατήρ μου ὁ ἐπουράνιος ποιήσει ὑμῖν, ἐὰν μὴ ἀφῆτε ἕκαστος τῷ ἀδελφῷ αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν καρδιῶν ὑμῶν τὰ παραπτώματα αὐτῶν.

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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & UPCOMING EVENTS

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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 24th

8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday School Teachers Meeting in Teen Room following Divine Liturgy with Fr. Paul

Greek Dance Practice following Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 25th

7 p.m. Philoptochos Welcome Back General Meeting at The Blue House

Tuesday, August 26th

9 a.m. Prosforo Baking at The Blue House

Wednesday, August 27th

6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Orthodoxy 101

Thursday, August 28th

10 a.m. Festival Baking at The Blue House

Friday, August 29th

7 p.m. Paraklesis Service

Saturday, August 30th

5 p.m. Great Vespers

## 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.

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2014 GREEK FEST, October 17-19 - Volunteers Needed Immediately for AD SALES—URGENT! - Chair needed to lead sales of ads for festival program;

Children's Area—Chair needed to host this area.

Sign Up to Work the Festival - Contact Anne Trainor, Volunteer Chr. @ [annetrainor@bellsouth.net](mailto:annetrainor@bellsouth.net)

Please contact Johnny Melts to advise your interest at [johnnymelts@gmail.com](mailto:johnnymelts@gmail.com) or 770-843-7713

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# Parish Monthly Income/Expense Analysis

	<i>1st Quarter Financial Totals 2014</i>	<i>2nd Quarter Financial Totals 2014</i>	<i>3rd Quarter Financial Status 2014</i>	
			July 2014	August 2014
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Income	\$44,314.98	\$52,885.67	\$ 17,826.64	\$9,516.70
Greek Festival Funds Transfer for Mortgage Payment	10,984.39	5,984.39	\$ 5,984.39	-
Op Acct External Income Subtotal	\$55,299.37	\$58,870.06	\$ 23,811.03	\$9,516.70
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Expenses	\$67,024.51	\$70,422.01	\$ 16,170.97	\$11,104.58
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) Net	\$<11,725.14>	\$<11,551.95>	\$ 7,640.06	\$<1,587.88>

**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