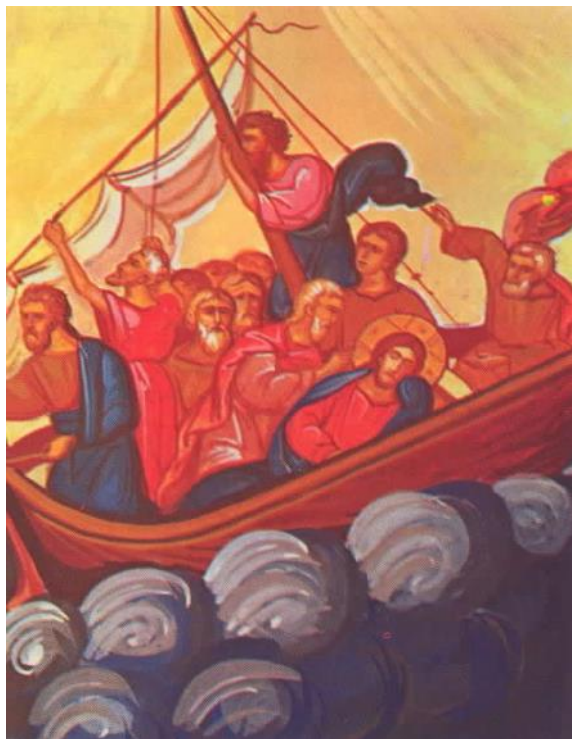


# **NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW AUGUST 2, 2015**



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

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# WORSHIP

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*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 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.*

*Your Servant,*

*Father Barnabas*

*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.*

*We also remember:*

Relics of Stephen the Potomartyr; Theodore of Dardanelles

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# EPISTLE READING

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Acts of the Apostles 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60

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.

IN THOSE DAYS, Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, arose and disputed with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated men, who said, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, and set up false witnesses who said, "This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us." And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. And the high priest said, "Is this so?" And Stephen said: "Brethren and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Depart from your land and from your kindred and go into the land which I will show you.' Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and lived in Haran. And after his father died, God removed him from there into this land in which you are now living; yet he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot's length, but promised to give it to him in possession and to his posterity after him, though he had no child. "But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?' "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth against him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together upon him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him; and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



Πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαι σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν

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# GOSPEL READING

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## The Gospel of 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.



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσει τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἦδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπείχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτη δὲ φυλακῆ 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 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. Εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπελάβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὀλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἀναβάτων 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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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

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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.*

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

**TODAY, Aug 2**      **9th Sunday of Matthew**  
**8:45 a.m. Orthos**  
**10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**  
**After Church: Fellowship in Blue House**

**Wed., Aug 5**      **10:00 a.m. Bible Study**  
**6:30 p.m. Vespers**

**Sat., Aug 8**      **5:00 p.m. Great Vespers**

**Please see Events Calendar and Announcements at the front desk for more information on church activities.**



***For Today:***

*Ushers: Gregg Pappas; Plutarch Vamvakias*  
*Welcoming Ministry: Deborah Bowen; Michelle Boyd*  
*Fellowship Hosted by Diane Walters and Parish Council*

**Parish Council of 2015:**

*John Patrick, President; Harald Hagen, Vice President;*  
*David Chapman, Secretary; Chris Foxhall, Treasurer;*  
*Anthony Birozes, Kosta Bozzuto, Marie Chapman, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, Greg Pappas, Plutarch Vamvakias, Len Vanerstrom*

**Acolytes:**

*Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Mike & Peter Jordanopolos, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Jacob Sparks, Mike Trainor, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis* Senior Acolytes: *Johnny Melts, Mike Manos, Dean Pryles*

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# HYMNS



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*Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith*

## **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 for Protomartyr Stephen in the Fourth Tone:**

O Stephen, a crown of royalty was laid on your head \* for contests you courageously endured for Christ our God, \* as first among Martyr saints. \* You stood in accusation of the raging Judeans; \* and you saw your Savior at the right hand of the Father. \* We pray that you will ever entreat Him to save our souls.

## **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.

**Please say a special prayer for the following  
Individuals:**

J. Andropoulos, J and S Consos, A. Dukas,  
J. Melts, N. Panos, D. Sarandis, and K. Yalanzon



**Please let us know in the office at [officeadmin@stsrni.org](mailto:officeadmin@stsrni.org) if you know of any births, marriages, graduations, deaths, illnesses, or special events, so that we may keep our parish community informed.**

George & Maria Andros  
Jim & Angie Andropoulos  
Sarante & Julie Athenson  
Deane & Stephen Barnard  
Anthony & Mary Birozes  
Mabel Antigone Birozes  
Renee Birozes  
Lisa Boston  
Deborah Bowen  
David & Michelle Boyd  
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto  
Maria & Sean Carney  
Athena Catapano  
David & Marie Chapman  
Russell & Chyrisse Chason  
Julie Chokos  
Giles & Emily Christie  
Rick & Jan Christy  
Connie Condos  
John & Shelia Consos  
Keith & Mary Druffner  
Quay & Trissie Farr  
Chris & Liz Foxhall  
William & Hayley Fulbright  
Bill & Margaret Gasper  
Rob & Carey Gilbert  
Robert & Jennifer Guano  
Harald & Stamatia Hagen  
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes  
Robert & Ana Henning  
Harriet Howell  
Steven & Linda Hutka  
Jennie Johnson  
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis  
Jim Kanellos  
Tasso & Laura Kefalas  
Soula Levendakis &  
Theodoros Kazazakis  
Alex Levantis  
Leon & Frances Lopez  
David & Lynne Lucher  
Archie & Florence Lytle  
Tina Maheras  
Bill & Margaret Manos  
Bill & Audrey Marianes  
Riley Todd & Elizabeth Marvos  
Al & Helen McCart  
Johnny & Becky Melts  
Bill & Mary Milam  
Matt & Athena Miller  
Nikolaos Moissiadis & Family  
Patricia Morris  
Nick & Teddie Panos

Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos  
Gregory Pappas  
Gus Pappas  
Tom and Lillian Pappas  
John & Evon Patrick  
Michele Perry  
Mihai & Heidi Popa  
Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell  
Pam Powers  
Vic & Suzi Pryles  
Luke and Liz Ralston  
Marina Raymond  
Aftan Romanczak  
Mary Samaltanos  
Dina Sarandis  
Takanori & Kathryn Shoji  
James Smith  
Estelle Sofikitis  
George & Anna Sofikitis  
Dennis & Laura Sparks  
O'Brien Statham  
James Stockdill  
Koko & Carol Tadros  
Steven & Thalia Thompson  
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou  
Ed & Anne Trainor  
Greg & Evie Tzevelekos  
Eleanor Vamvakias  
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias  
Len Vanerstrom  
Rusty & Christine Waldron  
Tim & Diane Walters  
Katherine & Sam Yalanzon  
George & Thalia Zazanis  
John and Mildred Zourzoukis

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