

**SUNDAY AFTER
HOLY CROSS
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2012**



BACK-TO-CHURCH SUNDAY

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

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Fourth Gospel/Tone - Plagal Secon

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.

Memorial - A 40-day memorial is offered today in loving memory of Paraskevi Speropoulos, beloved aunt of Frances Spinthourakis-Lopez.

May Her Memory Be Eternal!

Prosforo: Is lovingly offered by the Prosforo Ministry Volunteers

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, Sept. 19th - 6:30 p.m. Vespers

Saturday, Sept. 22nd - 5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - All Parish Council

Welcoming Ministry - Trissie Farr - Ushering Ministry - Philoptochos

ACOLYTES

Zachery Bethune, James Blane, Nathan Frazier, Dean Pryles, Nicholas Pryles, Mike Manos, Giovanni Ray, Tommy Roberts, Luke Sulyma, Mike Trainor, Connor Walters, Roney Walters, Thomas Miller and Christos Zourzoukis

STS. RNI YOUTH CHOIR

Jessica Catapano, Maria Hagen, Christina Pryles & Laramie Smith

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Sunday After Holy Cross

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Second Tone: When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone: Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.

Resurrectional Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone: Having raised up all the dead out of the dark abysses by His life-bestowing hand, Christ God, the Giver of Life, hath bestowed the Resurrection upon mortal nature; for He is the Saviour and Resurrection and Life of all, and the God of all.

We Also Remember

Euphemia the Great Martyr
Sebastiana, Disciple of St. Paul the Apostle
Dorotheos the Hermit of Egypt
Melitina the Martyr
Afterfeast of the Holy Cross
Ninian the Englightener of Scotland

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.



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EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18



BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Α Ω

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιοθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιοθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιοθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from Mark 8:34-38; 9:1



The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Α Ω

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθεῖτω μοι. ὅς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὅς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἂν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὅς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμούς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Wisdom from the Fathers”

“Remember that God, during your prayers, is watching for your affirmative answer to the question which He is inwardly asking you: 'Do you believe I am able to do this?' To which question you must from the depth of your heart reply, 'Yes, Lord' (Mt. 9:28).”
St. John of Kronstadt

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**GOYA BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BARNABAS - Tonight at 5 p.m. at home of
Katherine Howell - 755 Creek Wind Court, Duluth 30097 - 770-495-0567
Greek Dance Practice following Bible Study**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - THIS WEEK

The Wednesday morning Bible Study has resumed **Wednesday, Sep. 19th, at 10 a.m.**
continuing with the study of the Gospel of John..

The Wednesday evening class “A Step-by-Step Look at the Divine Liturgy” will begin
on **Wednesday, Sep. 19th, following 6:30 p.m. Vespers.**

Father Barnabas will be 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.

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THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

**Thank you, Stamatia Hagen, for organizing Sts. RNI first annual Labor of Love
Ministry Retreat at the Diakonia Center and to the 25 or so parishioners who gave
up their weekend and made the trip to work on various projects at the Center.
Also, thank you to our Father Paul Stoll, who provided spiritual leadership and
presided at the Divine Liturgy.**

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September is Stewardship Catch-up Month

During the summer months income drops at our beloved Sts RNI and yet our monthly
expenses continue. So, this Sunday and every Sunday in September, we are encourag-
ing everyone to get "caught up" on their giving to our parish.

We are asking three things:

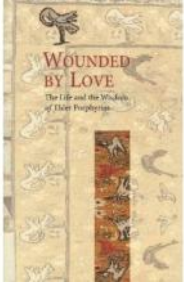
- 1) If you haven't thought about your 2012 Pledge, NOW is the time! (Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex or ask a Parish Council Member).
- 2) Please catch up on your giving if you have fallen behind.
- 3) Please be generous!

We appreciate your continued support!

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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

September 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

For more information call contact Donna Smith at missmagnoliasmoxie@gmail.com or
Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212 or
myakunda@yahoo.com

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ATTENTION H.S. School Students St. Photios Foundation 2012 Seventh Annual Essay Contest

This essay contest is open to high school students. There is no entry fee. A 1,000 word essay needs to be submitted by November 9th, 2012 comparing & contrasting the immigration story of the Greeks who came to America in 1768 and a person you know—either a family member or friend. What commonalities impressed you as you learned their stories?

For more information see the Announcement on the bulletin board in the hallway between the Narthex and Sunday School rooms.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jennifer Tubbs, who was sworn in as a Parish Council Member on Monday, September 10th. She is replacing Mary Roberts.

Thank you Jennifer for your service.

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Volunteers & Donations needed for “The Place” Luncheon September 26, 2012

Sts. RNI Ladies Philoptochos will be sponsoring the **Wednesday Noon Day Meal** at The Place Forsyth. Typically we serve 75-100 folks who need a good meal.

We need 4-5 volunteers to help set-up, serve & clean up. We meet about 10:30 a.m. and are all done by 1 p.m. at the latest.

Food needs are:

12 family size or party size meat lasagnas

10 loaves of Italian or French bread

10 heads of iceberg lettuce

Tomatoes

Cucumbers

6 gallons of milk

10-12 pans (9x12”) of brownies – **no nuts**

6 bags of fruit (apple/orange mix)

Monetary donations also accepted.

To volunteer contact: Anne Trainor at annetrainor@bellsouth.net or at
770-356-5616

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AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

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.

One AED has been donated. Donations are still needed to cover the cost of the 2nd unit (approximately \$1,500).

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

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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**

GREEK FEST 2012

JUST 5 MORE WEEKS!

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, October 19th—3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, October 20th—11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, October 21st—11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We also need help:

Set-Up - Thursday, October 18th

Clean-Up - Monday, October 22nd

Ask how you can become a steward of this wonderful event.

Questions, concern, and to volunteer to help plan the Festival should be emailed to Johnny Melts at 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).

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Donation Wishlist for Festival Baking

The following are items needed for baking:

50 lbs #7 filo (\$125); 150 lbs sugar (\$75); 12 gal. milk (\$36); 40 doz eggs (\$50); 100 lbs flour (\$40); 40 lbs honey (\$300); 20 lbs walnuts (\$150); 50 lbs salted butter;

If anyone would like to donate any of these items or money towards the purchase, please contact Johnny Melts (greekfest@stsrni.org) or Ginny Kostulakos (wordscan49@att.net or 678-807-7167)

If you are able to help at So. Forsyth H.S. on Tuesday, 9/18, to bake galatouboureko with the students, please contact Ginny Kostulakos at 678-807-7167

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Sunday School Begins TODAY!

Welcome Back!

Sunday School students will be dismissed following the Procession for Holy Cross.

3&4 year olds—St. Nicholas Room (3rd door on left) with Evie Atkinson-Grammenos & Jaimie Crossno

K-2nd Grade—Evangelos Library (2nd door on right) with Sophia Bethune & Allison Hammond

3rd-5th Grade—In Blue House with Liz Foxhall & Lisa Boston

6th-8th Grade—In Blue House with Jennifer Tubbs

High School Students—In Father Barnabas' Office with Fr. Paul & Donna Smith

Please take the time to fill out a Sunday School Registration form for your child (ren).

Also, you can still volunteer to be Sunday School teacher or assistant.

Your participation makes Sunday School possible.

Please contact Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212 or myakunda@yahoo.com

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 22nd, 5 p.m. - GOYA "Opa Picnic"

Fundraiser

Join us for food, fun & fellowship!

Sunday, September 23rd - General Assembly Meeting will be held following the Divine Liturgy

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Prosforo Baking

CHANGED TO TUESDAY, September 25th - 9 a.m.

Contact Stamatia Hagen for more information

at mamma2maria@aol.com

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Fellowship Ministry

On behalf of the Parish Council and the Parish, I would like to thank Grace Chihlas who has chaired the Fellowship Ministry since its reorganization three years ago. Grace has done a great job in seeing to it that we have refreshments and beverages each Sunday so we can meet and enjoy being with our church family. A big thanks to all of those who contributed financially to keep this important ministry active.

Grace has graciously agreed to continue chairing until a new Ministry Team is formed and a new chairperson agrees to take on or share the leadership.

I am asking those members who wish to serve on this Team to contact me at 770/891-9945 or Florence_Lytle@Prodigy.net. We will have the first team meeting right after church on Sunday, September 30, barring any conflicts. Thank you, Florence

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our 2012-2013 Fellowship Hour Donation Campaign has begun. A suggested donation of \$25/family helps cover the cost of the weekly Fellowship Hour. Checks should be made payable to Sts. RNI G.O. Church with "Fellowship" on the memo line. 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.

2012-13 Sponsors: Patricia Morris, Kathy & Taka Shoji

Thank you all for your support of this Ministry.

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Greek Dance for Teens

Thanks to Andrea Mancil for volunteering to teach our middle and high school teens Greek Dance. These lessons will begin Sunday, September 9th, following Divine Liturgy out on the lawn. The focus will be to get the teens ready to dance at our Greek Festival. All middle and high school youth are encourage & welcome to join these classes.

Contact Mrs. Suzi Pryles for more information.

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GREEK LANGUAGE & GREEK DANCE

Sts. RNI Hellenic Studies Ministry will be offering Greek Language & Greek Dance classes again this year. If you are interested in signing up for Greek Language contact Smara Wolff at 770-889-5419 or email smara.wolff@gmail.com. If you are interested in Greek Dance classes, please send an email to officeadmin@stsrni.org.

Thank you,
Hellenic Studies Ministry

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2012 PARISH COUNCIL

Dennis Kostulakos (President), John Patrick (Vice President), Paul Ray (Secretary),
Vic Pryles (Treasurer), David Chapman, Harald Hagen,
Harriet Howell, Florence Lytle and Jennifer Tubbs

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 95 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2012.

Nicholas & Varvara Alexiou	Harry & Tina Maheras
Jim & Angie Andropoulos	Kiki Manolakis
Richard & Sophia Bethune	Emanuel Manos
Paul & Elaine Bilson	William & Margaret Manos
Anthony & Mary Birozes	Bill & Audrey Marianes
Renee Birozes	Riley & Elizabeth Marvos
Katherine Blanos	Al & Helen McCart
Joseph (Ike) Bonnelli-Barbara Selwa	Johnny & Becky Melts
Jordan & Lisa Boston	Bill & Mary Milam
Niko & Helen Bouboulis	Matt & Athena Miller
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto	Nik Moissiades
Thalia Bruno	James Morakis
Athena Catapano	Patricia Morris
David & Marie Chapman	Nick & Teddie Panos
Grace Chihlas	Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Julie Chokos	Gus & Albie Pappas
Roy & Lydia Clarkson	John & Evon Patrick
Arthur Costakis	Lawson & Susan Plummer
Jamie Crossno	Mihai & Heidi Popa
Dean & Jenny Demos	Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell
Wesley & Donna Dennison	Pam Powers
Keith & Mary Druffner	Katherine Prattes
Quay & Trissie Farr	Vic & Suzi Pryles
Chris & Liz Foxhall	Paul & Gigi Ray
Dan & Sonia Frazier	Earl & Marina Raymond
Paul & Caroline Geertgens	David & Mary Roberts
Robert & Jennifer Guano	Jimmy & Pat Roney
Harald & Stamatia Hagen	Bill & Debbie Sarandis
Kevin & Allison Hammond	Dina Sarandis
Christine Hatcher	Philip & Anastasia Sarros
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	Sharon Tyre
Louis & Dianne Koulouvaris	James & Jane Vlahos
Alex & Melpo Levantis	Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Earnest & Elizabeth Livaditis	Tim & Diane Walters
Leon & Frances Lopez	Steve & Smara Wolff
Archie & Florence Lytle	Sam & Katherine Yalanzon
Connie Machoudy	