

**THE ELEVATION OF THE  
VENERABLE & LIFE-GIVING  
CROSS  
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2014**



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**RAPHA-**

**EL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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# WORSHIP

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## *Third Eothinon/Tone Plagal First*

*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

### Today, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Sunday School Begins  
Back-to-Church Sunday

### Wednesday, September 17h

10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study  
6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Orthodoxy 101

### Saturday, September 20th

5 p.m. Great Vespers

## Parish Council On Duty Today - Harald Hagen and Chris Foxhall

Ushering Ministry - GOYA

Welcoming Ministry - Trissie Farr

Fellowship Ministry - Diane Walters

### ACOLYTES

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


SENIOR ACOLYTES - Mike Manos, Dean Pryles

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Apolytikion of the Feast in the First Tone** - Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

**Kontakion of the Feast in the Fourth Tone** - You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, \* O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions \* upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. \* Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, \* granting them the victories against their adversaries. \* And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, \* peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

### *We Also Remember*

*The Elevation of the Verable and Life-Giving Cross   
Commemoration of the 6th Ecumenical Council*

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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### 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**

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### ATTENTION PARENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

**The Children will STAY in church for the Procession of the Cross. AFTER the Procession, the children will be dismissed for their first Sunday of Sunday School.  
Thank You.**

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# EPISTLE READING

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The Reading is St. Paul's 1st Letter to  
the Corinthians 1:18-24



Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 98.9,1

Exalt the Lord our God.

Verse: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble.

**BRETHREN**, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ λόγος γὰρ ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστίν, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις θεοῦ ἐστίν. Γέγραπται γάρ, Ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν ἀθετήσω. Ποῦ σοφός; Ποῦ γραμματεὺς; Ποῦ συζητητὴς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; Οὐχὶ ἐμῶρανεν ὁ θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ κόσμου τούτου; Ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. Ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσιν, καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν· ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίοις μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησιν δὲ μωρίαν· αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς, Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησιν, Χριστὸν θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ θεοῦ σοφίαν.

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# GOSPEL READING

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## The Reading is from The Gospel of John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30



At that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King!" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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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, September 14th

8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Service for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Sunday School Classes Resume  
Back-to-Church Sunday Event

Monday, September 15th

10 a.m. Project Comfort at the Blue House

Tuesday, September 16th

9:00 a.m. Festival Baking at South Forsyth  
High School - Galatoboureko

Wednesday, September 17th

10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study  
6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by  
Orthodoxy 101

Saturday, September 20th

5 p.m. Great Vespers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 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

Please contact Johnny Melts to advise your interest at  
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	\$11,915.88
Greek Festival Funds Transfer for Mortgage Payment	10,984.39	5,984.39	\$ 5,984.39	\$11,100.00
Op Acct External Income Subtotal	\$55,299.37	\$58,870.06	\$ 23,811.03	\$23,015.88
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Expenses	\$67,024.51	\$70,422.01	\$ 16,170.97	\$19,199.70
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) Net	\$<11,725.14>	\$<11,551.95>	\$ 7,640.06	\$3,816.18

**To date the 93 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  
Jimmy & Pat Roney  
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  
John & Mildred Zourzoukis