

SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2014



STs. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

Festal/Tone Plagal 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, O Siomartyr 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

<u>Today, September 21st</u>	8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy
<u>Wednesday, September 24th</u>	10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education Lesson on the Divine Liturgy
<u>Saturday, September 27th</u>	5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Harald Hagen and Bill Manos

Ushering Ministry - PC/Parishioners

Welcoming Ministry - Connie Condos

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

Sunday After the 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.

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

Apodosis of the Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

St. Quadratus the Apostle

Jonah the Prophet

Isaakios & Meletios, Bishops of Cyprus

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 be dismissed to go to their Sunday School Class following the Sacraments. Thank You.

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20



Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.

Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

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.

ΑΩ

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

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from
The Gospel of 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."

ΑΩ

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἔλθειν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς 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 γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

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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<u>Monday, September 22nd</u>	6:30 p.m. Philoptochos Executive Board Mtg.
<u>Tuesday, September 23rd</u>	Noon Women's Fellowship @ Mary Milam's
<u>Wednesday, September 24th</u>	10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education Class - Topic: Divine Liturgy
<u>Friday, September 26th</u>	7 p.m. Paraklesis Service
<u>Saturday, September 27th</u>	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