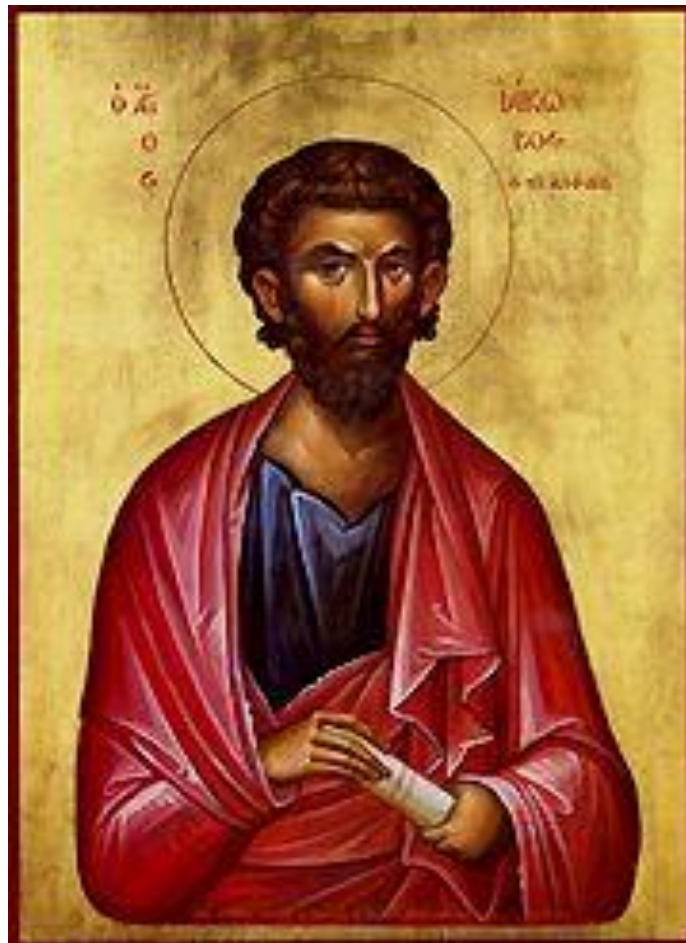


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October 9, 2016



Third Sunday of Luke



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On This day, we also Commemorate:
James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus
Andronicus & his wife Athanasia of Egypt
Poplia the Confessor of Antioch
The Righteous Patriarch Abraham and he nephew Lot

DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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-joice 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.

Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith, Todd Stewart

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Tone

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Saint in the Third Tone

O holy Apostle James, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Kontakion for the Departed in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Remember, Lord, your servants; for you are good. Forgive them all within they have erred in this life; for there is none without sins except for you, who are able to grant rest to the departed.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.



EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 28.11,1

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:1-10

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος βαρύς.

ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 28.11,1

Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει.

Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ, ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν

Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοῦ, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοῦ, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνότητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκρίτῳ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν ὄπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὡς ἀγνοοῦμενοι, καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι· ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ἰδοῦ, ζῶμεν· ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι· ὡς λυπούμενοι, ἀεὶ δὲ χαίροντες· ὡς πτωχοί, πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες· ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel according to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"



Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 7:11-16

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναΐν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκῶς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ὁ λόγος οὗτος ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ περὶ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ περιχώρῳ.



PRAYERS BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

I believe and confess, Lord, that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. I also believe that this is truly Your pure Body and that this is truly Your precious Blood.

Therefore, I pray to You, have mercy upon me, and forgive my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, known and unknown. And make me worthy without condemnation to partake of Your pure Mysteries for the forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. Amen.

How shall I, who am unworthy, enter into the splendor of Your saints? If I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment; and being bound up, I shall be cast out by the angels. In Your love, Lord, cleanse my soul and save me.

Loving Master, Lord Jesus Christ, my God, let not these holy Gifts be to my condemnation because of my unworthiness, but for the cleansing and sanctification of soul and body and the pledge of the future life and kingdom. It is good for me to cling to God and to place in Him the hope of my salvation.

Receive me today, Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not reveal Your mystery to Your adversaries. Nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas. But as the thief I confess to You: Lord, remember me in Your kingdom.



PARISH NEWS

Fundraising for Greek Festival– 350 tickets have been sold. Please reach out to your friends, family and strangers for a chance to win \$100,000. Tickets are \$50 each. See Laura Kefalas in the PLC after services for more information.

GREEK FESTIVAL

Oct. 14 – 16

Outdoor help needed.

David will be on-site every week day night from 7p.m. to 9p.m. - Saturdays from 10a.m. until dark. Please come by to help if you can to get the grounds ready for the Festival.

Fundraising - We're still selling Fund Raising tickets for the 100 Days to \$100,000. See Laura Kefalas.

Volunteer for the Greek Festival at
<http://www.cumminggreekfestival.com/volunteer-2>

See Laura Kefalas. More information listed at end of this bulletin.

- ***Update on the New Divine Liturgy Books from Philoptochos***

We are still accepting orders for the second print which is \$16.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing more books, please contact Florence Lytle at: Florence.Lytle@gmail.com

Education Ministry

- **Kennesaw State Students** -- OCF Chapter is growing! KSU students, did you know that there is an active Orthodox Christian Fellowship Chapter (OCF) on campus? They are reaching out to Orthodox students who attend KSU in the hope that they will join them in this important on-campus ministry. Please contact Athena Vlamis (avlamis.av@gmail.com) for further information. We're also on Facebook at "Orthodox Christian Fellowship at Kennesaw State University". Thank you!

- **"A Journey to Fullness"** educational classes begin with Father Barnabas on August 31 at 6:30 p.m. These classes will run through October 5, 2016. The classes will be held in the PLC.

- Hear Father Barnabas "live" on the **Faith Encouraged Program**, every second and fourth Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. The website is <http://www.ancientfaith.com>

- Father Barnabas' 16 video series "**A Journey to Fullness**" will be available in October.
- Father Barnabas' book "**A Faith Encouraged**" is due out in October

Flower Ministry

- **Icons for Holy Feast Days** - Donations (\$20) or 2 dozen flowers to decorate each icon is needed for the following feast days: **Dec. 25** – Nativity of Christ (white roses). If you could help with these activities, please call Deborah Bowen at the office.

Food Ministry

- **Coffee Hour Sponsorship (please sign up at the PLC)**

October 9: Bill Marianas' Family in memory of his mother
 October 16: Greek Festival Sunday
 October 23: Gilbert Family
 October 30: _____

Fundraising Efforts

- We're still selling Fund Raising tickets for the 100 Days to \$100,000. See Laura Kefalas. More information listed at end of this bulletin.
- We have had a group to look at the **Sts RNI Playground Set** regarding repairs and cleanup. The estimate is \$500 for pressure wash, stain and repair. While we would love to have the playset replaced with a new one, this seems to be the best alternative for the present. If we receive enough donations for the full amount, we will go forward with the project. Please contact the church office if you can help.

Gift Shop Ministry

- Please stop by **Sts RNI Gift Shop** for any special needs for a chrismation, baptism, birthday, or anniversary. If we don't have it, we can special order the item.

GOYA MINISTRY

- It is time for WYR registration. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in this annual event. The event is held in Atlanta from December 27 - December 30. Communities from throughout the Metropolis will participate in this 3 day event of athletic tournaments, Bible bowl and Church services. Holy Confession is also offered throughout the event. Breakfast and dinner is provided each day, lunch is on your own (w/team & chaperone) between competing or cheering on your favorite teams. The children will also enjoy a dance on the last evening comprised of both Greek and American music. This year's theme for the Bible Bowl is "The Parables of Christ". Check out Biblebowl.network to compete anytime anywhere. Eligible for this event are teens from grades 8-12. Once we have enough teens participating we can form our teams. Until then we have been participating with Atlanta and/or Marietta. Contact *Athena Catapano, GOYA Advisor* at athenacatapano@yahoo.com

- **GOYA registration now open!** (Grades 6-12) Contact Laura Kefalas at laurakefalas@gmail.com or cell 404-713-4410

Outreach Ministry

- Family Promise

Training for volunteers for the hosting of the families from Family Promise at Sts RNI is November 15th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the PLC. The families who will be hosted at our church will be here on the night of December 11 and leave on the morning of December 18. Contact Anthony Birozes for more details at Anthony.Birozes@ejgallo.com

- We have information on our prison ministry on the bulletin board in the Narthex hallway.

Philoptochos Ministry

Philoptochos Board: Marie Chapman, President; Helen McCart, Vice President; Diane Walters, Recording Secretary; Julie Athenson, Corresponding Secretary, Florence Lytle, Treasurer; Midge Perry, Assistant Treasurer; Harriett Howell, Tina Maheras, Liz Ralston.

- Membership for Philoptochos is now open.
- Philoptochos would like to send cookies to our college students from the church. We only have three names and addresses so far. Please forward information to the office.
- We're collecting change in glass bottles for the Place so that they can purchase fresh milk and eggs for the families in need of Forsyth County.

Sunday School - 2016-17

<p><u>Teachers:</u> Pre-K: Margaret and Bill Gasper and Presvytera Connie K-1st grade: Christine Waldron and April Eifert 2nd and 3rd grade: Liz Ralston and Michelle Boyd 4th and 5th grade: Jennifer Tubbs, Evie Tzevelekos 6th and 7th grade: Anthony Birozes 8th grade and up: Tasso Kefalas and Lisa Boston</p>	<p><u>Assistants:</u> Tori Avery, Keith Druffner, Linda Hutka, Midge Perry and Tina Vamvakias. <u>Directors:</u> Deborah Bowen and Evon Patrick</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><i>“We’re studying the Old Testament”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Lesson for today, “Issac”</p>
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MORE NEWS FROM THE PARISH!

- **Church Property and Buildings** – Our community is very excited about the growth with events, meetings, and parties that we are now experiencing. Our Parish Life Center has added so much to our capabilities of having more rooms in our church building available for classes and the Center itself is available for meetings, as well as events for our parishioners of all ages. Please be aware that if you plan to meet or use the church facilities in any manner, you should contact the church office to check for any conflicts on the calendar. Our office administrator is Deborah Bowen and she will be glad to work with you with your requests.

- The **Parish Life Center** is available for rental and we do have a Food Ministry that can provide catering or you can provide your own. If you are interested, contact the church office for information and costs.

Mark Your Calendars - 2016

- Nov. 5 - **Family Game Night** at the PLC after Vesper Services
- Nov. 6 - **General Assembly Meeting** after Services
- Nov. 20 – **Parish Council Elections**
- Dec. 3 – **Christmas Tree** decorating in PLC
- Dec. 4 – **Stewardship Sunday** luncheon in PLC/ Luncheon in PLC sponsored by the Stewardship Committee
- Dec. 11 - 18 **Family Promise Program** – Three families will be hosted at Sts RNI (Sun night – Sunday morning)
- Dec. 17 - **Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Concert by our Church Youth – Family Promise Families will be our guests**

CALENDAR for October 2016 (updated 10/5/16)

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

Date	Time	Event
Oct 9 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	3 rd Sunday of Luke Orthos Divine Liturgy 40 day Memorial for Bess V. Marianes, mother of Bill Marianes Today Sunday School is studying “Isaac” Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com Dance practice for our Sts RNI Greek Festival today after Liturgy!
Oct 10 – Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Oct 12- Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Today Vespers Tonight Educational Classes by Father Barnabas “A Journey to Fullness” in the PLC
Oct 14 - Fri	3 p.m. – 9 p.m.	Greek Festival
Oct 15 - Sat	11 a.m.- 9 p.m.	Greek Festival

		No Vespers Tonight
Oct 16 - Sun	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday of the 7 th Ecumenical Council <u>Notice Time Change for Services today</u> Orthos Divine Liturgy No Sunday School Today Greek Festival
Oct 17 - Mon	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC) Clean Up of Grounds from Greek Festival
Oct 18 - Tues	18 th – 20 th 7:00 p.m.	Father Barnabas attending Metropolis Clergy Retreat, Salem, SC Philoptochos Meeting (PLC)
Oct 19 - Wed		No Bible Study Today No Vespers Tonight No Educational Classes Tonight GOYA meeting at the home of Tasso and Laura Kefalas
Oct 22 – Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers
Oct 23 – Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	6 th Sunday of Luke Orthos Divine Liturgy Today Sunday School is studying “Jacob” Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com
Oct 24 – Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)
Oct 25 – Tues	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	9 th Hour Prayers Divine Liturgy - Demetrios (Oct 26)
Oct 26 – Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study (PLC) Vespers Educational Classes by Father Barnabas “A Journey to Fullness” in the PLC
Oct 29 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	Vespers
Oct 30 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	5 th Sunday of Luke Orthos Divine Liturgy Today Sunday School is studying “Jacob and the Many Colored Coat”

	8:00 p.m.	Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - www.ancientfaith.com
Oct 31 - Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting (PLC)

Stewardship Commitment for 2016 – 98 as of 9/20/16

Andros, George & Maria
Aposos, Matthew & Addy
Athenson, Sandy & Julie
Avery, Tori
Birozes, Anthony
Birozes, Mabel
Birozes, Renee
Boston, Lisa
Bowen, Deborah
Boyd, David & Michelle
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn
Catapano, Athena
Chapman, David & Marie
Chason, Russell & Chyrisse
Christie, Giles & Emilie
Christy, Rick & Jan
Condos, Connie
Consos, John
Donkar, John & Athena
Druffner, Keith & Mary
Eifert, April & David
Farr, Quay & Trissie
Foxhall, Chris & Liz
Fulbright, William & Hayley
Gasper, Bill & Margaret
Gilbert, Rob & Carey
Goolsby, Matthew & Karen
Guano, Robert & Jennifer
Hagen, Harald & Stamatia
Hatzispiros, Tasia & Fontasa
Hayes, Michael and Ann Costakis
Henning, Robert & Ana
Howell, Harriet
Hutka, Steven & Linda
Johnson, Jennie
Kaloudis, Vasilis & Mary
Kanellos, Jim
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura
Kefalas, Thalia
Klock, Jacqueline
Ladies Philoptochos Society
Lambros, Angelo & Crystal
Lampadarios, Stelios & Penny
Levantis, Alex & Melpo
Loumakis, Jennifer
Loumakis, Melanie
Lopez, Leon & Frances
Lucher, David & Lynne
Lytle, Archie & Florence
Maheras, Tina
Manos, Emanuel
Manos, William & Margaret
Marvos, Todd & Ann
McCart, Al & Helen
Melts, Johnny & Becky
Mermigkas, George and Georgia Loupeti
Milam, Bill & Mary
Miller, Matthew & Athanasia
Moissiadis, Nik & Argentina
Panos, Nicholas & Teddie
Papandreou, Andreas & Mary
Pantazopoulos, Constantinos & Evelyn
Papadopoudos, Lazaros & Christina
Pappas, Greg
Pappas, Gus
Patrick, John & Evon
Perry, Michele
Popa, Mihai & Heidi
Powell, Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie
Powell, Kristin
Powers, Pam
Pryles, Victor & Susan
Ralston, Luke & Liz
Robinson, Paula
Samaltanos, Mary
Sarandis, Dina
Shoji, Takanori and Kathryn
Sofikitis, Estelle
Sparks II, Dennis
Sparks, Dennis & Laura
Sparks, Jacob
Statham, O'Brien & Jennie
Stewart, Todd
Tadros, Koko & Carol
Thompson, Steven & Thalia
Trainor, Edward & Anne
Tyre, James & Sharon
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer
Tzevelekos, Greg & Evelyn
Vamvakias, Eleanor
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina
Vanerstrom, Len & Marina
Waldron, Rusty & Christine
Walters, Tim & Diane
Wilson, Jake & Catherine
Zazanis, George & Thalia Bruno
Zourzoukis, John & Mildred
Zukerino-Kazazakis-Levendakis



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