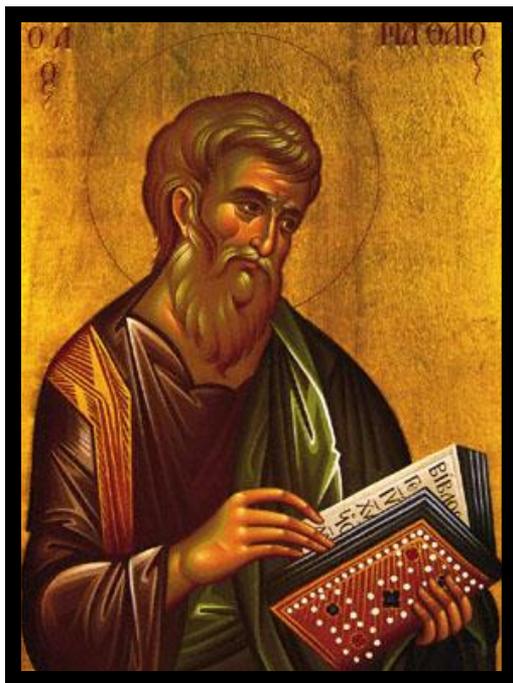


**MATTHEW THE APOSTLE &
EVANGELIST
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2014**



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

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

First Eothinon/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, 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, November 16th

8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 12th

10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study
6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by Adult Education
Intro to Orthodoxy Study

Saturday, November 15th

5 p.m. Great Vespers

Parish Council On Duty Today - Chris Foxhall and Harald Hagen

Ushering Ministry - PC/Parishioners

Welcoming Ministry - Mildred Zourzoukis

Fellowship Ministry - Diane Walters

TODAY WE REMEMBER

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 for the Evangelist Matthew in the Third Tone - O holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Tone - The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

We Also Remember

Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

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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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 Romans 10:11-21; 11:1-2



Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

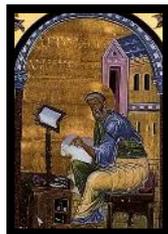
BRETHREN, the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for "Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry." Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, "I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me." But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people." I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

ΑΩ

Ἀδελφοί, λέγει γὰρ ἡ γραφή, Πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων ἐπ' αὐτῷ οὐ καταισχνθήσεται. Οὐ γάρ ἐστιν διαστολή Ἰουδαίου τε καὶ Ἑλλήνου· ὁ γὰρ αὐτὸς κύριος πάντων, πλουτῶν εἰς πάντας τοὺς ἐπικαλουμένους αὐτόν. Πᾶς γὰρ ὃς ἂν ἐπικαλέσῃται τὸ ὄνομα κυρίου σωθήσεται. Πῶς οὖν ἐπικαλέσονται εἰς ὃν οὐκ ἐπίστευσαν; Πῶς δὲ πιστεύσουσιν οὐκ ἤκουσαν; Πῶς δὲ ἀκούσουσιν χωρὶς κηρύσσοντος; Πῶς δὲ κηρύξουσιν ἐὰν μὴ ἀποσταλῶσιν; Καθὼς γέγραπται, Ὡς ὥραιοι οἱ πόδες τῶν εὐαγγελιζομένων εἰρήνην, τῶν εὐαγγελιζομένων τὰ ἀγαθὰ. Ἀλλ' οὐ πάντες ὑπήκουσαν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ. Ἡσαΐας γὰρ λέγει, Κύριε, τίς ἐπίστευεν τῇ ἀκοῇ ἡμῶν; Ἄρα ἡ πίστις ἐξ ἀκοῆς, ἢ δὲ ἀκοῇ διὰ ῥήματος θεοῦ. Ἀλλὰ λέγω, μὴ οὐκ ἤκουσαν; Μενοῦνγε· εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν, καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα αὐτῶν. Ἀλλὰ λέγω, μὴ οὐκ ἔγνω Ἰσραὴλ; Πρῶτος Μωϋσῆς λέγει, Ἐγὼ παραζηλώσω ὑμᾶς ἐπ' οὐκ ἔθνη, ἐπὶ ἔθνη ἀσυνέτω παροργῶ ὑμᾶς. Ἡσαΐας δὲ ἀποτολμᾷ καὶ λέγει, Εὐρέθην τοῖς ἐμὲ μὴ ζητοῦσιν, ἐμφανῆς ἐγενόμην τοῖς ἐμὲ μὴ ἐπερωτῶσιν. Πρὸς δὲ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ λέγει, Ὅλην τὴν ἡμέραν ἐξεπέτασα τὰς χεῖράς μου πρὸς λαὸν ἀπειθοῦντα καὶ ἀντιλέγοντα. Λέγω οὖν, μὴ ἀπόσωτο ὁ θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ; Μὴ γένοιτο. Καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ Ἰσραηλίτης εἰμί, ἐκ σπέρματος Ἀβραάμ, φυλῆς Βενιαμίν. Οὐκ ἀπόσωτο ὁ θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ὃν προέγνω.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from The Gospel of Matthew 9:9-13



At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

ΑΩ

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγων ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄνθρωπον καθήμενον ἐπὶ τὸ τελώνιον, Ματθαῖον λεγόμενον, καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἠκολούθησεν αὐτῷ. Καὶ ἐγένετο αὐτοῦ ἀνακειμένου ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ, καὶ ἰδοὺ πολλοὶ τελῶναι καὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἐλθόντες συνανέκειντο τῷ Ἰησοῦ καὶ τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἰδόντες οἱ Φαρισαῖοι εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· διατί μετὰ τῶν τελωνῶν καὶ ἁμαρτωλῶν ἐσθίει ὁ διδάσκαλος ὑμῶν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἰσχύοντες ἰατροῦ, ἀλλ' οἱ κακῶς ἔχοντες. πορευθέντες δὲ μάθετε τί ἐστὶν ἔλεον θέλω καὶ οὐ θυσίαν. οὐ γὰρ ἦλθον καλεῖσαι δικαίους, ἀλλὰ ἁμαρτωλοὺς εἰς μετάνοιαν.

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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TODAY, November 16th

8:45 a.m. Orthros/10 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 18th

Noon—Women's Fellowship at home of Mary Milam—3870 Ryans Lake Terrace, Cumming 30040—770-889-1324

Wednesday, November 19th

10 a.m. Adult Scripture Study

**6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by
Adult Education Class - Topic: Intro to Orthodoxy**

Saturday, November 22nd

5 p.m. Great Vespers

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SAVE THE DATES

Friday & Saturday, November 21 & 22 - Sts. RNI Community Yard Sale

Sunday, November 23 - General Assembly Meeting

Saturday, December 6 - Sts. RNI Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance

Sunday, December 7 - Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, December 14 - Parish Council Elections (Dennis Sparks, Election Chair)

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>	August 2014	Sept. 2014
			July 2014	August 2014	Sept. 2014
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Income	\$44,314.98	\$52,885.67	\$ 17,826.64	\$11,915.88	\$ 11,219.16
Greek Festival Funds Transfer for Mortgage Payment	10,984.39	5,984.39	\$ 5,984.39	\$11,100.00	\$ 6,491.91
Op Acct External Income Subtotal	\$55,299.37	\$58,870.06	\$ 23,811.03	\$23,015.88	\$ 17,711.07
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) External Expenses	\$67,024.51	\$70,422.01	\$ 16,170.97	\$ 22,660.82	\$ 13,376.07
Op Acct & B&L (mortgage) Net	\$<11,725.14>	\$<11,551.95>	\$ 7,640.06	\$ 355.06	\$ 4,335.00

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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

**To date the 99 families below have returned
Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2014.**

James & Angeline Andropoulos
George & Maria Andros
James & Kathryn Arfanakis
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 Kalandis
Jim Kanellos
Maria Kardomateas
Aphrodite Levendakis-Kazazakis
Tasso & Laura Kefalas
Paul Kremer
Alex & Melpo Levantis
Jennifer Loumakis
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
Dennis Sparks
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Ed & Anne Trainor
Michael Trainor
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou
Brian & Jennifer Tubbs
Greg Tzevelekos/Evie Atkinson
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Len Vanerstrom
Rusty & Christine Waldron
Diane Walters
Jacob & Katherine Wilson
Steven & Smara Wolff
Sam & Katherine Yalanzon
George & Thalia Zazanis
John & Mildred Zourzoukis