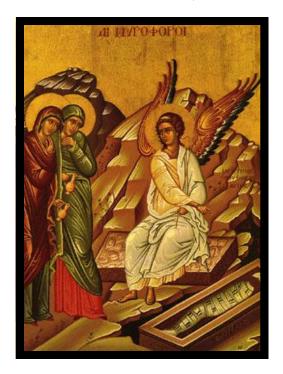
HOLY MYRRHBEARERS SUNDAY APRIL 29TH, 2012



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 - Second Christos Anesti!

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 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.

Prosforo: Is lovingly offered by the Prosforo Ministry Team

<u>40-Day Blessing</u> - Patrick Nicholas Raymond is presented today for his 40-day blessing by his parents Marina & Earl Raymond and big sister, Abigail.

Grandparents are John & Evon Patrick and Great-Grandmother Katherine Blanos.

Please pray for those faithful who are currently in need of our most fervent intercessions: Albie, Andrew, Archie, Bill, Bill, Carrie, Demetra, Dina, Donna, Efthymios, Elaine, Elizabeth, Christina, Heidi, Igli, James, Jerry, Joe, John, Maria, Michael, Nomiki, Oni, Paul, Peter, Sarah, Taki, Tara and Violeta

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, April 25th - 10 a.m. Study of the Gospel of John 6:30 p.m. Vespers followed by "Exploring the Liturgy"
Saturday, April 28th - 5 p.m. Great Vespers

<u>Parish Council On Duty</u> - David Chapman & Vic Pryles <u>Welcoming Ministry</u> - Helen McCart - <u>Ushering Ministry</u> - Parish Council

ACOLYTES

James Blane, Nathan Frazier, Spiros Kefalas, Dean Pryles, Nicholas Pryles, Mike Manos, Giovanni Ray, Tommy Roberts, Mike Trainor, Connor Walters, Roney Walters, Thomas Miller and Christos Zourzoukis

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday

Reading: About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to annoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these Godloving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).

Apolytikion in the Second Tone: When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

Kontakion in the Second Tone: When you said to the Myrrh-bearers, "Rejoice!", O Christ our God, You ended, by Your Resurrection, the lament of Eve, the first mother. And, You commanded Your Apostles to proclaim, "The Savior has risen from the grave."

We Also Remember

Jason & Sosipater the Apostles of the 70 & their Companions
Holy Martyr Cercyra
Our Holy Father John of Kaloktenos, Metropolitan of Thebes
Ss. Theocharus and Apostolus of Arte
Basil, Bishop of Montenegro
Nektarios the New Martyr of Optina

It is with much sadness that we announce to the parish the falling asleep of Katherine Theodora Morris, beloved mother of our Patricia Morris. The funeral will take place in New Rochelle, NY and Mrs. Morris will be interned at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. May Her Memory be Eternal!

Please keep Pat in your thoughts & prayers.

EPISTLE READING

The Reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7



IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

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Έν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῆ διακονία τῆ καθημερινῆ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἀρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἑπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος άγίου καὶ σοφίας, οῦς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῆ προσευχῆ καὶ τῆ διακονία τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος άγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Άντιοχέα, οῦς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ηὕξανεν, καὶ ἔπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλἡμ σφόδρα, πολύς τε ὅχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῆ πίστει.

GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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Τῷ καιοῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσὴφ ὁ ἀπὸ ἸΑριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλᾶτον καὶ ἢτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. ὁ δὲ Πιλᾶτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδωρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείω, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσῆ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ή τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι άλείψωσιν αὐτόν. καὶ λίαν ποωΐ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔοχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, άνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου, καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος: ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδοα, καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, πεοιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκήν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε∙ Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζα<u>ο</u>ηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ώδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἴπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρω ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. καὶ έξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.

THANK YOU - Ευχαριστώ - Efxaristo

The Sts. RNI Ladies Philoptochos would like to extend our gratitude to all those who participated in the beautiful presentation of our Parish throughout Great Lent and Holy Week. Your donations of your time and talents to prepare for each of the services as well as your monetary donations to provide the necessary materials and flowers to decorate the icons and sanctuary is sincerely appreciated.

Icons for Salutations— Julie Chokos, Ginny & Dennis Kostulakos, Carol Tadros, Anne & Ed Trainor

Roses for Veneration of the Holy Cross—Mary & Bill Milam

Palms – Riley & Ann Marvos

Palm Sunday Icon – Jim Kanellos

Bridegroom Icon—Helen & Al McCart

Extreme Humility Icon—Pam Powers

Candles, Cotton Balls, Olive Oil for Holy Unction—Barbara & Nick Alexiou

Sheet for Body of Christ—Christina & Lazaros Papadopoulos

Bay Leaves—Beth & John Doulgerakis

Icon of Christ Being Removed from Cross—Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie in memory of Presvytera's mother, Alexandra Demas

Kouvouklion Flowers – Frances & Leon Lopez, Angie & Jim Andropoulos

Resurrection Icon—Christina & Lazaros Papadopoulos

Lilies at the Base of the Cross—Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie in honor of their daughters, Alexandra & Katherine

Tulle & Ribbon for Red Eggs – Barbara & Nick Alexiou

Non-Specific Monetary Donations

Leila Beyrouthy David & Marie Chapman Beth & John Doulgerakis Polly & Pantelis Hasos

Michael & Ann Hayes IMO Beloved Mother Chrisanthe Costakis

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Bill & Audrey Marianes

Nik Moissiades

Gus & Alberta Pappas

John & Evon Patrick

Pam Powers

Anne & Ed Trainor

Eva & Nick Thrasivolou

Christine & Rusty Waldron

Also many anonymous cash donations

(If we have missed anyone, please forgive. It was not intentional.)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning and evening Bible study classes have resumed. The morning (10 a.m.) class is studying the Gospel of John and the evening class (after Vespers) is "Exploring the Liturgy."

All are invited to attend.

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GOYA BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. BARNABAS

Sunday, May 20th, 5-6:00 p.m. @ home of Katherine Howell 755 Creek Wind Court, Duluth 30097 770-495-0567

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"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD"

Sts. RNI Choir

Practice — Tuesday, May 1st, 6:45 p.m.

Contact Marie Chapman for more information. 770-205-7220 or mommystargater@comcast.net

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GREEK SCHOOL RESUMES

Wednesday, May 2nd - 6:30 p.m.— Adults and Level 1 Classes Only No Preschool Classes will be held. Please contact HellenicStudies@stsrni.org for more information.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

2012 Membership Drive

Philoptochos is not just for ladies anymore — gentlemen are more than welcome to join and take part in the philanthropic endeavors of the Philoptochos organization.

So, ladies & gentlemen, please join (or renew your membership) for 2012. See Barbara Alexiou, Membership Chair

or any of the Philoptochos Officers (Anne Trainor, Marie Chapman, Ginny Kostulakos, Harriet Howell, Gigi Ray, Margaret Manos)

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Prosforo Baking will take place on Friday, May 25th, beginning at 9 a.m. All are welcome to come & help.

Contact Stamatia Hagen for more information @

mamma2maria@aol.com

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SOCIETY OF WISDOM

<u>Tuesday, May 15th, 11:30 a.m.</u>

We will have a Society of Wisdom luncheon on Tuesday, May 15th at 1130AM at Mia's Restaurant on Bethelview and Hwy 20.

We will discuss a change of venue at that time.

Please RSVP to Grace Chihlas 404/326 0477.

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ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES (or proud parents)

We'd like to recognize all our graduates in an upcoming program. Please submit the name of your graduate, school and degree earned or school they are graduating from and college they will be attending. Email the information to officeadmin@stsrni.org by May 15th.

Book Club

Book Club will NOT meet on Saturday, May 5th, so we can attend the Wine & Food Festival.

Meeting Saturday, May 12th

For more information call Lisa Boston at 770-826-1212 or myakunda@yahoo.com or contact Donna Smith at missmagnoliasmoxie@gmail.com (note new email address).

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Friday, May 4th, 7-8 a.m.
Fagan's Biscuit Barn - 141 & Sharon Road
All men are invited.

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MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING FUNDRAISER

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!

THE "FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL" SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 5-8 P.M.



is a fundraiser for our future Multi-purpose Building.

Please support this event.

Get your tickets from Marie Chapman, Julie Chokos, Ginny Kostulakos, Gigi Ray, Donna Smith, Carol Tadros or Anne Trainor.

Bring your relatives, friends, co-workers &/or clients.

January-February-March 2012 Income / Expense Summary				
Month	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u> Diff +/-</u>	
January	\$30,495.37	\$25,286.72	\$ 5,208.65	
February	\$25,525.29	\$21,359.52	\$ 4,165.77	
March	\$17,109.33	\$18,363.16	(\$ 1.253.83)	
Totals	\$73,129.99	\$65,009.40	\$ 8,120.59	

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our 2011-2012 Fellowship Hour Donation Campaign has begun. 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.

For the 2011-2012 year, donations have been made by the following families:

Andropoulos	Kostulakos	Pappas
Birozes	Koulouvaris	Patrick
Bozzuto	Livaditis	Pardinas
Chapman	Lytle	Philoptochos
Chihlas	Manos	Pournaras
Doulgerakis	Marvos	Powell
Druffner	McCart	Pryles
Hayes	Melts	Ray
Johnson	Milam	Sulyma
Jordan	Miller	Trainor
Kanellos	Moissiades	Willis
Kefalas	Morris	
Klock	Panos	

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 Mary Roberts

To date the 82 stewards below have returned Stewardship Commitment Cards for 2012. Total Pledges to Date: \$157,819.76 - Average Pledge: \$1,901.44



Nicholas & Varvara Alexiou Harry & Tina Maheras

Jim & Angie AndropoulosKiki ManolakisRichard & Sophia BethuneEmanuel Manos

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Renee Birozes

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Archie & Florence Lytle

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Sam & Katherine Yalanzon

Connie Machoudy

Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church 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.