

# SAINTS RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS, & IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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May 28, 2017

## FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



## Reading

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.



*Welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us this morning.  
Please join us for Coffee Hour afterwards in the Parish Life Center ("PLC").*

**Reminder: If there is ever a luncheon prepared for donations to the church and you wish not to participate, the coffee and treats table is always available to everyone without a donation.**

**Fellowship is the main focus of this time together! Visitors Meet & Greet with Father Barnabas**



**TODAY, May 28**

**Fathers of the first Ecumenical Council**

**8:45 a.m. Orthos  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

No Sunday School today.

**8:00 p.m. Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - [www.ancientfaith.com](http://www.ancientfaith.com)**

**Appointments with Father Barnabas: If you would like to schedule any appointments or arrangements with Father Barnabas, please contact the office administrator in order to assure that there are no conflicts on his calendar. Thank you.**

**Administrative Office Hours:  
Tuesday – Friday; 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

***\*Are you interested in being a part of the Orthodox Church? If so, the "Journey to Fullness" classes are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.***

**Visit the Gift Shop for Inspiration and Gifts**

**For Today:**

***Ushers: David Chapman and Rusty Waldron***

***Welcoming Ministry: Deborah Bowen and Lily Waldron***

***Coffee Hour hosted by: Women's Ministry***

**Parish Council of 2017: Kosta Bozzuto, *President; Greg Pappas, Vice President; Len Vanerstrom, Secretary; David Chapman, Treasurer; Sandy Athenson, Anthony Birozes, Marie Chapman, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, Anne Trainor, Rusty Waldron and Plutarch Vamvakias***

**Acolytes: *Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Evan Eifert, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Mike Trainor, Aristotle & Alexander Theofilis, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis, Senior Acolytes: Johnny Melts***

**Please say a special prayer for the following Individuals:**

A. Andropoulos, Ashley, Ava, Austin Cohen, D. Bethune, Bill, Carrie, Carol G., Chris V., Estelle S., Gus P., Liz R., Perry, A. Harris, M. Hayes, D. Jeffrey, Jo, Mariann, Maria, Mary M., A. Papandreuou, Mary S., Nikko, Victor, Patsy, Joanne, Walter, Vasilios and S. & K. Yalanzon.

***Friendly Reminder: The Orthodox Church practices "closed" communion. This means only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared to receive the Eucharist should approach the Chalice at communion. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Barnabas after service.***



## FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On This day, we also commemorate:

The Holy Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene  
Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon  
Eutechios, Bishop of Mytilene

### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### 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 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 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, Lynne Lucher, and Jimmy Smith*

#### 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 Fourth Tone

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

#### Apolytikion of the Fathers in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

#### Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

## EPISTLE READING

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'.

Δανιήλ 3.26-27

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.  
Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 20:16-18, 28-36 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. Αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεῦειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν ἐστιν μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θεῖς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ, σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

# GOSPEL READING

## The Gospel According to John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, καὶ ἐπῆρε τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ εἶπε· πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱός σου δοξάσῃ σε, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δέ ἐστιν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσί σε τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελείωσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ ἐστίν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ δέδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον, καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξήλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. Ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ, ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶ καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ οὗτοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι. πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὧσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου· οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σὲ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

## **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



Every Sunday, starting May 28, GOYANs will be selling **Greek Fest t-shirts** & **prayer bracelets** (komboskini) in the PLC during coffee hour as a Fundraiser! Buy your t-shirt or komboskini now to wear at Greek Fest AND support your local GOYANs!

Tshirts = \$16 each  
Komboskini = \$5 each  
\*\*Cash & checks are accepted



It's that time of year again!

We will be having our party this **Sunday, May 28**. Hope y'all can make it, bring friends if you like. We supply the meat you bring a side to share and you drinks. We will have horse shoes for those that don't want to risk injury on the sand and the slide for the kids. Starts around 1:00.

Tim and Diane Walter's house  
2455 Misty Hollow Lane  
Cumming GA 30040



**June 12–16, 2017- Vacation Church Camp - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**STEPPING STONES TO THE DIVINE LITURGY**



If you can volunteer a couple of hours on a Saturday or Sunday to be at The Place with Family Promise's families, it would be greatly appreciated. They are attempting to operate on a shorter time frame 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, at which point the families will go the library, park, etc.

Here's the link for weekend coverage.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaba92eaaf49-weekend1>

Also, they are looking for folks to volunteer as **drivers on an ongoing**/consistent basis. All that is required is a GA Driver's License (does not have to be CDL), a background check, and an MVR report. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Jacob Granados at 678-476-4657.





Philoptochos is sponsoring a yard sale at the PLC on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Items for sale can only be brought to the PLC starting May 28 due to the lack of storage at the PLC. Please contact Marie Chapman or Helen McCart if you have any questions.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ANOTHER OF OUR GRADUATES

**JESSICA CATAPANO** graduated from Georgie College and State University in Milledgeville where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Psychology and minor in Marketing. Jessica had the Hope scholarship all four years and also had an athletic scholarship in soccer. She plans to pursue graduate studies. Upon graduation she obtained a job as a Marketing Associate with a local Cumming Company.

### **Book Store at Sts RNI**

*Father Barnabas' book is now available for order at the AncientFaith.com store.  
Father Barnabas will sign books upon request.*

### **Education Ministry**

This Wednesday is the last of the Bible Study Classes until the Fall. Also, Wednesday night educational classes will not be held during the summer. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Flower Ministry**

- Thank you to those you have donated to the decorating of the flowers for the Feast Days' Icons. We have enough now to decorate the icons for the remainder of the year. The Feast Days for Icon Decorations are (2017):

January 6:	The Feast of Epiphany	August 6:	The Transfiguration of Christ
February 2:	The Presentation of Christ	August 15:	The Dormition of the Theotokos (white flowers)
March 25:	Annunciation of the Theotokos	September 8:	The Nativity of the Theotokos
April 16:	Great and Holy Pascha	September 14:	The Exaltation of the Cross
June 2:	The Apodosis of the Feast of the Holy Ascension	November 21:	The Entrance Into the Temple of the Theotokos (white flowers)
June 4:	Holy Pentecost	December 25:	The Nativity of Christ

## Food Ministry

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

<u>2017</u> May 28: Women's Ministry June 4: Yianna Mandakis June 11: Zazanis family June 18: Dumford, Manolakis family June 25: Ralston Family	July 2: _____ July 9: _____ July 16: _____ July 23: _____ July 30: _____
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- For individual memorials, the large tray of Koliva can be made for \$30. Contact Helen McCart for those orders ([helenmccart49@gmail.com](mailto:helenmccart49@gmail.com)).

## 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 Youth Ministry

- If you would like more information on GOYA or would like to join (Grades 6-12), please contact Laura Kefalas at [laurakefalas@gmail.com](mailto:laurakefalas@gmail.com).

## Hope and Joy Ministry

Contact Jennie Johnson at [jenniepsi@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniepsi@yahoo.com) for more information on the Hope and Joy Ministry

## Media Ministry

- Father Barnabas' homilies can be heard on You Tube at Father Barnabas Powell.  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=father+barnabas+powell](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=father+barnabas+powell)
- Sign up for daily devotionals to be emailed to you at <http://blogs.ancientfaith.com/faithencouraged/>
- 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" is now available at <http://store.ancientfaith.com/journey-to-fullness/>

## Outreach Ministry

### Family Promise

- The events for 2017 are February 5-12, March 12-19, September 3-10, and December 10-17. Please volunteer to help us with these events .... It truly takes a "village"! Contact Anthony Birozes [Anthony.Birozes@ejgallo.com](mailto:Anthony.Birozes@ejgallo.com) if you can help!

## 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.*

Please note these Future dates of the Ladies Philoptochos!

- June 2, 3 – Yard Sale at PLC
- Dates for The Place Lunches - Sept. 13, Nov. 8, Dec. 6 for the remainder of 2017
- We are also continuously collecting food for The Place of Forsyth Food Pantry. We have a collection bin in the Narthex. Currently they are in Great need of : Cereal, Jam/Jelly, Canned Salmon. However they accept all other foods as well . Please help out if you can.

### Upcoming events:

- **October 20-22, 2017** – **Cumming Greek Festival**

### Welcome Ministry

For our Sunday School Students: A Chance to be a Part of the Welcome Ministry

Our focus is to provide an experience for our students of welcoming people to our church and how the Narthex plays into not only welcoming our new guests but the chance to say “hi” to the parishioners. This is a learning experience for the students as we show love and respect for our church. There should be only one student (starting at first grade) who will work with the adult ministry volunteer to give out bulletins, learn how to acknowledge the special day (i.e. memorials etc.), help with the offering and to learn from the Parish Council the rhythm of the candle lighting including 3 and 5 day candles.

If you would like your student to be a part of the ministry, please contact Deborah Bowen at the church office. The student will be expected to be at the church before 10:00 a.m. on their assigned Sundays.

### **MORE NEWS FROM THE PARISH!**

- Please check the **Lost and Found** Box outside of the Admin Office in the PLC. It has a lot of items in it, including a set of house keys. All items will be donated on **June 1**, so please take a moment to see if anything belongs to you. Thanks.
- 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. Rental Costs Are \$200/day + \$100 clean up fee. If you are interested, contact the church office for information and costs.

**CALENDAR for May/June 2017**

“PLC” means Parish Life Center

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
May 28 - Sun	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>Fathers of the First Ecumenical Church</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - <a href="http://www.ancientfaith.com">www.ancientfaith.com</a>
May 29 - Mon		<b>HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY</b>
May 31 - Wed	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study <b>Vespers</b>
June 2 - Fri	8:00 a.m. – 2 pm	Yard Sale at the PLC sponsored by Philoptochos
June 3- Sat	8:00 a.m. – 2 pm 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Yard Sale at the PLC sponsored by Philoptochos <b>Orthos for Saturday of Souls</b> <b>Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls</b> <b>Great Vespers for Pentecost</b>
June 4 – Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Pentecost</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
June 5 – Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout’s meeting in PLC
June 6 - Tues	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
June 7 - Wed	6:30 p.m.	No Bible Study Classes <b>Vespers</b>
June 10 - Sat	10:00 a.m. Noon 5:00 p.m.	Prosforo Baking Baptism <b>Vespers</b>
June 11 - Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>All Saints</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - <a href="http://www.ancientfaith.com">www.ancientfaith.com</a>
June 12 - Mon	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 7:00 p.m.	Vacation Church Camp Boy Scout Meeting
June 13 - Tues	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Vacation Church Camp
June 14 - Wed	9:00 am – 1:00 pm 6:30 p.m.	Vacation Church Camp <b>Vespers</b>
June 15 - Thur	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Vacation Church Camp <b>Father Barnabas Out of Town June 15 - 17</b>
June 16 - Fri	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Vacation Church Camp
June 17 - Sat		<b>No Vespers Service</b>
June 18 - Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>HAPPY FATHER’S DAY</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>
June 19 – Mon	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout’s Meeting in PLC
		<b>Father Barnabas Out of Town June 20 - 24</b>
June 21- Wed		<b>No Service</b>
June 24 - Sat		<b>No Service</b>

June 25 – Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew</b> <b>Orthos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> Faith Encouraged LIVE Program - <a href="http://www.ancientfaith.com">www.ancientfaith.com</a>
June 26 - Mon		Boy Scout's Meeting in PLC
June 28 - Wed	6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers</b> <b>Liturgy – St. Peter &amp; St. Paul</b>
July 1 - Sat	5:00 p.m.	<b>Great Vespers</b>

## Stewardship Commitment for 2017 – 97 as of 05/23/17

Andros, George & Maria  
Athenson, Sandy & Julia  
Avery, Tori  
Bauer, Ted  
Bethune, Richard & Sophia  
Birozes, Anthony & Mary  
Birozes, Mabel  
Birozes, Renee  
Bowen, Deborah  
Boyd, David & Michelle  
Bozzuto, Kosta & Carolyn  
Brueggen, Geoffrey & Elise  
Carney, Sean & Maria  
Catapano, Athena  
Chapman, David & Marie  
Charitos, Angeline  
Chason, Russell & Chyriss  
Christy, Rick & Jan  
Consos, John (deceased)  
Dimitrakakis, John & Alexis  
Donkar, John & Athena  
Druffner, Keith & Mary  
Eifert, David & April  
Foxhall, Chris & Liz  
Gasper, Bill & Margaret  
Gilbert, Rob & Carey  
Goolsby, Matthew & Karen  
Guano, Robert & Jennifer  
Hagan, Harald & Stamatia  
Hayes, Michael & Ann Costakis  
Henning, Robert & Anna  
Howell, Harriet  
Hutka, Steven & Linda  
Johnson, Jennie  
Kaloudis, Vasilis and Mary  
Kanellos, James  
Kefalas, Spiros  
Kefalas, Tasso & Laura  
Kefalas, Thalia  
Kleomenis, Gkoumas  
Klock, Jackie  
Lambros, Angelo & Crystal  
Levantis, Alex & Melpo  
Lucher, David & Lynne  
Lytle, Archie & Florence  
Maheras, Tina  
Maniatis/Bakalis, Dimitrios & Visiliki  
Manos, Emanuel  
Manos, William & Margaret  
Manolakis, Yianna  
Marianes, Bill & Audrey  
Marvos, Todd & Ann  
McCart, Al & Helen  
Melts, Johnny & Becky  
Milam, Bill & Mary  
Miller, Matthew & Athanasia  
Moissiadis, Nik & Argentina  
Panos, Nicolas & Teddie  
Pantazopoulos, Constantinos & Evelyn  
Pappas, Greg  
Pappas, Gus  
Pappas Mavraki, Christos & Pauline  
Patrick, John & Evon  
Perry, Michele  
Ponton, Marilyn  
Popa, Mihai & Heidi  
Powell, Father Barnabas & Presvytera Connie  
Powers, Pam  
Pryles, Victor & Suzi  
Ralston, Luke & Liz  
Robinson, Paula  
Ryan, Chad & Joanne  
Samaltanos, Mary  
Singleton, Kurt & Jen  
Sofikitis, Estelle  
Sofikitis, George & Anna  
Sparks, Dennis & Laura  
Sparks, Jacob  
Sperounis, Nicholas & Leila  
Tadros, Koko & Carol  
Theofilis, Gary & Barbara  
Thompson, Steven & Thalia  
Trainor, Anne & Edward  
Tzevelekos, Greg & Evie  
Tubbs, Brian & Jennifer  
Tyre, James & Sharon  
Vamvakias, Eleanor  
Vamvakias, Plutarch & Tina  
Vanerstrom, Len & Marina  
Waldron, Rusty & Christine  
Walters, Diane  
White Philip & Kathy  
Willis, Mike & Dora  
Wilson, Jacob & Katherine  
Zazanis, George & Thalia  
Zourzoukis, John & Mildred  
Kazazakas-Levandakis-Zukerino Bakery

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