

TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

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.

Your Servant,

Father Barnabas

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-joyce 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.

We also remember:

Matthias, Apostle of the 70
Anthony of Alexandria

Apolytikion of Afterfeast of the Transfiguration in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured on the Mount, Christ God revealing Your glory to Your disciples, insofar as they could comprehend. Illuminate us sinners also with Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of light, glory to You.

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 1:12-20

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.

Psalm 98.9,1

Exalt the Lord our God.

Verse: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble

BRETHREN, our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience that we have behaved in the world, and still more toward you, with holiness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God. For we write you nothing but what you can read and understand; I hope you will understand fully, as you have understood in part, that you can be proud of us as we can be of you, on the day of the Lord Jesus. Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favor; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans like a worldly man, ready to say Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.

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Ἀδελφοί, ἡ καύχησις ἡμῶν αὕτη ἐστίν, τὸ μαρτύριον τῆς συνειδήσεως ἡμῶν, ὅτι ἐν ἀπλότῃ καὶ εἰλικρινεῖα θεοῦ, οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ σαρκικῇ ἀλλ' ἐν χάριτι θεοῦ, ἀνεστράφημεν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, περισσοτέρως δὲ πρὸς ὑμᾶς. Οὐ γὰρ ἄλλα γράφομεν ὑμῖν, ἀλλ' ἢ ἃ ἀναγινώσκετε ἢ καὶ ἐπιγινώσκετε, ἐλπίζω δὲ ὅτι καὶ ἕως τέλους ἐπιγνώσεσθε· καθὼς καὶ ἐπέγνωτε ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ μέρους, ὅτι καύχημα ὑμῶν ἐσμέν, καθάπερ καὶ ὑμεῖς ἡμῶν, ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ταύτη τῇ πεποιθήσει ἐβουλόμην ἔλθειν πρὸς ὑμᾶς τὸ πρότερον, ἵνα δευτέραν χάριν ἔχητε· καὶ δι' ὑμῶν διελθεῖν εἰς Μακεδονίαν, καὶ πάλιν ἀπὸ Μακεδονίας ἔλθειν πρὸς ὑμᾶς, καὶ ὑφ' ὑμῶν προπεμφθῆναι εἰς τὴν Ἰουδαίαν. Τοῦτο οὖν βουλευόμενος, μή τι ἄρα τῇ ἐλαφρίᾳ ἐχρησάμην; Ἦ ἃ βουλεύομαι, κατὰ σάρκα βουλεύομαι, ἵνα ἢ παρ' ἐμοὶ τὸ Ναὶ, ναὶ καὶ τὸ Οὐ, οὐ; Πιστὸς δὲ ὁ θεός, ὅτι ὁ λόγος ἡμῶν ὁ πρὸς ὑμᾶς οὐκ ἐγένετο Ναὶ καὶ οὐ. Ὁ γὰρ τοῦ θεοῦ υἱὸς Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ὁ ἐν ὑμῖν δι' ἡμῶν κηρυχθεὶς, δι' ἐμοῦ καὶ Σιλουανοῦ καὶ Τιμοθέου, οὐκ ἐγένετο Ναὶ καὶ Οὐ, ἀλλὰ Ναὶ ἐν αὐτῷ γέγονεν. Ὅσαι γὰρ ἐπαγγελίαι θεοῦ, ἐν αὐτῷ τὸ Ναί, καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ τὸ Ἀμήν, τῷ θεῷ πρὸς δόξαν δι' ἡμῶν. Ὁ δὲ βεβαιῶν ἡμᾶς σὺν ὑμῖν εἰς Χριστόν, καὶ χρίσας ἡμᾶς, θεός, ὁ καὶ σφραγισάμενος ἡμᾶς, καὶ δούς τὸν ἄρραβῶνα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν.

GOSPEL READING

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Mark 9:2-9

At that time, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.



Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παραλαμβάνει ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Πέτρον καὶ τὸν Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν Ἰωάννην καὶ ἀναφέρει αὐτοὺς εἰς ὄρος ὑψηλὸν κατ' ἰδίαν μόνους· καὶ μετεμορφώθη ἔμπροσθεν αὐτῶν, καὶ τὰ ἱμάτια αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο στίλβοντα, λευκὰ λίαν ὡς χιών, οἷα γναφεὺς ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς οὐ δύναται οὕτω λευκᾶναι. καὶ ὤφθη αὐτοῖς Ἥλιος σὺν Μωϋσεῖ, καὶ ἦσαν συλλαλοῦντες τῷ Ἰησοῦ. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος λέγει τῷ Ἰησοῦ· ραββί, καλὸν ἐστὶν ἡμᾶς ὧδε εἶναι· καὶ ποιήσωμεν σκηνὰς τρεῖς, σοὶ μίαν καὶ Μωϋσεῖ μίαν καὶ Ἠλίᾳ μίαν. οὐ γὰρ ᾔδει τί λαλήσῃ· ἦσαν γὰρ ἔκφοβοι. καὶ ἐγένετο νεφέλη ἐπισκιάζουσα αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἦλθε φωνὴ ἐκ τῆς νεφέλης λέγουσα· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱός μου ὁ ἀγαπητός· αὐτοῦ ἀκούετε. καὶ ἐξάπινα περιβλεψάμενοι οὐκέτι οὐδένα εἶδον, ἀλλὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον μεθ' ἑαυτῶν. καταβαινόντων δὲ αὐτῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄρους διεστείλατο αὐτοῖς ἵνα μηδενὶ διηγήσωνται ἃ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ ὅταν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῆ.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK

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.

*Please call the Church office for more information:
(770) 781-5250.*

TODAY, Aug 9 **10th Sunday of Matthew**
8:45 a.m. Orthos
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
After Church: Fellowship in Blue House

Wed., Aug 12 **10:00 a.m. Bible Study**
6:30 p.m. Vespers

Sat., Aug 15 **5:00 p.m. Great Vespers**

Please see Events Calendar and Announcements at the front desk for more information on church activities.



For Today:

Ushers: Gregg Pappas; Plutarch Vamvakias
Welcoming Ministry: Tina Maheras
Fellowship Hosted by: Deborah Bowen

Parish Council of 2015:

John Patrick, President; Harald Hagen, Vice President;
David Chapman, Secretary; Chris Foxhall, Treasurer;
Anthony Birozes, Kosta Bozzuto, Marie Chapman, Helen McCart, Johnny Melts, Greg Pappas, Plutarch Vamvakias, Len Vanerstrom

Acolytes:

Jacob and Jimmy Atkinson, David Druffner, Mike & Peter Jordanopolos, Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Jacob Sparks, Mike Trainor, Alex & Niko Tzevelekos, Christos Zourzoukis Senior Acolytes: Johnny Melts, Mike Manos, Dean Pryles



Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * And therefore the powers of heaven cried to You, O Giver-of-Life: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion of the Feast in the Grave Tone

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Grave Tone

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Please say a special prayer for the following Individuals:

J. Andropoulos, J and S Consos, A. Dukas,
J. Melts, N. Panos, D. Sarandis, and K. Yalanzon



"Nick Panos thanks all his friends for the many cards, emails and calls for kind best wishes and prayers for his speedy recovery after his recent hip replacement."

Please let us know in the office at officeadmin@stsrni.org if you know of any births, marriages, graduations, deaths, illnesses, or special events, so that we may keep our parish community informed.

George & Maria Andros
Jim & Angie Andropoulos
Sarante & Julie Athenson
Deane & Stephen Barnard
Anthony & Mary Birozes
Mabel Antigone Birozes
Renee Birozes
Lisa Boston
Deborah Bowen
David & Michelle Boyd
Kosta & Carolyn Bozzuto
Maria & Sean Carney
Athena Catapano
David & Marie Chapman
Russell & Chyrisse Chason
Julie Chokos
Giles & Emily Christie
Rick & Jan Christy
Connie Condos
John & Shelia Consos
Keith & Mary Druffner
Quay & Trissie Farr
Chris & Liz Foxhall
William & Hayley Fulbright
Bill & Margaret Gasper
Rob & Carey Gilbert
Robert & Jennifer Guano
Harald & Stamatia Hagen
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes
Robert & Ana Henning
Harriet Howell
Steven & Linda Hutka
Jennie Johnson
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis
Jim Kanellos
Tasso & Laura Kefalas
Soula Levendakis &
Theodoros Kazazakis
Alex Levantis
Leon & Frances Lopez
David & Lynne Lucher
Archie & Florence Lytle
Tina Maheras
Bill & Margaret Manos
Bill & Audrey Marianes
Riley Todd & Elizabeth Marvos
Al & Helen McCart
Johnny & Becky Melts
Bill & Mary Milam
Matt & Athena Miller
Nikolaos Moissiadis & Family
Patricia Morris
Nick & Teddie Panos

Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Gregory Pappas
Gus Pappas
Tom and Lillian Pappas
John & Evon Patrick
Michele Perry
Mihai & Heidi Popa
Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell
Pam Powers
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Luke and Liz Ralston
Marina Raymond
Aftan Romanczak
Mary Samaltanos
Dina Sarandis
Takanori & Kathryn Shoji
James Smith
Estelle Sofikitis
George & Anna Sofikitis
Dennis & Laura Sparks
O'Brien Statham
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou
Ed & Anne Trainor
Greg & Evie Tzevelekos
Eleanor Vamvakias
Plutarch & Tina Vamvakias
Len Vanerstrom
Rusty & Christine Waldron
Tim & Diane Walters
Katherine & Sam Yalanzon
George & Thalia Zazanis
John and Mildred Zourzoukis

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