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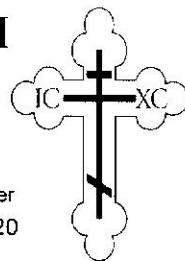
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SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 2020 – 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests ~ Welcome to St. Raphael Orthodox Church.

We are thankful for your visit and for praying with us. Please join us for Brunch at Myrrhbearers Hall following Divine Liturgy. We would like to get to know you. Please sign our Guest Book!

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun.: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM
Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM
Afterfeast of Theophany

Tue.: Vespers in the Villages 6:30 PM
St. George Episcopal, 1250 Paige Place

Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM

Sat.: Great Vespers 4:00 PM

*Please bring a
Donation of food
each Sunday for
the Citrus County
Family Resource
Center*

*Please invite our
visitors to join you
at Brunch in
Myrrhbearers Hall*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Hebrews 11:17-23; 27-31, Mark 8:11-29
Tue: Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25, Mark 8:22-26
Wed: James 1:1-18, Mark 8:30-34
Thu: James 1:19-27, Mark 9:10-16
Fri: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Matthew 11:27-30, Hebrews 13:17-21, Luke 6:17-23, James 2:1-13, Mark 9:33-41
Sat: Colossians 1:3-6, Luke 14:1-11

+EPISTLE+ (Ephesians 4:7-13) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Choir Practice - Sunday 9:00 AM & Monday 2:30 PM

+GOSPEL+ (Matthew 4:12-17) Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Holy Myrrhbearer Meeting today after Brunch

Practice Christianity every day with each person you meet and each word you say. Christ spoke saying: But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

St. Mat. 15:18 Readings: St. Mat. 15:16-20. St. Mark 7:18-23, St. James 3:5-12, Prov. 18:2-29:20R

The 2020 Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Sunday, January 26, 2020, in the Temple after Divine Liturgy. Copies of the agenda, proposed budget & the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting minutes are available in the narthex. Please study them before the meeting.

Nominations for officers, council members & audit committee members are being sought. Please use the form in the narthex to nominate yourself or others and put it in the box provided.

THE GIFTS - JAN. 5

Attendance 54

Regular Offerings	1472
Candles	69
Brunch	76
Charity - St. Tikhon	278

Sincere thanks to Michael & Sandra Saxe for their generous \$1000 donation
(Nick Borick's niece & nephew)

We sincerely thank the Charles E. Davis Funeral Home for its ongoing quarterly donation

VIGIL CANDLES - JANUARY 5

Nancy Kinley - Memory of Steven. Health of Bill, Julianna, Jakob, Zoe, Jim, Peter, Margaret, Mary Ann, Judy, Paul, Fr. Sergious, Dolores.

Margaret & Ken Wagner - Health of Sue Ekwall, Jennie Everson. Memory of our son Michael, Gerard.

Nicholas Borick - Health of Dolores, Ben, Isidora, Susan & Martin, Nick & Pat, Margaret.

ST. NINA THE EVANGELIZER

When we think of areas that might be considered “cradles of Christianity,” it is unlikely that the province of Georgia (in Asia) comes to mind! It may surprise you, then, to learn that the Christian Church there can trace her roots back to the 4th century. Even more amazing is the fact that our Saviour’s Gospel was brought to this remote region by a slave girl, who we reverently refer to now as ST. NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES!

Nina’s early life is a mystery to us. We do know, however, that at a young age, she was captured in battle and bound over to slavery in Georgia. It was difficult being a Christian among pagans who paid homage to the god Amazi. Still, Nina prayed constantly for the conversion of her captors.

It is said that the Lord blessed Nina with healing powers, and word of this spread to the Queen, who had been crippled for years. The royal servants sought out Nina and brought the Queen to her. Incredibly, Nina was able to make her whole again! Returning to King Mirian, the Queen embraced Christianity and sought to convince her husband to do the same. Although skeptical of this “new religion” at first, King Mirian, after miraculously being delivered from being lost in a fog-shrouded forest, became a follower of Christ also.

King Mirian immediately embarked on a mission to build churches throughout his kingdom. Nina, in turn, tirelessly travelled to all parts of this rugged land, carrying Christ’s message to all who would listen.

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