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## ST. RAPHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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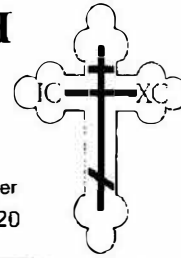
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**SUNDAY, JAN. 19, 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6.**  
**Venerable Macarius the Great of Egypt (390).**

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

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: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3,  
Matthew 11:27-30, Hebrews 13:17-21,  
Luke 6:17-23, James 2:14-26, Mark  
9:42-10:1

Tue: James 3:1-10, Mark 10:2-12

Wed: James 3:11-4:6; Mark 10:11-16

Thu: James 4:7-5:9, Mark 10:17-27

Fri: 1 Peter 1:1-2; 10-12; 2:6-10, Mark  
10:23-32

Sat: Proverbs 3; 8; 10, Solomon 4:7-15; 6;  
7; 8; 9, John 10:1-16, 1 Corinthians  
12:7-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23, Luke  
16:10-15

**+EPISTLE+ (1 Timothy 1:15-17) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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

**+GOSPEL+ (Luke 18:35-43)** Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**The 2020 Annual Parish Meeting is being held next Sunday,**  
**January 26, 2020, in the Temple after Divine Liturgy. Coffee and**  
**sandwiches will be provided in the Conference Room.**

**Copies of the Agenda, Proposed Budget & the 2019 Annual Parish**  
**Meeting minutes are available in the narthex. Please take home**  
**copies to read and study before the meeting.**

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 GIFTS -JAN. 6**

Theophany Attendance 22  
 Regular Offerings 579  
 Candles 31  
 Brunch 54

#### **THE GIFTS -JAN.12**

Attendance 56  
 Regular Offerings 508  
 Candles 113  
 Brunch 92

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

#### **VIGIL CANDLES - JANUARY 12**

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

**Susanna & Martin Bane - Health of**  
**Fr. Sergious and all parishioners of**  
**St. Raphael.**



## A MODEL OF MEEKNESS

**T**oday we feature a saint whose life teaches us that greatness often lies merely in doing simple things to the very best of our abilities. St. Euthymius is given the distinction of being referred to as "the Great," even though he spent most of his life in obscurity.

**ST. EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT** was born in Militene of Armenia in 377 A.D. Blessed with a firm desire to totally dedicate his life to serving the Lord, he was ordained to the holy priesthood at the tender age of 19. Devoted to the monastic way of life, Euthymius soon withdrew into the wilderness between Jerusalem and Jericho. He lived in a cave, filling his life with prayer and meditation. His reputation for piety and spirituality spread rapidly, and pilgrims from far and near sought him out, eager to receive his wise counsel. He became well-known for his profound spiritual sayings, always emphasizing the importance of love and humility in one's life. A follower of strict ascetic practices, Euthymius would leave his cave each Lent and retire to the desert, where he would remain in solitude until Pascha.

St. Euthymius the Great was blessed by the Lord with longevity of years. He died in 473 A.D. at the age of 97. His final request was that the monastery which had been founded near his cave would always keep its gates open to visitors, offering warmth and hospitality to all who entered.

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