





ST. RAPHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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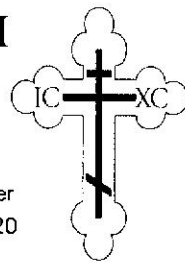
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SUNDAY, JAN. 26, 2020 – 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.
New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.

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

Next Sunday Divine Liturgy:
Entrance of Jesus Christ into the Temple

*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: Proverbs 3; 8; 10, Solomon 2; 4; 6; 7;
8; 9, John 10:1-16, Hebrews 7:26-8:2,
James 2:14-26, Mark 10:46-52

Tue: James 3:1-10, Mark 11:11-23

Wed: James 3:11-4:6, Mark 11:22-26

Thu: Deuteronomy 1:8-11; 15-17; 10:14-21,
Solomon 3:1-9, John 10:9-16, Hebrews
13:7-16, Matthew 5:14-19, James 4:7-
5:9, Mark 11:27-33

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

Sat: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23, Luke 17:3-10

+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+ (Matthew 15:21-28) Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Stay for the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting today in the Temple after Divine Liturgy. Coffee & sandwiches in the Conference Room.

Save the Date! St. Raphael Saint Day Luncheon on Sunday, February 23 (Meatfare) after Divine Liturgy.

Join us at the Citrus Hills Country Club. Door prizes, 50/50 raffle

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. 19

Attendance 63

Regular Offerings	913
Vespers (1/14)	48
Candles	107
Brunch	39
Charity	\$10

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

VIGIL CANDLES - JANUARY 19

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

Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna, Jakob, Zoe, Peter, Dolores, Judy & Paul, Fr. Sergious, MaryAnn & Wolfgang on their 35th anniversary.

Nick & Pat Borick - Health of Elaine, Dolores, Isidora, Mary Ann, Rosemarie, Nancy, Nick & Pat

Charles & MaryAnn Buettner - Health of Bob & JoAnn, Betty.

Paul & Judy Besserman - Memory of Steve. Health of Judy, SD Paul, Jim Good, Andy.

THE WORD "CHURCH" HAS PROFOUND MEANINGS



In old Testament times, Almighty God commanded that a special place be set aside and dedicated for worship and prayer. God gave specific instructions for the construction and decoration of that temple. The Bible records that people gladly responded by giving for this purpose.

A church is the **HOUSE OF GOD**. Large or small, ornate or simple, it is the dwelling place of the Almighty. Our Lord once said: *"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I amongst them."* So, we try to make the church a lovely place, inside and out. We decorate with icons and furnishings. In truth, we try to make the temple building *"a heaven on earth."*

It is necessary to comment that the word "church" means much more besides a building. People make up a parish, people who believe that *"Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God."* The Church is a world-wide community of faithful which carries on the work of Christ, fulfilling His command: *"Go and teach all nations . . . baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."*

Let us, then, love the church, our birthplace into the Christian life. May we embrace the spirit of one of the Psalms: *"I was glad when they said to me, let us go into the house of the Lord."*

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