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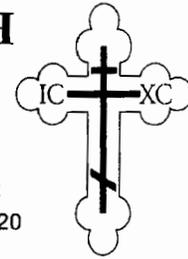
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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020 – 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2.
Leavetaking of the Dormition.**

**SERVICES HAVE RESUMED!
PLEASE REGISTER BEFOREHAND
IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND.**

SAT. Vespers 4PM or SUN. Liturgy 10AM

Fr John Chudik can be reached by email
at: frjohnatstraphaels@gmail.com

or you can call or text his
cell phone: **941-920-2708.**

Please identify yourself as a Saint
Raphael parishioner.

*We are asking
parishioners to please
respect the fact that
Fr. Sergious is on
medical leave and not
try to contact him. He
is to be fully away from
the church at this time.
He is not answering his
phone or reading texts
or emails sent from
parishioners, as is
required.*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2 Corinthians 5:10-15, Mark 1:9-15
Tue: 2 Corinthians 5:15-21, Mark 1:16-22
Wed: 2 Corinthians 6:11-16, Mark 1:23-28
Thu: 2 Corinthians 7:1-10, Mark 1 29-35
Fri: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3,
Matthew 11:27-30, Galatians 5:22-6:2,
Luke 6:17-23, 2 Corinthians 7:10-16,
Mark 2:18-22
Sat: Isaiah 40; 41; 45; 48; 54, Malachi 3; 4,
Solomon 4; 5, Matthew 14:1-13;
20:29-34, Acts 13:25-33, Mark 6:14-30,
1 Corinthians 1:26-29

+EPISTLE+ (1 Corinthians 9:2-12) If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

+EPISTLE, Theotokos+ (Philippians 2:5-11) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

+GOSPEL+ (Matthew 18:23-35) “Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

+GOSPEL, Theotokos+ (Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28) Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

<p>THE GIFTS- AUG. 16 Attendance Dormition – 16 Sunday - 20 Regular Offerings 481 Candles 63</p> <hr/> <p><i>God Grant You Many Years!</i> Joyce Ann and Michael Ornac – Chrismated on Aug. 16, 2020.</p> <hr/> <p><i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i></p>	<p>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS Thomas Brown - St. Day Aug. 12 Child of God Sienna Brown-Aug.12 Zina Juskin - August 15 Harry Jordhamo Aug.20/Sandy 22 Robert King - August 22 James Good Aug.29 & Rita Aug.22 Margaret Wagner - August 25 Child of God Eva Brown - Aug. 26 Mona Fisher - Aug. 26 Fr. John Chudik - Saint Day - August 29 - St. John the Baptist</p>	<p>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES Barry and Bianca Lee - August 15 Nick & Pat Borick - August 22 Tom & Alethia Brown - August 22 Bill & Nancy Kinley - August 31</p> <hr/> <p>CHOIR PRACTICE AT 9:00 AM ON SUNDAY MORNING</p> <hr/> <p>Please consider using the dosoca.org website to make on-line donations with a credit card send your weekly offering to: St. Raphael, 1277 N. Paul Dr., Inverness, FL 34453</p>
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A PROPHET OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

A large number of those who believe in God are not completely familiar with both the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS. We have all heard of the more popular Prophets such as Moses, Elias, Daniel and David. Emerging from the pages of the OLD TESTAMENT, today we focus on PROPHET SAMUEL.

This wise man was an instrument of God who lived eleven hundred years before Christ. He was the last Judge of the Israelites and anointed their first two Kings. He was born to the barren woman Hannah. This gift from above was named Samuel, meaning "Heard by God." Being the fruit of Hannah's prayers, she dedicated him to God when he was around three years old.

Samuel grew up in a pious environment, eventually being chosen as protector of the Israelites. He judged them with holiness and righteousness. He displayed leadership by counseling both kings and military leaders. Samuel realized the need for a central leader of his people whose tribal disunity was impairing their service to God. Many ascribe to him the authorship of the Books of Judges and Ruth, and of the first 24 Chapters of the First Book of Kings.

Through Prophets, God has instructed and prepared us for future Incarnation and ultimately universal salvation. Our Faith was established by wise and educated people who interpreted the Holy Scriptures accurately and who enlightened us with inspired teachings. Let their words serve as our light and foundation, guiding us thru our earthly journey.