

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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Sunday, December 4, 2011

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Great Martyr Barbara (+306); Righteous John of Damascus (+745); Martyr Juliana at Heliopolis in Syria (+306); Gennadios, Archbishop of Novgorod (+1505); Seraphim, Bishop of Phanar (+1601)

The Bread of the Offering (*Prosphoro*) was prepared by Helen Amlin.

Parish Council Ushers: Craig Clawson / Zach Sideris / Lou Sinos

Community Ushers: Sam and Maria Koliopoulos

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

From on high did You descend, O Merciful Lord. For us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from passions in this world. You who are our resurrection and our life, glory unto You, O Lord.

Entrance Hymn (Second Tone): Come, let us bow down to Christ, as we worship Him, the Son of God. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, "Alleluia!"

Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Fourth Tone) - *Repeat*

Hymn of St. Barbara (Fourth Tone)

Let us honor the holy Barbara, for as a bird she escaped the snares of the enemy, and crushed them through the Cross as her help and shield.

Hymn of St. John of Damascus (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

As a guide of Orthodoxy, a teacher of piety and true worship, you became a luminary for the world and an inspired model of the monastic life. O wise father John, as a harp of the spirit you have enlightened all by your teachings. Intercede to Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Hymn of St. John the Baptizer (Second Tone)

A righteous man is remembered with praise, for you Forerunner the Lord's witness is enough. You were shown to be greater in honor than the prophets, being privileged to baptize in the stream the One you had foretold. Therefore, rejoicing, you suffered for the

Neighborhood Lunches: Community meals are held every Saturday for residents of the Park Avenue Neighborhood at First Baptist Church (421 Park Avenue). The Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha (POCCO) will sponsor and server the meal this Saturday, December 10. They will be preparing food here at St. John's on Wednesday, December 7 and Friday, December 9. Please contact Walker Plank (402-301-3609) for details.



Remember the Food Pantry!

During the month of December, please bring baby food, baby cereal, formula, and diapers. All food items are always welcome. It's a baby shower for the Savior!

St. John's Church School Christmas Pageant



The Incarnation: Prophecy Fulfilled

Sunday, December 18
following the Divine Liturgy

Please come and support our youth as they show us the greatest gift of all.

Saint John's Christmas Cookie Walk!!!

Sunday, December 11
following the Divine Liturgy

Pick your selections
from a variety of
Cookie delights
at only
\$10.00 a pound!

Great for Holiday Parties
or Santa Treats!



* Proceeds to the Renovation Fund.

sake of truth, and proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, that God had appeared in the flesh to take away the sin of the world, and grant our souls His great mercy.

Kontakion Hymn of the Nativity of our Lord (Third Tone)

The virgin on this day comes to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, therefore, O earth, at the message. With the angels and the shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is God before the ages.



The Readings

Epistle: Galatians 3:23 - 4:5 (p. 205 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (p. 82 in the pew Bibles)

Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is available for a sponsor.

Church School classes will meet following Holy Communion and end at 12:00 noon. All children and families should plan to attend a mandatory rehearsal for the Christmas program next Sunday, December 11, following classes. Our children and staff will present the Christmas program on December 18.

Parish Council Elections for four members of the 2012-2014 Parish Council will be held today following the Divine Liturgy until 3:00 p.m. in the downstairs children's room. The candidates are Craig S. Clawson, Jon Bergren, Gus Matheakis, Niki Kuvetakis, Jay Mulkey, Zoe Matsukis White, Christopher Sinos, Michael G. Kreekos, and Helen Nick.

Share in the Spirit of the Season: Our Philoptochos will distribute a limited number of food baskets from the SHARE food program to neighborhood families for Christmas. The Christmas dinner packages come with all the fixings to cook a meal for six. Please contact the church office if you would like to donate \$28 for a basket.

Congratulations to Jay and Dina (Sakkas) Mulkey for the birth of their son, Yianni Richard Mulkey, on December 11. Yianni is the brother of Eliana and the grandson of John and Demetra Sakkas, Lousie (Barelos) Turkel, and Richard Mulkey.

Parish Christmas Card: Take the opportunity to convey Christmas greetings to our entire community. The deadline is December 19. 'Tis the Season to decorate our house of worship! You may sponsor poinsettias for \$10 / each. Please sign up today.

Tour News: Upcoming tour dates include December 8 (5:15 p.m.), December 16 (5:15 p.m.), and December 17 (12:00 noon).

Make plans now to attend the Metropolis of Chicago Western Region Family Basketball Tournament, February 10-12, 2012 in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, please contact Charlie Tsatsos. Team Spirit ... Pass it on!

Pray Healing for Gus Sinos.




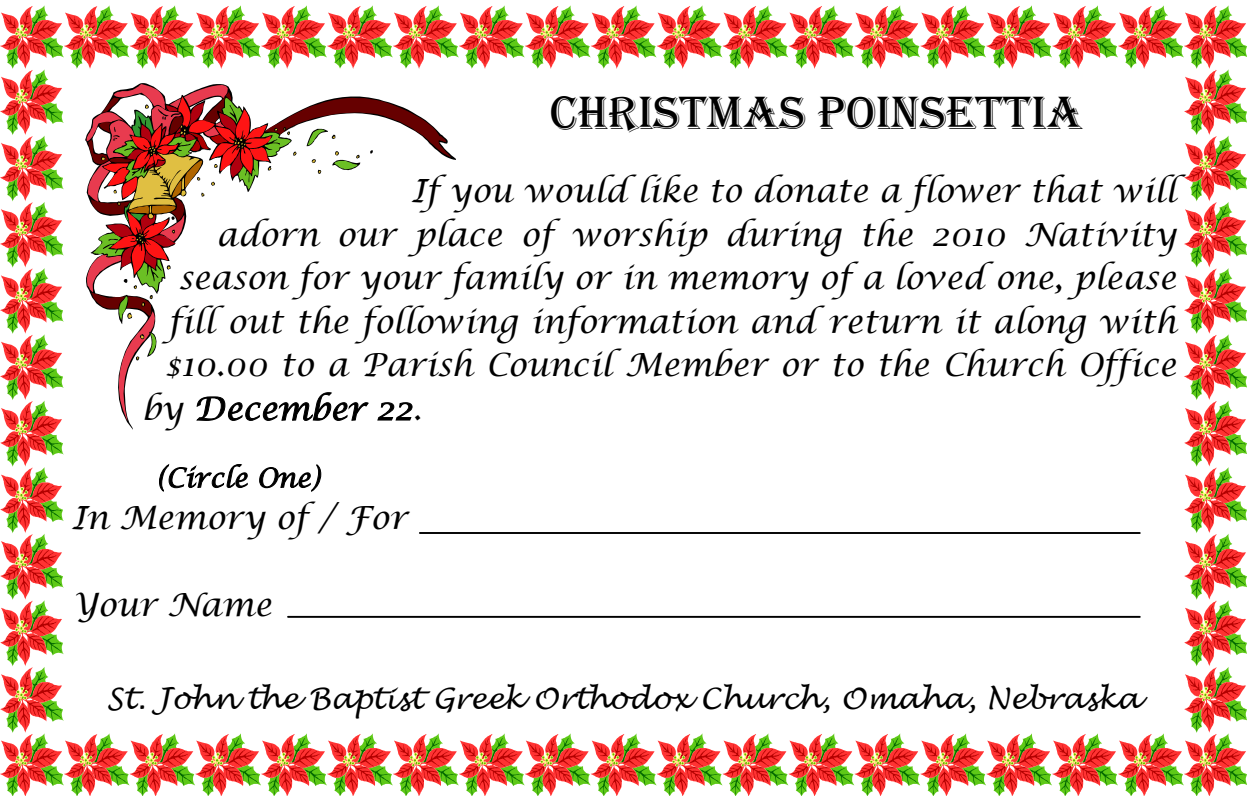
St. John's Community CHRISTMAS Card

We are preparing the Annual Community Christmas Card at St. John's. For \$25, you and your family can be included in the beautiful expression of joy and unity in our faith that is mailed out to the entire community for the Christmas season.

Please sign your name in the way you want it to appear on the card and return this form, along with \$25 to a Parish Council Member or to the Church Office by December 19, 2011.

Name: _____

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

If you would like to donate a flower that will adorn our place of worship during the 2010 Nativity season for your family or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the following information and return it along with \$10.00 to a Parish Council Member or to the Church Office by December 22.

(Circle One)
In Memory of / For _____

Your Name _____

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Omaha, Nebraska

BAKLAVA BAKE SALE



One Dozen Baklava..... \$20.00
9 x 13 Pan (Approx. 35-40 pieces)..... \$40.00

Orders and money must be received by December 6, 2011

PICKUP DATES:

Saturday, December 17th – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18th – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Checks payable to “Philoptochos Society”

To order, please call church office – 345-7103
or
Elaine Poulos (712-323-9407)
Mary Stom – 496-3588 (H) or 670-1842 ©

Mail Orders to:

St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

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Please fill out and mail to Church office along with payment.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE # _____

QUANTITY OF BAKLAVA _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Looking Ahead...			
Today	12/4	Parish Council Elections	11:30 a.m.
Tuesday	12/6	Divine Liturgy - St. Nicholas	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	12/7	Prayer Group / Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	12/8	Tour Group	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12/10	Neighborhood Lunch at First Baptist Sponsored by POCCO	11:00 a.m.
Sunday	12/11	Matins (Ushers: Team A)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prosporo</i> : TBA)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Paul and Annie Kosel) Christmas Program Rehearsal / Cookie Walk	
Monday	12/12	Divine Liturgy - St. Spyridon	10:00 a.m.