

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 30, 2011

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Hieromartyr Zenobios and his sister Zenobia (+285); Cleopas and Artemas of the Seventy Apostles (+1st c.); Joseph, Patriarch of Constantinople; Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse; Eutropia of Alexandria

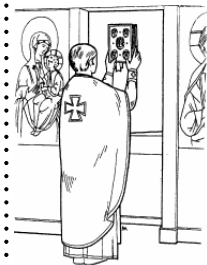
The Bread of the Offering (*Prophoro*) was prepared by Olympia Axiotes.

Parish Council Ushers: Cathy Miedl / Joe Potratz / Elizabeth Haddad / Nick Koliopoulos

Community Ushers: Spiros and Helen Katsiris

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Third Tone)

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has he delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

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 (Third Tone) - Repeat

Hymn of the Martyrs (Fourth Tone)

By their struggles, O Lord, Your martyrs have received imperishable crowns from You, our God. Armed with Your might they defeated tyrants and crushed the arrogance of demons. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, save 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 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.

Treats for Troops

List of Suggested Items for the 2011 Holiday Boxes
(Watch for Sales Throughout the Year and Please only SMALL Items)
DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

- Board Games (Checkers, Sorry, Scrabble, etc.).
- Unsigned Holiday / Christmas Cards with envelopes for the soldiers to address and send to their loved ones back home.
- Wrapped Christmas Candy (such as candy canes, etc.) for the stockings.
- Holiday Paper Products - Napkins and Paper Plates.
- Lightweight Garland that could be used to decorate the mess halls or tents - small Christmas Decorations.
- Holiday CDs, Holiday Movie DVDs, such as Christmas Vacation, comedies and those the soldiers might enjoy - New and Used.
- Holiday Potpourri (pine and holiday scent).
- Card Games such as UNO, Phase 10, Rook, Skip Bo.
- Games like Yahtzee, Cribbage, Dominoes (if they are lightweight sets), Puzzle Books such as Word Search, Crossword and Sudoku. (Reminder: Box is only 12" x 12" x 5 1/2")
- Small Dart Boards, hackie Sacks, Electronic Handheld Games, Minifans, Small Flashlights.
- Small Foam Footballs or Basketballs - A Frisbee could be a welcome gift...Baseball Hats.
- Batteries (AA, AAA, 3 Volt Lithium, 9 Volt).
- Stationery and Envelopes.
- Small Tubes of Moisturizing Cream, Small Cans of Febreze, Nice Bars of Soap.
- Nail Polish, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Body Wash.
- Anything else that you can think of that would fit into the Christmas Stockings or the boxes that might bring a smile to their faces!
- 2012 Calendars - They like to mark off their days until they are home.
- We cannot send religious items of any kind.
- We cannot send any suggestive reading material.

HOLIDAY COMFORT BOXES - FREE STUFF

Bet you have some - look around your home - ask your neighbors or friends.

- Calendars (any size) from charitable organizations and business.
- Unused Holiday Cards - Deployed troops are not charged postage. We received great feedback that they are able to send holiday greetings back to their loved ones in the states.
- Unused Stationery, Note Pads and Envelopes - Some of us have received thank you notes from soldiers on what we might consider scratch paper. Many don't have access to a base.
- Travelers - If you've recently traveled...Disposable Razors, Lotions, Shampoos, Aspirin, etc.
- Holiday Decorations/ CDs, DVDs - Lightweight Garland to decorate their quarters, tents.
- Letters or cards of support - we always include in our boxes. The ones kids write are great!

Please see the display on the table in the second floor hallway.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At the Autumn Parish Assembly, parishioners will ratify nominations for the election of candidates to the 2012 St. John's Parish Council. To assist the assembly in finding parishioners willing to serve on the Parish Council next year, please review the information below and consider placing your name in nomination to serve on the Parish Council. The term of service for a member of the Parish Council is three years. Three or four members of the council are elected each year to maintain a rotating schedule of service. Four members will be elected this year.

Qualifications to serve as a member of the St. John's Parish Council

1. A parishioner must be a communicant member in good standing in terms of sacramental life, canonical standing, and stewardship obligations.
 - Sacramental Life – must attend church services regularly and participate in the sacraments, including Confession and Holy Communion; uphold the teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Church.
 - Canonical Standing – if married, marriage must be blessed by the Church; if divorced, must have an ecclesiastical divorce; may not be living together outside of marriage or in any other relationship contrary to the teachings of the faith.
 - Stewardship – must be a steward of the St. John Parish for at least one year prior to the date of election.
2. If elected, Parish Council members are required to take the following affirmation:
“I do solemnly affirm that I will uphold the dogmas, teachings, traditions, holy canons, discipline, worship, and moral principles of the Greek Orthodox Church, as well as the Charter and Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and that I will fulfill faithfully and sincerely the duties and obligations required of a member of the Parish Council. So help me God.”
3. All candidates must attend a seminar conducted by the priest prior to the election at which the priest will discuss the Uniform Parish Regulations and explain them to the candidates, particularly the affirmation of office.

Please prayerfully consider serving our parish as a candidate for the Parish Council this fall and contact the church office for an application.

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:Kontakion Hymn (Second Tone)

:A protection of Christians who cannot be put to shame, intercessor to our Holy Maker,
:unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for:
:you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to:
:intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, *Theotokos*, for those:
:who honor you.



The Readings

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 (p. 203 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (p. 86 in the pew Bibles)

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:Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy:
:in the fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by George & Cathy:
:Miedl in honor of Gianna's 6th birthday.

:We extend a special welcome to Fr. Robert (Haralambos) and Presbytera Sophia:
:(Theophilopoulos) Spaliatsos who are joining us today for the Divine Liturgy.
:Church School classes will meet following Holy Communion and end at 12:00 noon.

:Mark your calendar: Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held next Sunday,
:November 6 following the Divine Liturgy together with a *souvlaki* luncheon for a:
:free will offering. Agenda items will include a festival report, real property:
:updates and developments, proposal for repairs in the church, the 2012 Budget,
:and nominations for the Parish Council. Stewards must have submitted a:
:commitment card and be current in their stewardship offerings (fulfilled at:
:least 75% of commitment) in order to vote at the Parish Assembly.

:Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Philoptochos will be held on Sunday,
:November 13. All workers (or anyone else) come in your Thanksgiving "garb".

:Say Thanks and be Giving: Our Philoptochos will distribute a limited number of:
:food baskets from the SHARE food program to neighborhood families for:
:Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving 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.

:Attention, parents (and grandparents)! There is always HOPE. A play group -:
:and more - HOPE is a ministry for infants through four years old and those:
:entrusted with their care. Join us for playtime, music, icons, and stories on:
:Thursday, November 3, at 10:30 a.m.

: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!
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Join us for a Pan Orthodox Book Study

LIVING THE FAITH

THE *PRAXIS* OF EASTERN ORTHODOX ETHICS



Monday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
through November 21

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Book by the Rev. Dr. Stanley Samuel Harakas
Please contact the St. John's church office
to purchase the book (Cost: \$25). Quantities
are limited - get your copy today!



Sponsored by the Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha

Plan to attend our traditional

Thanksgiving Luncheon



Sunday, November 13
following the Divine Liturgy

Tickets: \$10 / adults and \$5 / children

Sponsored by the St. John's Philoptochos Society



Explore the

GOSPEL OF JOHN

Fall Prayer Group and Bible Study

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.

Next Session: November 2

Looking Ahead...

Monday	10/31	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11/1	Feast of SS. Cosmas and Damian	No Services
Wednesday	11/2	Prayer Group / Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	11/3	HOPE Greek School	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	11/6	Matins (Ushers: Team B) Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Helen Nick) (Ushers: Parish Council) Parish Assembly and <i>Souvlaki</i> Luncheon	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.