

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 15, 2012

“Share the Light” Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost; Righteous John the “Hut-Dweller” (+5th c.); Venerable Paul of Thebes (+341); Pansophios the Martyr of Alexandria (+249)

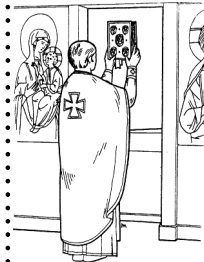
The Bread of the Offering (*Prophoro*) was prepared by Helen Amlin.

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

Community Ushers: Sofia Kuehn / Helen Murray

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Second Tone)

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. O You who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

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 Second Tone) - Repeat

Hymn of St. John the Hut-Dweller (Fourth Tone)

O most blessed John, since your youth you have fervently desired the things of the Lord. Leaving the world and its pleasures you became an example of the ascetic life. You set your hut before your parents' gate and overcame the snares of the demons. Therefore, Christ Himself has glorified you!

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, for you were privileged to baptize in the stream the One you had foretold. Therefore, rejoicing, you suffered for the sake of truth, and you 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.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Help Our Parish Become Souper Bowl Champions!

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2012, team up with our parish's youth to help the needy in our community and around the world. Help our team in the “Souper Bowl of Caring” by bringing one dollar and a canned good with you to the Divine Liturgy. Please support this effort and help our parish become Souper Bowl Champions!



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Today is *Share the Light Sunday*, the day that Orthodox parishes throughout North America are asked to raise awareness about the work of our Church's official media ministry, The Orthodox Christian Network. As a commissioned agency of the Assembly of Canonical



Bishops of North and Central America, the Mission of OCN is to strengthen the Orthodox communities of North America and to share the timeless faith of Orthodoxy with the contemporary world by using modern media: radio, the Internet, podcasts, and more.

The Flagship program of the Network, "Come Receive the Light" highlights the faithful work of the many ministries and individuals of our Church and has now been broadcasting for 16 years. In addition, the Orthodox Christian Network hosts 18 podcast channels, 3 24/7 online radio stations and an Orthodox blog.

The Orthodox Christian Network asks that our parish please help the ministry in fulfilling its mission of sharing our Orthodox Faith by passing a tray on Share the Light Sunday. Just as importantly, we can support OCN by listening to its programs and by praying for the ministry's continued health and growth.



Archbishop Iakovos marches with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Selma, Alabama on March 15, 1965.

Stewardship 2012

Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time, talents, and treasures to our parish for the coming year and return your commitment card today. Help us meet our goal of \$172,000 which is necessary to sustain the ministries of our community. Watch for details regarding online contributions. Offering envelopes for adults and children are available to assist you in fulfilling your commitment. If you wish to receive a set of envelopes or have any questions about our stewardship program, contact Elaine Schall at (402) 498-0306 or e-mail eschall@aol.com.

Kontakion Hymn of the Presentation of our Lord (First Tone)

O Christ our God, by Your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and as is proper, did bless the arms of Simeon. Having come to save us, preserve Your people in their struggles and strengthen those in authority, as the One who loves mankind.



The Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 (p. 219 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (p. 87 in the pew Bibles)

Memorial Prayers - May His Memory be Eternal!

Petros Petrihos (3 years), beloved husband of Connie Petrihos; father of Presbyteria Helen (Fr. Peter) Pappas and Vasili Petrihos; grandfather of five.

Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by Robert and Michel Thornhill, celebrating Marina's tenth birthday.

Church School classes will meet following Holy Communion until 12:00 noon.

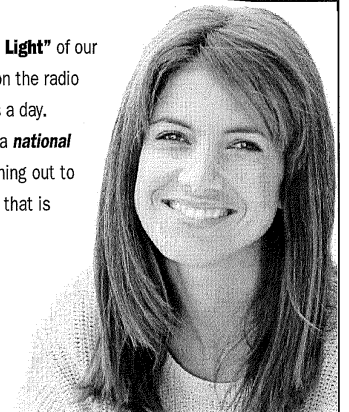
Join us during the new year as we explore the Gospel of John at our prayer group and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Condolences to Robert (Michel) Thornhill whose father, Robert F. Thornhill, Sr. fell asleep in the Lord on January 1 in West Dundee, Illinois. May his memory be eternal!

Make plans now to attend the Metropolis of Chicago Western Region Family Basketball Tournament, February 10-12 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Hotel reservations should be made ASAP and the deadline for the discount meal package is January 27. **There is now a Junior Orthodox Youth division open to children ages 7-12.** For more information, please contact Charlie Tsatsos.

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Join us as we "**Share the Light**" of our Orthodox Christian faith on the radio and the Internet 24 hours a day. Together, we are building a **national media presence** and reaching out to everyone with a message that is engaging, accessible and Christ-centered.



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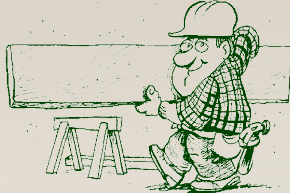
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Pardon our dust



In accordance with the decision of the Fall Parish Assembly, we are now completing repairs of plaster and painting of the ceiling in the choir loft.



In early February, artist and iconographer Euripides Kastaris of St. Louis (the creator of our centennial *Deisis* and St. John icons) will be coming to install two new icons on the east wall in the choir loft. These icons of SS. Constantine and Helen have been donated by Mr. Constantine Sinos in memory of Helen Sinos. Come and see these exciting enhancements to our place of worship!

Looking Ahead...

Today	1/15	Ehler Baptism	2:00 p.m.
Monday	1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Tuesday	1/17	Parish Council	6:30 p.m.
		Pan Orthodox Christian Council at All Holy Spirit Church (90th & Q)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	1/18	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	1/19	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1/22	Matins (Ushers: Team A)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Suzanne Holczer Rief) (Ushers: Dr. Michael G. and Elizabeth Kreekos)	10:00 a.m.
		Sanctity of Life Sunday	