

**St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

*Sanctity of Life Sunday*

**Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost;** Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (+1st c.); Holy Martyr Anastasios the Persian (+7th c.); Venerable Euthymios the Great (January 20); Righteous Maximos the Confessor (January 21)

The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Suzanne Holczer Rief.

Parish Council Ushers: Elizabeth Haddad / Jon Bergren / Cathy Miedl / Joe Potratz

Community Ushers: Dr. & Mrs. Michael G. Kreekos

**The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Hymns of the Entrance**



Resurrectional Hymn (Grave Tone)

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

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 (Grave Tone) - *Repeat*

Hymn of St. Timothy (Fourth Tone)

Having learned goodness and temperance in all things, you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a pastor of souls. From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries. You kept the faith and maintained the narrow path, O Apostle Timothy. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Hymn of St. Anastasios (Fourth Tone)

Your martyr, O Lord, through his struggle has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. Armed with your might he defeated the adversaries and crush the arrogance of demons. Through his intercessions, O Christ our God, save our souls.



**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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Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Holy Way of Orthodoxy:

Glory be to Jesus Christ ... forever!

The Sheltering Tree mission and ministry moves forward!



We have secured gifts and grants worth over \$1,500,000, which we can begin to draw upon to build the first(!)

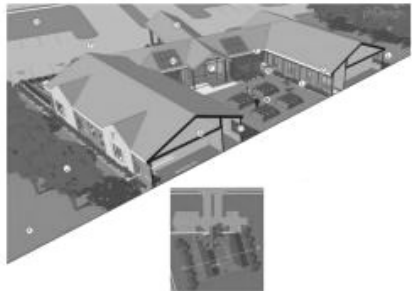
Sheltering Tree Residential Community for men and women with developmental disabilities.

The site will be on Galvin Road in Bellevue (just across the street from Stella's Restaurant). The building concept was developed by Timothy Hemseth, architect on the faculty of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. The architect who will actually do the design with building plans is Stanley J. How Architects of Omaha. Our general contractor is Tate Construction, Omaha. Dawn Kanney, Omaha, is our interior designer. As soon as Housing and Urban Development, our major source of funding, releases the granted funds, we can break ground. (You will be invited!) His Grace, Bishop BASIL, (Antiochian Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America), will try to be with us for that happy event! God willing, we will begin to build this Spring, looking to a "grand opening" and Blessing of the Building, ready for the residents, very early in 2013.

Can you help? Of course! By your prayers. With your offerings. And, by volunteering for one of our committees, such as:

- Public Relations
- Annual Golf Tournament
- A Summer *Grisanti's* Fund Raising Dinner
- Developing our **A**rts, **B**usiness, **L**ife Enhancement and **E**ducation Center

And finally, the Sheltering Tree is, in fact, the Tree of the Holy Cross. We have a conscious Orthodox Christian base. All of the area Orthodox priests are *ex officio* members of our Board of Directors. The Holy Spirit and our Christian faith have guided and sustained us in coming as far as we have and, God willing, will continue to do so. Both myself and our President, Shirley McNally (402-679-4444), welcome your questions and comments.



Sincerely,

The Very Rev. Father F. Stephen Walinski  
Vice President and Spiritual Advisor  
402-573-6538

January 2012

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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.

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: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 (p. 227 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Adam Oleson

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 (p. 89 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.

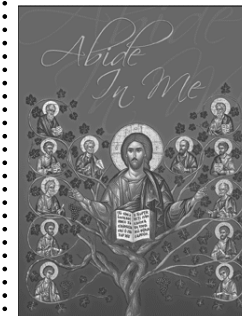
**Church School** classes will meet following Holy Communion until 12:00 noon.

**Congratulations** to Thomas and Tatiana Ehler for the baptism of their son, Brian Nicholas, on January 15 here at St. John's. Stanley Ehler is the sponsor.

**Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian:** We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, January 25, 10:00 a.m.

**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.

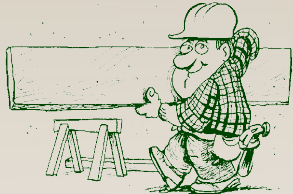
**Godparent Sunday:** Please invite Godparents, Godchildren, and Marriage Sponsors (*Koumbaroi*) to worship together on February 5.



**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](mailto:eschall@aol.com).



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...***

Wednesday	1/25	Divine Liturgy - St. Gregory	10:00 a.m.
Thursday	1/26	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1/29	Matins (Ushers: Team B)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy ( <i>Prosporo</i> : Connie Petrihos)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Steve & Niki Kuvetakis)	
		Memorial Prayers / Three Hierarchs Program	
Monday	1/30	Feast of the Three Hierarchs - No Services	
Wednesday	2/1	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	2/2	Divine Liturgy - Presentation	10:00 a.m.