

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 29, 2012

Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Recovery of the Relics of the Holy Martyr Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch (+107); Martyr Philotheos of Samosata and his Companions; Laurence of the Kiev Caves; New Martyr Demetrios of Chios (+1802)

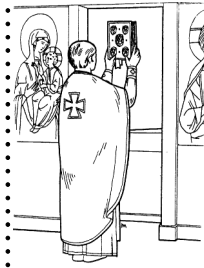
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Connie Petrihos.

Parish Council Ushers: Jay Mulkey / Elaine Poulos / Chris Sinos / Elaine Schall

Community Ushers: Steve and Niki Kuvetakis

The 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. Ignatius (Fourth Tone)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became you became a successor to their thrones. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God. By teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. O Hieromartyr Ignatius, intercede with Christ our God to 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, 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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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.

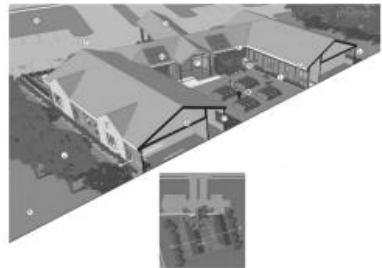
Can you help? Of course! By your prayers. With your offerings. And, by volunteering for one of our committees, such as:

- Public Relations
- Annual Golf Tournament
- A Summer *Grisanti's* Fund Raising Dinner
- Developing our **Arts, Business, Life Enhancement and Education 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



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: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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (p. 197 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 (p. 18 in the pew Bibles)

Memorial Prayers - May Her Memory be Eternal!

Cleo (Calliope) Sideris (40 days), beloved mother of Helen (Lou) Sinos and George Sideris; grandmother of Fr. Constantine (Presbytera Rachel), Christopher (Jennifer), Stephanie, and Angela; great-grandmother of two.

:**Welcome, Visitors!** Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the :
:fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by Steve & Niki Kuvetakis.

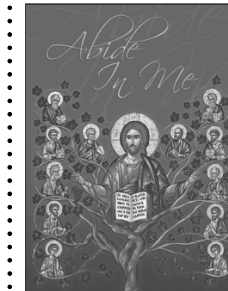
:**Church School** classes will meet following Holy Communion until 12:00 noon.

:**Feast of the Presentation:** Plan to attend the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the :
:Presentation of the Lord into the Temple on Thursday, February 2, 10:00 a.m.

:**Make final plans** to attend the Metropolis of Chicago Western Region Family Basketball :
:Tournament, February 10-12 in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information and to make :
:reservations for transportation, please contact Terri Poulos (402-250-2939), Charlie :
:Tsatsos (402-894-0634), or Christina Piperis (402-639-0538).

:**Godparent Sunday:** Please invite Godparents, Godchildren, and Marriage Sponsors :
:(*Koumbaroi*) to worship together, receive Holy Communion together, and attend a :
:special fellowship hour next Sunday, February 5 as we "commit ourselves and one :
:another and our whole life to Christ our God."

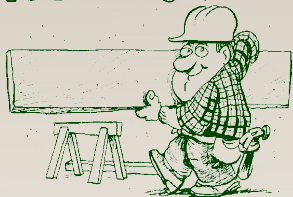
:**Condolences** to Scott (Inga) Eanes whose father, Walter Eanes, fell asleep in the Lord on :
:Monday, January 23 in Lynchburg, Virginia. May his memory be eternal!



:**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.



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.



This week, 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...

Monday	1/30	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.
		Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	2/5	Matins (Ushers: Team C)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prosporo</i> : Helen Nick)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Mike & Angie Lewis)	
		Godparent Sunday / Dedication of Icons	
		Souper Bowl of Caring	