

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, February 12, 2012

Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Meletios, Archbishop of Antioch (+382); Anthony II, Archbishop of Constantinople (+9th c.); Venerable Eugene and his daughter Maria of Alexandria (+6th c.); Alexy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (+1378); New Martyr Christos the Gardener (+1748)

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

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

Community Ushers: Gus and Georgia Matheakis

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Second Tone)

When you descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You, from infernal depths and the darkness below, did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out, "O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory."

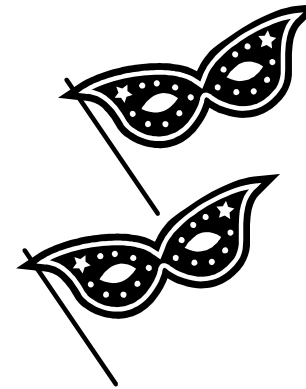
Entrance Hymn (Second Tone): Come, let us bow down to Christ, as we worship Him, the Son of God. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, "Alleluia!"

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 Prodigal Son (Third Tone)

I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father. Among sinners I have scattered the riches that You had given me. Now I cry to You as the prodigal, "I have sinned before You, O merciful Father; receive me a penitent and make me as one of Your hired servants."



Do you know a funny joke or a magic trick? Can you sing a song or perform a dance? Do you play an instrument? Can you do an impersonation? Or do you enjoy watching the talents of our parishioners? Then you don't want to miss:

Apokreas Factor

Pre-Lenten Luncheon and Party

Sunday, February 26

following the Divine Liturgy

in the Fellowship Hall

Any talent, any age welcome to sign up on the board located in the fellowship hall. Make sure to secure your slot now! Salad, pasta bar,

Support our Youth! Plan to attend the

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL



Sunday, March 11

following the Divine Liturgy



**Coming
February 26**

MISSION SUNDAY

GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS...

Your prayers and financial gifts help North American Orthodox Churches to send missionaries and Mission Teams to preach, teach, baptize and serve around the world. They enable Orthodox clergy in some of the world's poorest countries to minister to, and touch the lives of thousands of people. They fund ministries that allow the Church to emanate the love of Christ to those in need. Thank you for your continued support!



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The Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (p. 182 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (p. 85 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.

Best wishes to the young people and their families representing St. John's this weekend at the Family Basketball Tournament in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

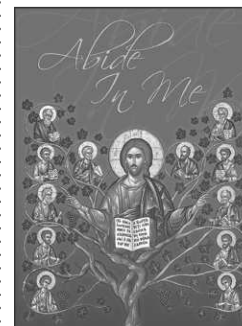
Parish Council: The 2012 Parish Council will be installed today and will meet to elect officers: Jon Bergren, Craig Clawson, Jay Mulkey, Christopher Sinos, Elizabeth Haddad, Niki Kuvetakis, Cathy Miedl, Elaine Poulos, Joe Potratz, Elaine Schall, Zachary Sideris..

Attention, Ladies! The St. John's Philoptochos Society will meet today following the Divine Liturgy.

Remembering our departed loved ones in prayer is a sacred custom in our Orthodox Church. We will observe the first Saturday of Souls (*Psychosavvato*) on February 18 with the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to prepare the boiled wheat (*kollyva*).

Festival News: The 2012 edition of Omaha's Original St. John's Greek Festival will be held August 24-26 at the Canfield Plaza. All are invited to a festival planning meeting on Thursday, February 16 here at the church.

Oratorical Festival: Topics are now available for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical and Arts Festival. All children in grades 4-12 should begin planning their speeches and other creative expressions of faith for our upcoming parish festival on March 11.



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.

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

A GREEK FISH FRY

ADULTS: \$9

Children: \$3
(12 and under)
Shrimp with
Mac 'n Cheese
Dinner



Every Friday
February 17
through March 30
4:30 ~ 8:00 PM

Enjoy a twist on the
Traditional Fish Fry!

Featuring Baked Fish (Plaki) covered with Mediterranean Sauce, Classic Breaded Fried Fish, or Shrimp Dinners, served with Rice or Potato, Coleslaw, Fruit, Bread, and Drink.

Also Available: Greek Pastries, Baklava Sundaes, and Assorted Desserts.

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Located on the corner of St. Mary's Avenue and 30th Street. Enter through the South side of the building. Handicapped Accessible.

Dine In or
Take Out

Historic Church
Tours Available
at 5:30 and
6:30 PM



Visit our website for a **FREE Baklava Sundae Coupon**
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Say, can you see?



Courtesy of the Omaha Convention & Visitors Bureau

We will be hosting the
Metropolis of Chicago - Western Region
Family Basketball Tournament
next year here in Omaha!

February 8-10, 2013



We will need the cooperation of the entire parish to host a successful tournament. Watch for details during the coming weeks. Contact Tournament Chairman Charlie Tsatsos or the Parish Council for details.

Looking Ahead...

Today	2/12	Philoptochos Meeting	12:00 noon
Tuesday	2/14	St. Valentine	
Wednesday	2/15	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	2/16	Festival Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	2/18	Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	2/19	Matins (Ushers: Team B)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Cleo Hatjinos)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Mary Demes / Catherine Demes Maydew)	
		Sunday of Meat Fare (<i>Apokreas</i>)	