

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

Rev. Peter J. Pappas, Presbyter - Phone (402) 871-6241



Sunday, February 19, 2012

Sunday of Meat Fare: The Second Coming of our Lord; Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Apphia of the Seventy; Holy Martyrs Maximos, Theodotos, Hesychios, and Asclepiodota of Adrianopolis; Martyr Philothea of Athens (+1589); New Hieromartyr Niketas of Epirus (+1809); Eugene and Makarios the Confessors

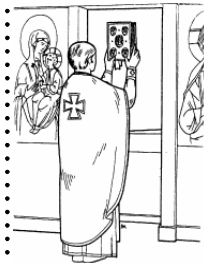
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Cleo Hatjinos.

Parish Council Ushers: Jon Bergren / Elaine Poulos / Jay Mulkey / Elaine Schall

Community Ushers: Mary Demes / Catherine Demes Maydew

The 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!"

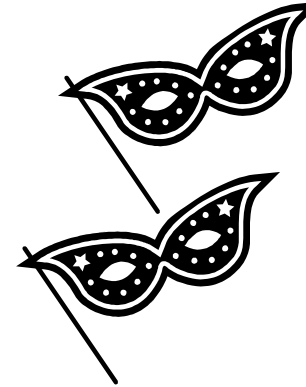
Resurrectional Hymn (Third Tone)

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 Last Judgment (First Tone)

O God, when You come upon the earth in glory, the whole world will tremble. A river of fire will bring all before Your Judgment Seat; the books will be opened and everything in



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

**NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS ISSUES APPEAL FOR THE
WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GREECE**

For immediate release

January 31, 2012

New York, NY – National Philoptochos President Aphrodite Skeadas on January 17, 2012 issued an immediate appeal to all Philoptochos Presidents, members nationwide and their respective communities to support a drive for the welfare of the people of Greece.

President Skeadas stated, “We enter 2012 mindful of the dire economic circumstances and supreme hardships faced by our brothers and sisters in economically ravaged Greece, our ancestral homeland. We cannot and will not turn our backs to the needs of our people.”

Daily news reports document widespread poverty in Greece where many parents can no longer afford to provide adequate food and warm winter clothing for their children while other parents are forced to abandon their children in orphanages. People struggle to exist with less income as unemployment continues to rise. For all too many, hope disintegrates into depression. These tragedies affect young and old, families, and most importantly, the children who have had their dreams and futures taken away.

National Philoptochos will provide a measured and deliberate response that addresses concrete social needs to alleviate hunger and homelessness, to strengthen family and children’s services and to ensure that families remain united. National Philoptochos Social Worker Paulette Geanacopoulos leads a team to identify appropriate nonprofit, non-governmental and religious organizations with which Philoptochos can partner to ensure maximum impact. Philoptochos will make every effort to ensure transparency and accountability regarding utilization of its contributions.

Philoptochos Sisters are urged to unite in love to help those in need. Immediate aid is imperative and Chapters are asked to contribute generously to this unique appeal for the welfare of our fellow Greek Orthodox Hellenes. With the support of all members, National Philoptochos will offer life-changing and life-saving relief to help our brothers and sisters rebuild their lives at this critical time.

Donations marked “**Welfare of the People of Greece**” may be sent to *National Philoptochos, 7 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019.*

To make online donations go to www.philoptochos.org

For more information: Christine Karavites, National Public Relations, 508.982.4276

secret will be disclosed. At that time, deliver me from the fire which never dies, and enable me to stand by Your right hand, O most righteous Judge.



The Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2 (p. 184 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 30 in the pew Bibles)

Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Today’s fellowship hour is sponsored by Dale and Helen Amlin.

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

Express your commitment to those in need: Please contribute today to a special offering through our national Philoptochos to assist the people of Greece who have suffered due to economic hardship.

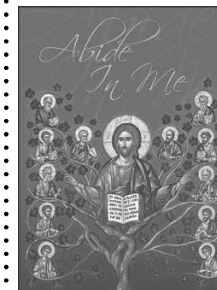
Thank you to the young people and their families who represented St. John’s last weekend at the Metropolis of Chicago - Western Region Family Basketball Tournament in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Our parish will be hosting the tournament February 8-10, 2013 here in Omaha. We will need the cooperation of the entire parish to host a successful tournament. Watch for details during the coming weeks.

Begin the Lenten journey together at the service of Compline on Clean Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Remembering our departed loved ones in prayer is a sacred custom in our Orthodox Church. We will observe the next Saturday of Souls (*Psychosavvato*) on March 3 with the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to prepare the boiled wheat (*kollyva*).

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.

Searching for Seniors: If you are aware of women in our community who have been members of Philoptochos for 50 years or more, please contact Connie Petrihos or Fr. Peter. Our Metropolis plans to recognize these senior members for their longstanding commitment to philanthropy in our communities.



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.

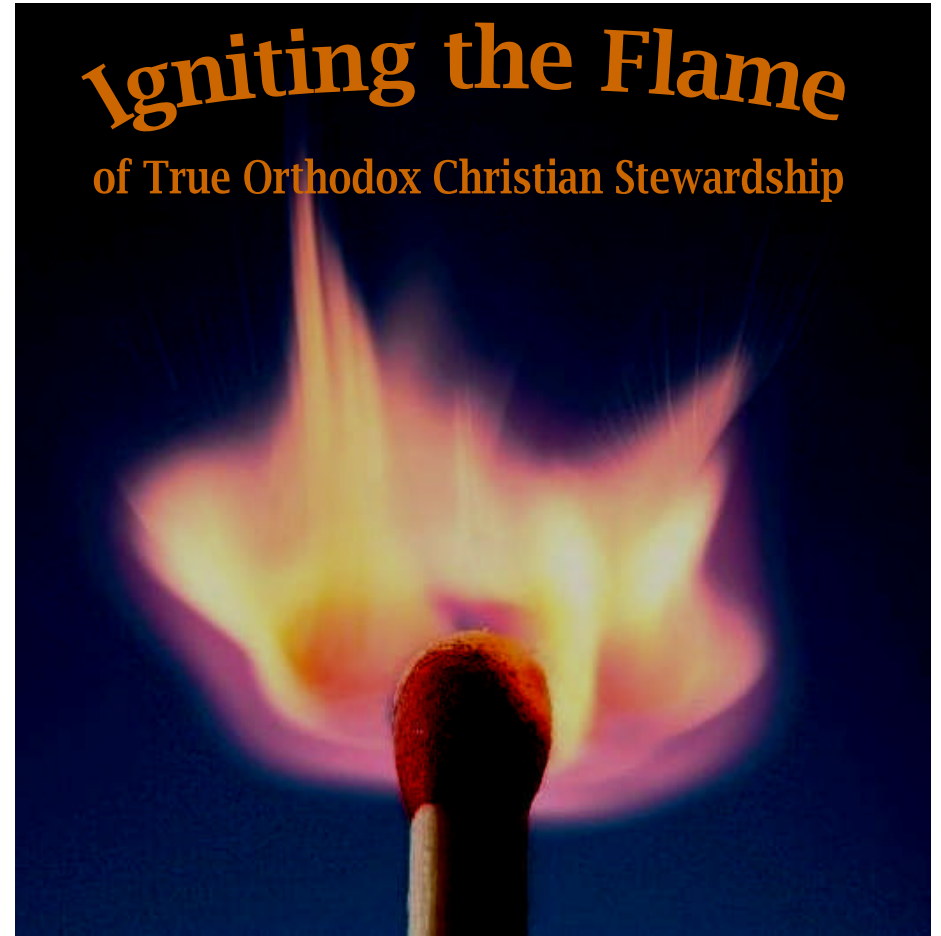


Dine In or
Take Out

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

Visit our website for a **FREE Baklava Sundae Coupon**
www.StJohnsGreekOrthodox.org

Igniting the Flame of True Orthodox Christian Stewardship



The Gospel of Stewardship 101 & 201
National Stewardship Travel Team Member Bill Marianes

Saturday, February 25, 2012
12:00 NOON - 4:30 PM ✦ Lunch Provided

Hosted by
ST. DIONYSIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH
8100 W 95th St. ✦ Overland Park, KS ✦ (913) 341-7373
For Details and Reservations go to: www.StDionysios.org

Looking Ahead...

Tuesday	2/21	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/22	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	2/23	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Friday	2/24	Fish Fry	4:30 p.m.
Saturday	2/25	Stewardship Seminar in Overland Park, Kansas	12:00 noon
Sunday	2/26	Matins (Ushers: Team C) Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Vana Kotsalis) (Ushers: Frank & Maria Meares) Sunday of Cheese Fare / Mission Sunday Pre-Lenten Party	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.