

## St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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Sunday, February 26, 2012

*Orthodox Mission Sunday*

**Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese Fare):** The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise; Porphyrios, Bishop of Gaza (+420); Great Martyr Photine the Samaritan Woman (+1st c.); Theokletos the Martyr (+8th c.); New Martyr John Kalphes

The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Vana Kotsalis.

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

Community Ushers: Parish Council

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Fourth Tone)

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God is risen from the dead. He granted to the world His great 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!"

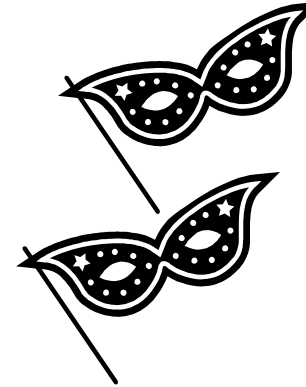
Resurrectional Hymn (Fourth Tone)

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 Sunday of Cheese Fare (Plagal of the Second Tone)

O Master, teacher of wisdom, bestower of virtue, who teach the thoughtless and protect the poor, strengthen and enlighten my heart. O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You, "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!"



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

## Today!

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



# 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: Romans 13:11 - 14:4 (p. 175 in the pew Bibles)  
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis  
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 (p. 6 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.

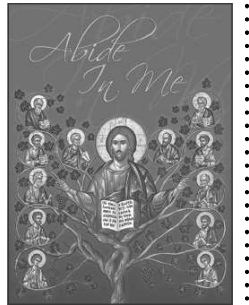
Church School classes will meet following Holy Communion until 12:00 noon.

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

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

Join us for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, February 29, at 6:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for a potluck supper following.

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. 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).



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*).



The Sunday of Orthodoxy commemorates the restoration of icons to the churches in the ninth century. This year's Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be held on Sunday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church (103rd & Boyd). Plan to experience the prayer and fellowship at this event which brings together clergy and faithful from the Orthodox community in Omaha.

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](http://www.StJohnsGreekOrthodox.org)

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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...

Monday	2/27	Great Lent Begins - Compline	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/29	Presanctified Liturgy and Potluck	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/1	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Friday	3/2	Fish Fry	4:30 p.m.
		Salutations (Α' Χαιρετισμοί)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	3/3	Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Souls	10:00 a.m.
Sunday	3/4	Matins (Ushers: Team A)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy ( <i>Prophoro</i> : Vana Kotsalis) (Ushers: George & Cathy Miedl)	10:00 a.m.
		Sunday of Orthodoxy	
		Vespers at St. Mary's (10303 Boyd St.)	6:30 p.m.