

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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Sunday, March 4, 2012

First Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy commemorating the restoration of the blessed icons; Venerable Gerasimos of the Jordan; Martyrs Paul and Juliana; Holy Martyrs Kodratos, Akakios, and Stratonikos; Gregory of Cyprus

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

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

Community Ushers: George and Cathy Miedl

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Sunday of Orthodoxy (Second Tone)

Before your most pure image, we bow down, O Good One, entreating You to forgive our sins, Christ our God. For you willingly ascended the cross in the flesh to deliver from the enemy those You had made. For this we thank You and we cry to You: "O Savior, by coming to save the world, You have filled all things with joy."

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 First Tone)

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

Hymn of the Sunday of Orthodoxy (Second Tone) - Repeat

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.

Support our Youth! Plan to attend the
**ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
ORATORICAL AND ARTS FESTIVAL**



Sunday, March 11

following the Divine Liturgy

ANNUNCIATION / GREEK INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

Celebrate our faith and heritage at the Annunciation / Greek Independence program on **Sunday, March 25** following the Divine Liturgy.

Do you have any books, poems, songs, or other materials about Greek Independence Day? We need children of all ages to recite poems. If you don't speak Greek, that's OK! If you can read, sing, or decorate, you can help make the program fun and interesting! To volunteer and receive materials to participate, please contact Chris Papachristos (553-7412) or Tasia Koliopoulos (758-9055).



O!

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.

Kontakion Hymn of the Annunciation

To you the champion commander, I your city inscribe victorious anthems of thanksgiving, for deliverance from sufferings, Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all manner of dangers set me free; that I may cry out to you: "Rejoice, Bride unwedded."



The Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40 (p. 244 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: John Kotsalis

Gospel: John 1:43-51 (p. 100 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.

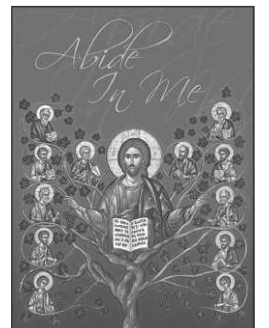
Church School classes will meet today following the Gospel reading until Holy Communion. Students should proceed immediately to their classes to prepare for the procession with the holy icons.

Join us for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for a potluck supper following.

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 parish festival next Sunday, March 11.

Philoptochos Paschal Project - Open Door Mission Hope Tote: The Open Door Mission has asked our Parish to help support an easy and very meaningful project for homeless men, women, and children again this Pascha season. Hope Tote bags will be available in the Fellowship Hall for us to fill with personal care items for delivery Pascha week. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, facial tissues, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, underwear, socks, combs, brushes, feminine products, pain relievers (ibuprofen and acetaminophen), non-alcoholic cough medicines, hand sanitizers or lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream. If not all items can be provided, any assistance is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

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.



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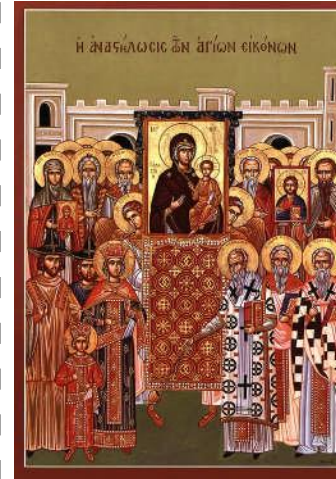
Located on the corner of St. Mary's Avenue and 30th Street. Enter through the South side of the building. Handicapped Accessible.



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



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.

Congratulations

to

Constantine Alexander Payne

who won the Academy Award in the category of Best Adapted Screenplay for his latest film "The Descendants," together with Nat Faxon and Jim Rash.

Alexander is the son of George H. and Peggy C. Payne.



Looking Ahead...

Today	3/4	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Mary's (10303 Boyd St.)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	3/7	Presanctified Liturgy and Potluck	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/8	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Friday	3/9	Fish Fry Salutations (B' Χαιρετισμοί)	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Sunday (Daylight Saving Time)	3/11	Matins (Ushers: Team B) Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Vana Kotsalis) (Ushers: Jay & Dina Mulkey) Oratorical Festival	9:00 a.m. CDT 10:00 a.m.

Pray Healing for Demetra Sakkas, Gus Sinos.