

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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



Sunday, March 11, 2012

Second Sunday of Great Lent: St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki; Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem (+669); Martyrs Thalles and Trophimos of Laodicea; Righteous George of Sinai (+6th c.); Theodora, Queen of Arta

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

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

Community Ushers: Jay and Dina Mulkey

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal of the Second Tone)

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. O You who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

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 Second Tone) - Repeat

Hymn of St. Gregory Palamas (Second Tone)

You are the light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of monastics, and invincible defender of theologians. O Gregory the wonder worker, pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, intercede without ceasing for the salvation of 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.



Please plan to attend our Annual Palm Sunday Dinner

Sponsored by St. John's Philoptochos Society

April 8, 2012

Following Divine Liturgy



Menu

*Fish Plaki - Fish Sticks (Children) - Spaghetti
Salad - Dessert - Bread - Beverage*

Adults \$10.00

Children \$5.00



*Because this falls on Western Easter and conflicts for some,
we are asking that you make reservations so that we can
prepare for those planning to attend. Thank you.*

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



Today
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).



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 1:10-2:3 (p. 236 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 (p. 38 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.

Attention, Ladies! Plan to attend the regular meeting of our Philoptochos Society on Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. and bring the children for *Microi Philoi*.

Join us for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. and bring a dish to share for a potluck supper following.

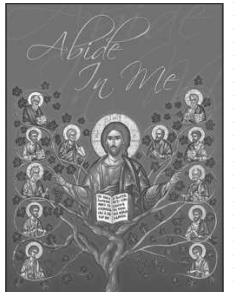
Congratulations to Calvonn and Daphne (Andriopoulos) Wogou for the birth of their son, Davonn, on February 22. Fotios and Athanasia Andriopoulos are the proud grandparents.

Philoptochos Paschal Project: 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 Paschal season. Hope Tote bags will be available in the Fellowship Hall for us to fill with personal care items for delivery the week of Pascha. 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, and shaving cream. Any assistance will be appreciated.



In the Spirit of St. Patrick: St. John's is scheduled to host the Community Meal for those in need on Saturday, March 17 at First Baptist Church. Please contact Angie Lewis for details and to volunteer.

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
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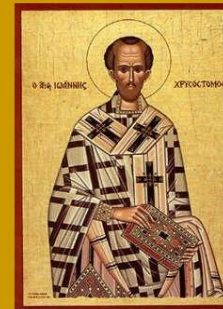
Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha Presents

Lenten Retreat 2012 Relics Tour Revisited March 31, 2012

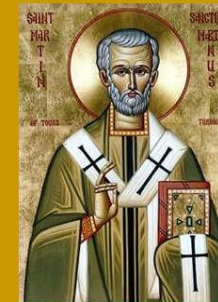


Explore the Orthodox context for holy relics while enjoying the fellowship of our Orthodox community in this three session series. Free lunch provided.

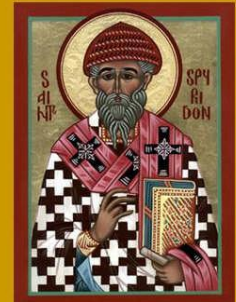
Where: All Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church
9012 Q Street, Omaha Nebraska 68127
When: March 31, 2012
Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.
Presentations are from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with lunch following
Cost: Free (Donations welcome and accepted)
*Please RSVP to tkbk2454@yahoo.com or your parish POCCO representative.



St. John Chrysostom



St. Martin of Tours



St. Spyridon

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Looking Ahead...

Today	3/11	St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday	3/13	Philoptochos Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3/14	Presanctified Liturgy and Potluck	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/15	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Friday	3/16	Fish Fry	4:30 p.m.
		Salutations (Γ' Χαιρετισμοί)	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	3/17	St. Patrick of Ireland Community Meal at First Baptist Church	11:00 a.m.
Sunday	3/18	Matins (Ushers: Team C) Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Patrick & Randi Gude) (Ushers: Irene Kuvetakis / Niki Mulkey) Veneration of the Holy Cross	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.