

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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



Sunday, March 18, 2012

Third Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross; Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem; Martyrs Trophimus and Eukarpion of Nicomedia; Venerable Aninas the Wonderworker of the Euphrates; Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland (March 17)

The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Patrick and Randi Gude.

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

Community Ushers: Irene Kuvetakis / Niki Mulkey

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Holy Cross (Fourth Tone)

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith, and protect Your commonwealth, by Your Holy Cross.

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 (Grave Tone)

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Hymn of the Holy Cross (Fourth 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.



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.*

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.

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."

In place of the Trisagion Hymn: We venerate Your cross, O Master. And we glorify Your holy resurrection.



The Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6 (p. 238 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Mark 8:34 - 9:1 (p. 47 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 Darlene Krin who is celebrating her eightieth birthday this week.

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 Cross.

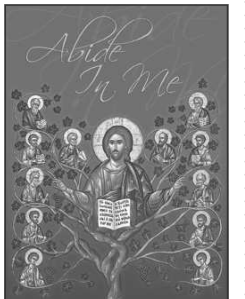
Congratulations to the participants in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival on March 11. John Kotsalis was the top speaker in the Senior Division and Sophia Pappas in the Junior Division. Those who participated in the Elementary Division were Sylvia Poulos; Olympia Koliopoulos; Evan Alexander Maydew; Danny Poulos, III; Eleni Patsalis; John Christopher (Yanni) Pappas; Maria Koliopoulos; and Athena Patsalis.

Thank you ... to Catherine Demes Maydew for coordinating the Oratorical Festival, the Church School staff and parents for their assistance, and our judges Brian Linnell and Maria Walinski-Peterson.

... to Angie Lewis and all the volunteers who assisted in hosting the Community Meal for those in need at First Baptist Church on Saturday, March 17.

Join us for the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesday, March 21 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. For additional information regarding 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

Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha Presents

Lenten Retreat 2012 Relics Tour Revisited March 31, 2012



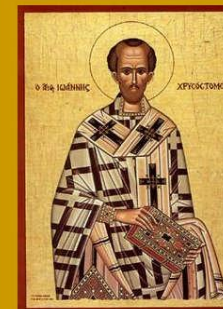
Explore the Orthodox context for holy relics while enjoying the fellowship of our Orthodox community in this three session series. Free lunch provided.

Where: All Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox Church
9012 Q Street, Omaha Nebraska 68127

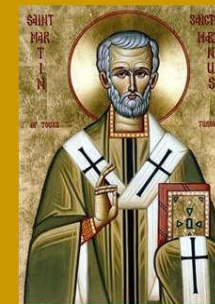
When: March 31, 2012
Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.
Presentations are from 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with lunch following

Cost: Free (Donations welcome and accepted)

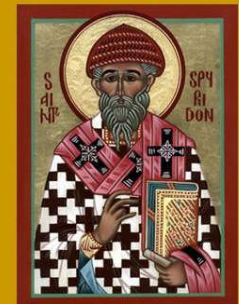
*Please RSVP to tkbk2454@yahoo.com or your parish POCCO representative.



St. John Chrysostom



St. Martin of Tours



St. Spyridon

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Looking Ahead...

Today	3/18	Go Bluejays!	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	3/20	Parish Council	6:30 p.m.
		Pan Orthodox Christian Council at St. Vincent (51st & Lake)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	3/21	Presanctified Liturgy and Potluck	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	3/22	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Friday	3/23	Fish Fry	4:30 p.m.
		Salutations (Δ' Χαιρετισμοί)	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	3/25	Matins (Ushers: Team A)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Argyrakis / Petrihos) (Ushers: Michael and Dr. Irina Popa Newcomb)	10:00 a.m.
		Annunciation / Greek Independence Program	