

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 18, 2013

Sunday after the Dormition; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria; Righteous Sophronios of St. Anne Skete on Mt. Athos; Venerable Barnabas and Christopher; New Martyr Demetrios; Venerable Arsenios the New of Paros; John and George, Patriarchs of Constantinople

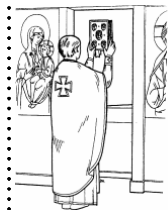
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Randi Gude.

Parish Council Ushers: Jon Bergren / Kosta Katsiris / Jay Mulkey / Elaine Poulos

Community Ushers: Jay and Dina Mulkey

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Dormition (First Tone)

In giving birth you did preserve virginity, and in falling asleep you have not forsaken the world, O *Theotokos*. In living, you were translated, being the mother of life. By your intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

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)

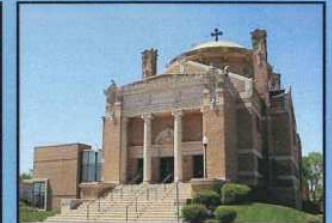
O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Hymn of the Dormition (First 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.

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church presents...



2013—Join Us Rain or Shine

CANFIELD PLAZA

85th & West Center Rd

Fri-8/23 — 5 pm—11 pm

Sat-8/24 — 11 am—11 pm

Sun-8/25 — Noon—7 pm

Lively Greek Music

Greek Food and Pastries

Greek Folk Dancing

Boutique and Taverna

Children's Area



Help Support Your Local Community

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Siena Francis House Food Bank

Free Admission at Gate with Canned Goods Donation.

ADULTS: \$3 and Children (12 and under) FREE; Students, Military Personnel, Firefighters, & Police Officers (with ID) FREE

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www.GreekFestOmaha.com

www.StJohnsGreekOrthodox.org

What wondrous gifts our God has given us!

Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

August 15

Above Christ, the gates of heaven stand open, ready to receive the Theotokos.



Holy Tradition tells us that at the time of the falling asleep of the Theotokos, the Apostles were abroad, preaching the Gospel throughout the world.



Christ holds the soul of the Theotokos, shown as a small, swaddled child.



He cradles her child-like soul in a way that reminds us of the Penelope holding Him as a child.

To be a "God-bearer," to carry the Word of God within us in this life, is the calling of all Christians.

The "reward" for this in this life is suffering at the hands of God's enemies, but our hope is that in the next life, God will bear our soul into His own hands and carry us into eternity.



The icon shows the Theotokos on her deathbed surrounded by the Apostles. On the left side, the Apostle Paul bows low in honor of her.

On the right side, the Apostle Peter censes the body of the Theotokos.



The posture of the Apostles direct attention towards her.

All but Thomas were mystically transported to her bedside.

Thomas did arrive on the third day, after her burial, but when he was brought to her tomb to venerate her body, the tomb was empty.

Church Tradition states that she was bodily resurrected and taken to heaven, as will all the righteous on Judgment Day.

The Paragdia died as all people do because all of humanity is affected by this world's corruption.



Having truly died, she was raised by her Son as the "Mother of Life" and already participates in the eternal life of paradise.

The icon and the feast of the Dormition remind us that this same paradise is promised to all who "hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:27-28).

We celebrate the fact that what happens to the Mother of God will happen to all who imitate her holy life of humility, obedience and love.



What can we give back?

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FESTIVAL BAKING DAYS 2013

Wednesday, August 21
10:00 AM KARITHOPITA & RAVANI
DIP MELOMAKARONA
6:00 PM SKEWER PORK & CHICKEN

Thursday, August 22, 10:00 AM
CUT & CUP BAKLAVA
ASSEMBLE PASTRY COMBOS

PLEASE ATTEMPT TO MAKE AS MANY DAYS AS POSSIBLE.
SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL AUGUST 23-24-25!

Kontakion Hymn of the Dormition (Second Tone)

Neither the grave nor death could contain the *Theotokos*, the unshakable hope who is ever watchful in intercession and protection. Being that she is the Mother of Life, He who dwelt in her ever-virginal womb did translate her to life.



The Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (p. 179 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22 (p. 17 in the pew Bibles)

Forty-Day Blessing of Mother and Child

Eulalie Elaine Gamvroudis, born on July 12; daughter of Meleah Marie (Groenjes) and Panos Gamvroudis; granddaughter of Isidoros and Marann Gamvroudis with Daniel and Kim Groenjes.

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 resume on Sunday, September 8.

Festival News: The 2013 Greek Festival will be held August 23-25 at the Canfield Plaza. Flyers, complimentary admission tickets and sponsorship forms are now available for distribution. Help us spread the word! Dance practice will be held for all groups today following the Divine Liturgy. **Sign-up sheets for Festival workers are available in the Community Hall following Divine Liturgy. See Elaine Schall. BRING ALL FESTIVAL PASTRIES TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 18. ANY QUESTIONS, CALL MARY STOM AT 402-345-7103.**

Pray Healing for Danny (Dionysios) Poulos and John Argyrakis.

NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY
September 15, 2013

You're Invited!

Invite Your Friends to Church September 15, 2013!

St. John the Baptist is joining thousands of other churches across America for "Back To Church Sunday" - a special day where we will invite family, friends, and neighbors in our community to come give church a try! On this Sunday, we will extend a special welcome to our guests as they join us for the Divine Liturgy. Even our Church School classes will be participating! Watch for details regarding personal invitation cards, posters, and booklets that you can use to give out as invitations!

Looking Ahead ...

Today	8/18	Dance Practice	11:45 a.m.
Tuesday	8/20	Parish Council	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8/21	Festival Baking	10:00 a.m.
		Skewer Pork and Chicken	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	8/22	Assemble Pastries	10:00 a.m.
Friday	8/23	Greek Festival at Canfield Plaza	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	8/24	Greek Festival at Canfield Plaza	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	8/25	Matins (Ushers: Team C)	8:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Angie Lewis)	9:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Parish Council)	
		Greek Festival at Canfield Plaza	12:00 noon