

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday following the Nativity of the Theotokos; Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross; Venerable Theodora of Alexandria (+490); Righteous Euphrosynos the Cook (+9th c.); Holy Martyrs: Demetrios, Evanthia, and Demetrian of Skepsis in Hellespont

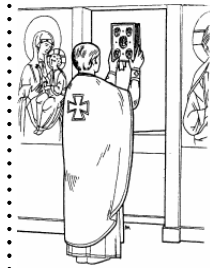
The Bread of the Offering (*Prophoro*) was prepared by Helen Nick.

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

Community Ushers: Cleo Hatjinis and Kosta Katsiris

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Nativity of the *Theotokos* (Fourth Tone)

Your nativity, O *Theotokos*, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe. From you did shine forth the Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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)

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.

Hymn of the Nativity of the *Theotokos* (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, being privileged to baptize in the stream the One you had foretold. Therefore, rejoicing, you suffered for the sake of truth, and 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.

Condolences to the family of Karan (Bill) Mantzaris, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 3. May her memory be eternal!

Attention, Ladies! Plan to attend the first Philoptochos meeting of the new ecclesiastical year on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.. Bring a dish to share for a potluck supper ... and the children for *microi philoi*!

Congratulations ... to Yianni G. Sgourakis and Angela Pantelagianis who were united in the sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, September 4 here at St. John's. Demetrios Fountas and Basilios Fountas are their sponsors.

... to John Zaharis who was recently engaged to Annessa Kay Blonn of Naperville, Illinois. John is the son of Harry and Mary Zaharis and grandson of Gus Sinos.

Elevation of the Holy Cross: Divine Liturgy, Wednesday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.

Join us this fall as we explore the Gospel of John at our prayer group and Bible Study on Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. beginning on September 21 here at St. John's.

Tour News: This month we will have well over one hundred visitors joining us for tours. Please come and help with these groups scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, Thursday, September 15, and Thursday, September 22.



St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at the World Trade Center

Located in what is today New York City's financial district, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church traces its roots back to 1916, when it was founded by Greek immigrants. Serving the spiritual needs of the early immigrant community, the church also achieved prominence as a religious and cultural center for Greek shipping magnates passing through New York. Services began at the current site in 1922, though the

building was constructed in the early nineteenth century. Measuring 22 feet wide, 56 feet long and 35 feet tall, the church was bound on three sides by a parking lot.

On September 11, 2001 the entire weight of World Trade Center Tower 2 came down on St. Nicholas Church, completely destroying the building and its contents. Only a handful of damaged icons and religious items were found amongst the rubble.

Fortunately, no one in the Church was hurt when the towers collapsed. The caretaker and an electrician managed to escape only minutes before the tragedy. Their priest, Fr. John Romas, has been temporarily assigned to SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn. The congregation of SS. Constantine and Helen has also warmly welcomed the congregation of St. Nicholas as they work to rebuild their Church.

Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha

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Fall Retreat with Fr. Paisius Altschul

September 23 and 24

Friday, September 23

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location:

St Mary Antiochian Church
10303 Boyd Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Cost: Free

Topics:

- The Story of St Mary of Egypt in Kansas City
- The African Christian Heritage

Saturday, September 24

Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location:

St John's Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Ave
Omaha, Nebraska

Cost (Includes Lunch):

\$10 pre-registration (see below)
\$15 at the door

Topics:

- Holiness in Contemporary Culture
- Overcoming the Passions
- The Saints of Africa



Fr. Paisius Altschul is an Orthodox Priest and Pastor of St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Kansas City, MO. He is the Executive Director of Reconciliation Services in mid-town Kansas City on Troost Ave, an interdenominational outreach to those in need and the social services arm of their parish—which focuses on substance abuse treatment and recovery, trauma support and recovery, case management, and cultural proficiency. Much of the work includes multi-system work with individuals, family, and community healing.

pre-registration form

Pan Orthodox Fall Retreat with Fr. Paisius

To register, please detach and mail this form with your \$10 fee, check payable to Pan-Orthodox Council of Omaha. Mailing Address: ATTN POCCO- 2502 N 51st St Omaha, Nebraska 68104

Early registration forms must be received by September 19, 2011 to qualify for the pre-registration rate

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____ How did you find out about the event? _____

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:Kontakion Hymn of the Nativity of the *Theotokos* (Fourth Tone)

:By your holy birth-giving, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the
:reproach of barrenness; Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death. Your
:people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto you, "The
:barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."



The Readings

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (p. 207 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Adam (Euphrosynos) Oleson

Gospel: John 3:13-17 (p. 101 in the pew Bibles)

Memorial Prayers - May Their Memory be Eternal!

Byron T. Aftonomos (40 days), beloved husband of Sylvia Aftonomos; father of Lefkos Aftonomos, Helen Aftonomos, Maria (Greg) Swanson, and Anthony Aftonomos; grandfather of Jacob, Zachary, and Sarah Swanson.

We will remember today in a special prayer service all those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and, by name, all the Orthodox Christians who perished at the World Trade Center on that day ten years ago.

Guidelines for Receiving Holy Communion

"Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Holy Communion is reserved for those baptized in the Orthodox Faith or received through Chrismation. Preparation for Orthodox Christians includes the following:

- A living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. No one is worthy to receive the body and blood of Christ. We are made worthy through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Confession of sins. This includes personal prayer and sacramental confession.
- Right relationships. This includes peace with our fellow parishioners as well as adherence to Christian principles on marriage, divorce, and sexuality.
- Keeping the prescribed fasts of the church as an aid in prayer and self-examination.
- Participation in the Divine Liturgy. Those who arrive after the Gospel reading should not receive Holy Communion, unless this is due to a particular difficulty.

Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by Philoptochos.

Church School classes will resume with registration today and classes next Sunday, September 18 following Holy Communion and ending at 12:00 noon. Registration materials are available in the narthex and the fellowship hall.

Join us for a Pan Orthodox Book Study

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Monday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
September 12 - November 21

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Book by the Rev. Dr. Stanley Samuel Harakas
Please contact the St. John's church office
or your parish representative by September 8
to purchase the book (Cost: \$25).



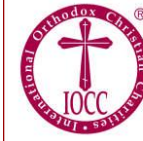
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Attention, parents
(and grandparents)!

There is always

HOPE

A play group - and more -
HOPE is a ministry for infants
through four years old and
those entrusted with their
care. Join us for playtime,
music, icons, lighting a candle,
prayer, and stories.

Thursday, September 22
10:30 a.m.



Looking Ahead...

Monday	9/12	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9/13	Vesperal Prayers - Holy Cross Philoptochos and <i>Micro Philoi</i>	5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9/14	Divine Liturgy Elevation of the Holy Cross	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	9/17	Gologan Baptism	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	9/18	Matins (Ushers: Team A) Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Angie Lewis) (Ushers: Steven & Suzanne Holczer Rief) Chrismation / College Student Sunday Church School Begins	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.