

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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Sunday, September 18, 2011

College Student Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday following the Elevation of the Holy Cross; Eumenios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna (+7th c.); Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (+2nd c.); Martyr Sophia and her three daughters (September 17)

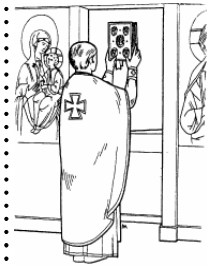
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Angie Lewis.

Parish Council Ushers: Elizabeth Haddad / Nick Koliopoulos / Cathy Miedl / Joe Potratz

Community Ushers: Steven and Suzanne Holczer Rief

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Holy Cross (Fourth Tone)

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant 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 (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 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, 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.

Join us for a Pan Orthodox Book Study

LIVING THE FAITH

THE *PRAXIS* OF EASTERN ORTHODOX ETHICS

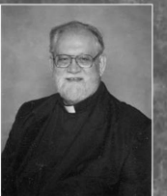


Monday Evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
through November 21

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Book by the Rev. Dr. Stanley Samuel Harakas

Please contact the St. John's church office
to purchase the book (Cost: \$25). Quantities
are limited - get your copy today!



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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 Holy Cross (Fourth Tone)

:Lifted upon the cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new community:
:that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories:
:over their adversaries. May your alliance be for them a weapon of peace, an invincible:
:standard.



The Readings

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (p. 204 in the pew Bibles)

Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Mark 8:34 - 9:1 (p. 47 in the pew Bibles)

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

:Church School classes will meet following Holy Communion and end at 12:00 noon.
:Registration materials are available in the narthex.

:College Student Sunday: The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North America:
:has designated today as College Student Sunday. We invite all college students in:
:attendance to be our guests for lunch today at the *Greek Islands* Restaurant.

: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.

:Condolences to Dr. Peter (Christina) Piperis, whose mother, Yula Piperis, fell asleep in the:
:Lord on Tuesday, September 13 in California. May her memory be eternal!

:In Memoriam: Dino (Gus) G. Aleck fell asleep in the Lord on September 22, 2010 in:
:Chicago, Illinois. He married Theodora Koutroubis on September 17, 1961 here at St.
:John's. Married for forty-nine years, they moved to the Chicago area in 1962 where they:
:owned their own businesses. Dino is survived by his wife Theodora Aleck in Chicago and:
:first cousin Helen William Kazantzias here in Omaha. On this first anniversary of his:
:falling asleep in the Lord, thank you for your prayers and may his memory be eternal!

:Congratulations ... to Bogdan Cocris and Veronica Doga for the birth of their daughter,
:Vanessa Maria, on August 25.

:... to Bogdan Gologan and Clorice Sabino for the baptism of their daughter, Juliana on:
:Saturday, September 17 here at St. John's. Cezar and Ioana Cehan are the godparents.

: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, and stories on Thursday, September 22, 10:30 a.m.

:Life Chain is a peaceful public witness of pro-life citizens standing in prayer for one:
:hour. Omaha's Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at 72nd and:
:Dodge streets. Orthodox faithful are encouraged to bring an icon and will meet in front:
:of Borders. Contact Fr. Stephen Walinski (402-573-6538) for more information.



Orthodox Christian Fellowship

Keeping our College Students Connected to Christ and His Church

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official inter-Orthodox campus ministry program under SCOBA. Our mission is to support fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others and study of the Faith.



What comprises OCF?

- Thousands of Orthodox College Students
- 300 local university/college chapters across the United States and Canada
- Board of Directors, made up of members and eight jurisdictional representatives, student advisor and the North American Chaplain
- Regional chaplain and student representatives who serve as a communication network and the voice of the students.
- A variety of educational and innovative programming, including regional training, annual conferences, and domestic and international service-learning programs.

What has made OCF a success?

Local OCF chapters have exploded from 50 active chapters to 300 across North America in ten years.

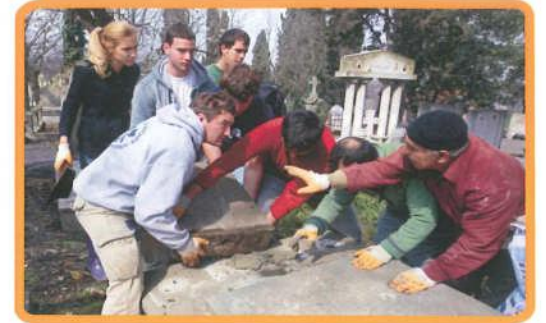
The Student Advisory Board (SAB), established in 2002 serves as the student voice to the North American OCF Office. These students/alumni serve in multiple leadership capacities throughout our Orthodox community.



OCF Chaplaincy Program was developed four years ago in North Carolina. This program serves nearly 300 college students on the campuses of Duke University, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

Chaplains Conference was instituted in 2005 to provide training and support for local OCF chaplains, who are in the trenches with the students. To continue in this effort, the establishment of Regional Chaplains under the direction of the national chaplain occurred in 2010.

Real Break, an alternative spring break service-learning program, gives students an alternative to “traditional” spring breaks. In ten years, hundreds of students have traveled to Constantinople, Guatemala, Mexico, Alaska, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Canada, and San Francisco.



College Conference affords students the opportunity to gather and grow in their faith annually. Since 2001, we have added three additional locations to the original site. Growing the number of participants from 200 to 400 with conferences in the east, south and west.

Day of Prayer initiated by the first SAB during Great Lent 2003; students across North America participate in 24 hours of continuous prayer beginning on the first day of Great Lent.

Essential resources provided to thousands of students such as: the North American Chaplain, educational curricula, like the *Transition DVD*, chapter and regional speakers, *OCE.net*, *The Witness* (formerly *The Basil Leaf*) student review, *The Headliner* newsletter, local chapter start up resources such as the OCF Connect Kit and design of custom chapter logos.

College Student Sunday, the Sunday following the Elevation of the Cross, was declared by SCOBA to honor Orthodox college students throughout North America in 2003.

OCF Alumni Association formation will take place in 2010. The alumni will become a critical component in the future work of OCF.



The ministry of OCF is unique—fostering a love for Christ in places where He is ridiculed, questioned, and abandoned on a daily basis. Banning together as a community, OCF presents a witness on college campuses that Orthodox Christianity is alive and available to students. OCF sustains them through their challenging college years, and helps ensure the future strength of our Holy Orthodox Church.

Looking Ahead...

Monday	9/19	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9/20	POCCO (at Archangels Church)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9/21	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	9/22	Dessert Tour	10:15 a.m.
		HOPE	10:30 a.m.
		Greek School / Chanting	6:30 p.m.
Friday	9/23	POCCO Retreat at St. Mary's	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9/24	POCCO Retreat at St. John's	8:30 a.m.
Sunday	9/25	Matins (Ushers: Team B)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Niki Kuvetakis)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Joe & Angelica Jensen)	
		G.O.Y.A. Meeting	