

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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



Sunday, September 25, 2011

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Euphrosyne of Alexandria (+5th c.); Holy Martyr Paphnutios in Egypt (+3rd c.); Venerable Sergius of Radonezh (+1392); Arsenius the Elder of Georgia; Repose of the Apostle John (September 26)

The Bread of the Offering (*Prophoro*) was prepared by Niki Kuvetakis.

Parish Council Ushers: George Barelos / Judy Stom / Elaine Poulos / Elaine Schall

Community Ushers: Joe and Angelica Jensen

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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. Euphrosyne (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

God's image was perfectly preserved in you, O Mother, for, taking up the Cross you followed Christ. You taught us by example to disdain the flesh, which will pass away, but to care for the soul in seeking what is immortal. Wherefore, O holy Euphrosyne, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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 the St. Mary Mediterranean Dinner

Sunday, October 9, 2011

12:00 to 6:00 PM

10303 Boyd Street, Omaha, NE 68134

For tickets contact (402)-496-0480

\$12 Adults / \$6 Children

<http://www.stmaryschurch.com/website>

Featuring Authentic Recipes of the Middle East:

Kibby

A very tasty meatloaf made with lean ground-beef and cracked bulgur-wheat
The kibby is seasoned with cinnamon and allspice -- delicious!

Yabrah

Cabbage leaves, rolled and stuffed with a spiced blend of beef, rice and tomatoes.

Lubee

Green-beans in a tomato and meat sauce.

Ruz

Syrian rice (buttery white-rice accented with tiny orzo pastas).

Salata

Syrian salad with our own "Bear" Necessity Salad Dressing.

Talamee

Syrian bread, indescribably tasty.

Baklawa

Classic Mediterranean dessert made with fillo dough, butter, and walnuts in a sweet syrup.

Carry outs available.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At the Autumn Parish Assembly, parishioners will ratify nominations for the election of candidates to the 2012 St. John's Parish Council. To assist the assembly in finding parishioners willing to serve on the Parish Council next year, please review the information below and consider placing your name in nomination to serve on the Parish Council. The term of service for a member of the Parish Council is three years. Three or four members of the council are elected each year to maintain a rotating schedule of service. Four members will be elected this year.

Qualifications to serve as a member of the St. John's Parish Council

1. A parishioner must be a communicant member in good standing in terms of sacramental life, canonical standing, and stewardship obligations.
 - Sacramental Life – must attend church services regularly and participate in the sacraments, including Confession and Holy Communion; uphold the teachings and traditions of the Orthodox Church.
 - Canonical Standing – if married, marriage must be blessed by the Church; if divorced, must have an ecclesiastical divorce; may not be living together outside of marriage or in any other relationship contrary to the teachings of the faith.
 - Stewardship – must be a steward of the St. John Parish for at least one year prior to the date of election.
2. If elected, Parish Council members are required to take the following affirmation:
“I do solemnly affirm that I will uphold the dogmas, teachings, traditions, holy canons, discipline, worship, and moral principles of the Greek Orthodox Church, as well as the Charter and Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, and that I will fulfill faithfully and sincerely the duties and obligations required of a member of the Parish Council. So help me God.”
3. All candidates must attend a seminar conducted by the priest prior to the election at which the priest will discuss the Uniform Parish Regulations and explain them to the candidates, particularly the affirmation of office.

Please prayerfully consider serving our parish as a candidate for the Parish Council this fall and contact the church office for an application.

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:Kontakion Hymn (Second Tone)

:A protection of Christians who cannot be put to shame, intercessor to our Holy Maker,
:unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for:
:you are good; Your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to:
:intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, *Theotokos*, for those:
:who honor you.



The Readings

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (p. 195 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: John Kotsalis

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (p. 67 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 available for a sponsor.

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

:Attention, Teens! The St. John's G.O.Y.A. will be meeting today following the:
:Divine Liturgy in the Krin conference room. Please plan to attend as we plan our:
:fall activities.

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

:Condolences to Elaine (John) Poulos whose nephew, John T. Margellos, fell asleep in the:
:Lord on September 16 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. May his memory be eternal!

: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, October 6, 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 to meet in front of:
:Borders. Please contact Fr. Stephen Walinski (402-573-6538) for more information.

:Make plans now to attend the Metropolis of Chicago Western Region Family Basketball:
:Tournament, February 10-12, 2012 in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, please:
:contact Charlie Tsatsos. Team Spirit ... Pass it on!

:Cruising the Aegean: The 2011 "OPA Ball" to benefit the Holy Spirit Greek Orthodox:
:Church will be held on Saturday, October 15, at Champions Run Country Club (13800:
:Eagle Run Dr.). For tickets, contact Debbie at 402-397-9786.

:Congratulations to Brian and Christene (Amlin) Wall for the birth of their daughter, Xena:
:Belle, on September 12 in Seattle, Washington. Xena is the sister of Cleo Eleni Wall and:
:granddaughter of Dale and Helen Amlin.

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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NATIONAL CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2011



*See, Lord, Your
servant's mouth
and his mind
are open to You!
Fill them, O Lord,
with Your gift,
that I may sing
Your praise
according to
Your will.*

**St. Ephraim
the Syrian
Hymns on the
Faith**



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Looking Ahead...

Monday	9/26	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9/28	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	9/29	Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/2	Matins (Ushers: Team C)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Helen Nick) (Ushers: Mark & Holly Jensen)	10:00 a.m.
		National Church Music Sunday	
		Life Chain (72nd & Dodge Streets)	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10/4	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.