

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska

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



Sunday, October 2, 2011

National Church Music Sunday

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Hieromartyr Cyprian and the Martyr Justina of Nicomedia (+304); Theophilus the Confessor; New Martyr George of Philadelphia in Asia Minor (+1794); Princess Anna of Kashin; Blessed Andrew the Fool for Christ

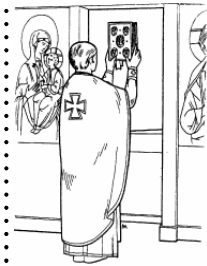
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Helen Nick.

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

Community Ushers: Mark and Holly Jensen

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



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.

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) - Repeat

Hymn of St. Cyprian (Fourth Tone)

In the manner of the apostles, and as successor to their thrones, you were inspired by God to action through divine contemplation. Thus, rightly teach the word of truth, you contended in faith, even to the shedding of blood. O hieromartyr Cyprian, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

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.



THE 2011 OPA BALL CRUISING THE AEGEAN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

Champions Run Country Club

13800 Eagle Run Drive

6pm Social Hour & Greek Appetizers

7pm Dinner & Silent Auction

9pm Dancing to Sure Thing

Semi-Formal / Festive Dress

Valet Parking

Tickets \$125 per person

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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 6:1-10 (p. 196 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (p. 70 in the pew Bibles)

Forty Day Blessing of Mother and Child

Vanessa Maria Cocris, born on August 25; daughter of Veronica Doga and Bogdan Cocris; sister of Alexandru.

: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.

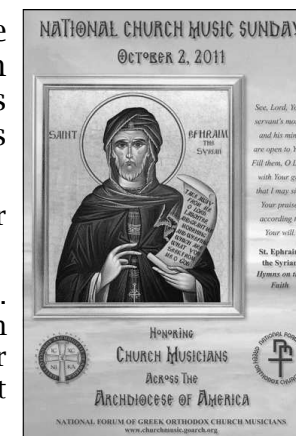
:Today is National Church Music Sunday! We thank those
:who contribute to the liturgical life of our church through
:sacred music. The members of our choir and the chanters
:offer their time and talent every Sunday and other times
:throughout the year.

: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.

: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, at
: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 today, October 2, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at 72nd and Dodge:
:streets. Orthodox faithful may bring an icon and meet in front of the Borders building.

: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!



Join us for a Pan Orthodox Book Study

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**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!**



Sponsored by the Pan Orthodox Christian Council of Omaha



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.

Looking Ahead...

Today	10/2	Life Chain (72nd & Dodge Streets)	2:00 p.m.
		Tour Group	8:00 p.m.
Monday	10/3	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10/4	Parish Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10/5	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	10/6	HOPE	10:30 a.m.
		Tour Group	5:15 p.m.
		Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/9	Matins (Ushers: Team A)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Cleo Hatjinis) (Ushers: Robert and Rebecca Jordan)	10:00 a.m.
		Mediterranean Dinner at St. Mary's	12:00 noon