

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 16, 2011

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in Nicea (+787); Righteous Longinus the Centurion and his two Companions; Righteous Malos; Martyrs Leontios and Dometios; Eupraxia, Princess of Pskov

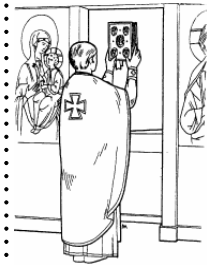
The Bread of the Offering (*Prophoro*) was prepared by Vana Kotsalis.

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

Community Ushers: Council Members

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Entrance



Resurrectional Hymn (First Tone)

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life, whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation, O You alone who love all.

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 (First Tone) - *Repeat*

Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Plagal of the Fourth Tone)

You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith: O most Compassionate, glory to You.

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.

Treats for Troops

List of Suggested Items for the 2011 Holiday Boxes
(Watch for Sales Throughout the Year and Please only SMALL Items)
DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

- Board Games (Checkers, Sorry, Scrabble, etc.).
- Unsigned Holiday / Christmas Cards with envelopes for the soldiers to address and send to their loved ones back home.
- Wrapped Christmas Candy (such as candy canes, etc.) for the stockings.
- Holiday Paper Products - Napkins and Paper Plates.
- Lightweight Garland that could be used to decorate the mess halls or tents - small Christmas Decorations.
- Holiday CDs, Holiday Movie DVDs, such as Christmas Vacation, comedies and those the soldiers might enjoy - New and Used.
- Holiday Potpourri (pine and holiday scent).
- Card Games such as UNO, Phase 10, Rook, Skip Bo.
- Games like Yahtzee, Cribbage, Dominoes (if they are lightweight sets), Puzzle Books such as Word Search, Crossword and Sudoku. (Reminder: Box is only 12" x 12" x 5 1/2")
- Small Dart Boards, hackie Sacks, Electronic Handheld Games, Minifans, Small Flashlights.
- Small Foam Footballs or Basketballs - A Frisbee could be a welcome gift...Baseball Hats.
- Batteries (AA, AAA, 3 Volt Lithium, 9 Volt).
- Stationery and Envelopes.
- Small Tubes of Moisturizing Cream, Small Cans of Febreze, Nice Bars of Soap.
- Nail Polish, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Mouthwash, Deodorant, Body Wash.
- Anything else that you can think of that would fit into the Christmas Stockings or the boxes that might bring a smile to their faces!
- 2012 Calendars - They like to mark off their days until they are home.
- We cannot send religious items of any kind.
- We cannot send any suggestive reading material.

HOLIDAY COMFORT BOXES - FREE STUFF

Bet you have some - look around your home - ask your neighbors or friends.

- Calendars (any size) from charitable organizations and business.
- Unused Holiday Cards - Deployed troops are not charged postage. We received great feedback that they are able to send holiday greetings back to their loved ones in the states.
- Unused Stationery, Note Pads and Envelopes - Some of us have received thank you notes from soldiers on what we might consider scratch paper. Many don't have access to a base.
- Travelers - If you've recently traveled...Disposable Razors, Lotions, Shampoos, Aspirin, etc.
- Holiday Decorations/ CDs, DVDs - Lightweight Garland to decorate their quarters, tents.
- Letters or cards of support - we always include in our boxes. The ones kids write are great!

Please see the display on the table in the second floor hallway.

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: Titus 3:8-15 (p. 234 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (p. 72 in the pew Bibles)

Chrismation - The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Ann-Marie Tsatsos, wife of Charles Tsatsos, mother of Michelle and George, will be received into the Orthodox Church. Christina Piperis will be her sponsor together with Maria Piperis.

: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. Plan
:to attend the Great Pumpkin Fall Party on Sunday, October 30.

: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 20, at 10:30 a.m.

:Mark your calendar: Our Fall Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, November 6:
:following the Divine Liturgy together with a *souvlaki* luncheon for a free will offering:
:Agenda items will include a festival report, real property updates and developments, the:
:2012 Budget, and nominations for the Parish Council. Stewards must have submitted a:
:commitment card and be current in their stewardship offerings (fulfilled at least 75% of:
:commitment) in order to vote at the Parish Assembly.

:Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Philoptochos will be held on Sunday, November 13.

:Say Thanks and be Giving: Our Philoptochos will distribute a limited number of food:
:baskets from the SHARE food program to neighborhood families for Thanksgiving. The:
:Thanksgiving dinner packages come with all the fixings to cook a meal for six. Please:
:contact the church office if you would like to donate \$28 for a basket.

:Pray Healing for Constance Petrihos.
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**Dinner to benefit
Sheltering Tree**

Date: Tuesday, October 25th, 2011

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cash Cocktail Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Place: Grisanti's

10875 West Dodge Rd. Omaha, NE

Cost: \$50 per person for dinner

RSVP by October 21st

**Mail to: Debbie Rokusek
6821 Hillcrest Lane
LaVista, NE 68128**

For Info: Shirley at 402-679-4444



*Serving and empowering persons with
developmental disabilities.*

Sheltering Tree is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Our mission is to create a safe, affordable, quality, home-like environment inspired by Christian values which will empower adults with developmental disabilities to achieve maximum independence, lead productive and fulfilling lives following their dreams and goals and to build lifelong friendships.

This small residential community of eleven units to be located in a Bellevue neighborhood will allow each person the dignity and comfort of their own apartment. Through this subsidized housing Sheltering Tree Community will value each resident's own unique talents, spirituality, beliefs and family traditions.

Trained, committed live-in managers will provide house parent assistance as needed.

Sheltering Tree's ABLE Center will offer education and job opportunities in market place businesses designed to support them.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting new future on behalf of those who have such worth but are unable to help themselves.

Our prayer: God do good to those who do good.

Looking Ahead...

Monday	10/17	Book Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10/18	Tour Group	6:30 p.m.
		Pan Orthodox Christian Council	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10/19	Prayer Group and Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	10/20	HOPE	10:30 a.m.
		Greek School	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10/23	Matins (Ushers: Team C)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Helen Amlin)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Nicholas Katsiris & Sophia Kavas)	
		Feast of St. James (Iakovos)	