

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska
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Sunday, November 20, 2011

International Orthodox Christian Charities Sunday

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Forefeast of the Entrance of the *Theotokos* into the Temple; Righteous Gregory of Decapolis (+816); Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (+447); Righteous Dasios; Nerses, Bishop of Persia

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

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

Community Ushers: Caro Kitur / Vivian Kokkalas

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 the Forefeast of the Entrance of the *Theotokos* (Fourth Tone)

Today righteous Anna grants joy to all instead of sorrow. She brings forth for us the fruit of her prayer, the only ever-virgin maiden. In fulfillment of her prayer and promise, she joyfully leads her to the temple of the Lord, who is truly the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

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.

Saint John's Christmas Cookie Walk!!!

Sunday, December 11
following the Divine Liturgy

Pick your selections
from a variety of
Cookie delights
at only

\$10.00 a pound!

Great for Holiday Parties

or Santa Treats!



* Proceeds to the Renovation Fund.

BAKLAVA BAKE SALE



Sponsored by the St. John's Philoptochos

Coming Soon!

Hymn of the Forefeast of the Entrance of the *Theotokos* (Fourth Tone)
The universe on this day, is filled with joy at the glorious feast of the Mother of God and cries out: "She is the heavenly tabernacle."



The Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 (p. 209 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 (p. 80 in the pew Bibles)

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.

Parish Council Elections for four members of the 2012-2014 Parish Council will be held on Sunday, December 4 following the Divine Liturgy. The candidates are Jon Bergren, Craig S. Clawson, Gus Matheakis, Niki Kuvetakis, Jay Mulkey, Zoe Matsukis White, Christopher Sinos, Michael G. Kreekos, and Helen Nick. Please contact Nancy Matsukis today in the fellowship hall to request an absentee ballot.

Parish Christmas Card: Take the opportunity to convey Christmas greetings to our entire community. The deadline is December 19. 'Tis the Season to decorate our house of worship! You may sponsor poinsettias for \$10 / each. Please sign up today.

Tour News: Thank you to all who assisted at our signature "Christmas in Greece" tour on Thursday, November 17. We are currently in need of volunteers to bake kourambiethes for December 16 & 17 and Vasilopita for December 17. Upcoming tour dates include November 30 (6:30 p.m.), December 1 (5:30 p.m.), December 3 (5:00 p.m.), December 8 (5:15 p.m.), December 16 (5:15 p.m.), and December 17 (12:00 noon). Please note that the group previously scheduled for November 26 has been canceled.

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!

Sheltering Tree wishes to thank all of you for your continuing support of our future residential community for adults with developmental disabilities. We had a very successful first annual fundraising dinner hosted by Grisanti's on October 25, 2011. We raised approximately \$5,200 and we wish to thank our host and benefactors Demetris and Vana Kotsalis, owners of Grisanti's, for their generosity. Please continue to pray for the success of the Sheltering Tree. Visit our website

www.ShelteringTreeCommunity.org

to learn more or call Shirley McNally at 402-679-4444 to learn how you can help Sheltering Tree's mission to create affordable, quality, small apartment communities inspired by Christian values, empowering persons with developmental disabilities to lead fulfilling lives, build friendships and contribute and belong to the greater Omaha, Nebraska community.



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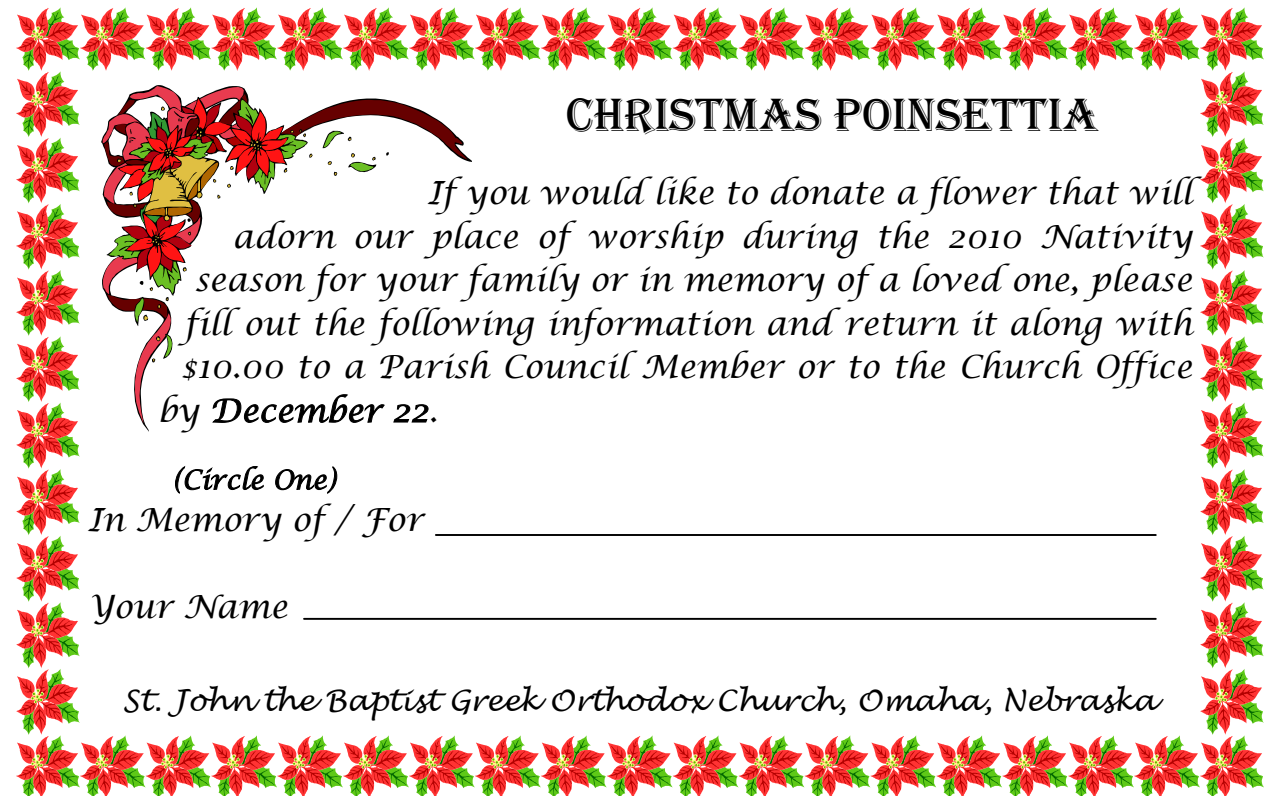
St. John's Community CHRISTMAS Card

We are preparing the Annual Community Christmas Card at St. John's. For \$25, you and your family can be included in the beautiful expression of joy and unity in our faith that is mailed out to the entire community for the Christmas season.

Please sign your name in the way you want it to appear on the card and return this form, along with \$25 to a Parish Council Member or to the Church Office by **December 19, 2011**.

Name: _____

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA



If you would like to donate a flower that will adorn our place of worship during the 2010 Nativity season for your family or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the following information and return it along with \$10.00 to a Parish Council Member or to the Church Office by **December 22**.

(Circle One)

In Memory of / For _____

Your Name _____

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Looking Ahead...

Monday	11/21	Divine Liturgy - Entrance into the Temple at St. Mary Orthodox Church (10303 Boyd St.)	10:00 a.m.
		Book Study at St. John's	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11/23	Prayer Group / Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	11/24	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Friday	11/25	St. Katherine - No Services	
Sunday	11/27	Matins (Ushers: Team B)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prophoro</i> : Angie Lewis) (Ushers: Nikolaos and Anastasia Koliopoulos)	10:00 a.m.
		Combined Church School Classes	