

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska
Rev. Peter J. Pappas, Presbyter - Phone (402) 871-6241



Sunday, November 27, 2011

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Great Martyr James of Persia (+400); Palladius of Thessalonica; Nathaniel of Nitria; Pinouphrios of Egypt; James, Bishop of Rostov; Seventeen Monk Martyrs of India; Romanos the Wonderworker of Cilicia

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

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

Community Ushers: Nick and Anastasia Koliopoulos

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. James of Persia (Fourth Tone)

By his struggles, O Lord, Your martyr has received an imperishable crown from You, our God. Armed with Your might he defeated tyrants and crushed the arrogance of demons. Therefore, through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

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



One Dozen Baklava..... \$20.00
9 x 13 Pan (Approx. 35-40 pieces)..... \$40.00

Orders and money must be received by December 6, 2011

PICKUP DATES:

Saturday, December 17th – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18th – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Checks payable to “Philoptochos Society”

To order, please call church office – 345-7103
or
Elaine Poulos (712-323-9407)
Mary Stom – 496-3588 (H) or 670-1842 ©

Mail Orders to:

St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
602 Park Avenue
Omaha, NE 68105

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Please fill out and mail to Church office along with payment.

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:Kontakion Hymn of the Nativity of our Lord (Third Tone)

:The virgin on this day comes to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word:
:eternal. Therefore, rejoice, therefore, O earth, at the message. With the angels and the
:shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is
:God before the ages.



The Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 (p. 209 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Emmanuel Vlassakis
Gospel: Luke 18:18-27 (p. 88 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 combined classes will meet following Holy Communion and end:
:at 12:00 noon. All the children are invited to assist in decorating the Christmas:
:tree and enjoy some pizza together in the Fellowship Hall following classes.

:Share in the Spirit of the Season: Our Philoptochos will distribute a limited number of:
:food baskets from the SHARE food program to neighborhood families for Christmas.
:The Christmas 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.

:Parish Council Elections for four members of the 2012-2014 Parish Council will be held:
:next 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. A seminar for the candidates:
:will be held today following the Divine Liturgy with optional sessions this evening and on
:Monday, 6:30 p.m. for those unable to attend this afternoon.

: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: We are currently in need of volunteers to bake *kourambietes* 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).

:Congratulations to C. Alexander Payne for the release of his latest film, *The*
:*Descendants*. Alexander is the son of George H. and Peggy C. Payne.

: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!



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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PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE DURHAM MUSEUM'S ANNUAL

Ethnic Holiday Festival

Friday, December 2, 2011
5 - 9 PM

ADMISSION: Adults: \$8; Seniors (62+): \$6;
Children (ages 3-12): \$5
Members and children 2 & under are FREE

Grab your passport and take a trip around the world - without leaving Omaha! Join local cultural groups for the annual Ethnic Holiday Festival during Christmas at Union Station.

Watch entertainers perform traditional dances and music and purchase ethnic foods and handmade crafts.

Walk through the Ethnic Holiday Trees Exhibit to see examples of trees from around the globe.

See our permanent and temporary exhibits, including *Holiday Miniatures* and *American Letterpress: The Art of Hatch Show Print*.

**The Ethnic Holiday Festival is a celebration
that your family will not want to miss!**

THE DURHAM MUSEUM

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Looking Ahead...

Today	11/27	Parish Council Candidates' Seminar	7:00 p.m.
Monday	11/28	Candidates' Seminar (Optional Date)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11/30	Divine Liturgy - St. Andrew	10:00 a.m.
		Tour Group	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	12/1	Tour Group	5:30 p.m.
Friday	12/2	Ethnic Holiday Festival at the Durham Western Heritage Museum	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12/3	Tour Group	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12/4	Matins (Ushers: Team C)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prosporo</i> : Helen Amlin) (Ushers: Sam & Maria Koliopoulos)	10:00 a.m.
		Feast of St. Barbara / St. John of Damascus	