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FASTING AS TRANSFORMING EXPECTATION

Coming back home the other day, I observed with great joy that some trees on my street started to blossom. I was immediately moved to think: the winter is over, spring is here! All the cold weather, all the snow and the ice is gone. But, the thought continued, if we won't pass through winter we couldn't appreciate spring in its fullness.

One the most beautiful celebrations in Japan is the cherry blossom festival. People gather from afar to be part of it. One of the most interesting things about it is that there is not fixed celebration date dictated by the calendar. The festival takes place whenever the cherry trees are good and ready. So part of this entire spectacle is the great anticipation during the winter when, while suffering the cold and the bare land, the Japanese think of the amazing sight of the cherry blossom of spring. This hope, kindled through the winter, makes the festivities so much more meaningful. If the cherry-trees would blossom every day people would get tired of them and forget what it is not to have them.

The life we live today is full of everything; nothing is missing from our table. We don't know
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COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thank you to everyone who attended the February General Assembly.

Wonderful presentations by George Vittas for the Capital Campaign Committee and Joe Sullivan for the Building Committee were given. Fr. Vasile also gave a beautiful presentation of the proposed iconography for our new church. With each passing week, as we view the progression of the construction, our hearts quicken at the prospect of celebrating liturgy in our new edifice. We want all to participate in this exciting endeavor and need everyone's help to make our dreams a reality.

Preparations for our annual Agape Dinner are underway. Tickets will once again be \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under and will be available for sale beginning in April. Make plans now to celebrate Easter Sunday with your church family.

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COUNCIL CAPSULE



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A Coffee Hour Calendar has been established and is now posted in the church hall. Each organization or individual is asked to supply the goodies as well as setup and cleanup. The church will continue to purchase coffee, supplies and paper goods.

Plans are underway to set up a food festival meeting to discuss the feasibility of having a festival this year. Notices will be sent out once a date is established. We are still in need of a chairperson or persons for the festival. Please see any council member or me if you are interested. As discussed, it would be a shame to lose out on an opportunity to raise additional funds for the new church.

Barbara Vittas
Parish Council President

FINANCIAL REPORT YTD THRU 02 28 11

	2010	2011	Budget
Stewardship	22749	25795	29296
Total income	37164	31079	34563
Total exp	23914	30856	30044
Net	+13250	+223	+4519

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE YOUR PERSONAL OR FAMILY COMMITMENT TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, NOW IS THE TIME.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

By about mid-year 2011 the structure and finished exterior of the church will have been completed including the dome. Through the total commitment of many parishioners, the Capital Campaign Fund contains the cash necessary to complete this first stage of construction.

Your Capital Campaign Committee has turned to the task of raising the balance of funds needed to complete the church interior and related site improvements on our property. Our goal is to provide a continuous cash flow to enable completion of the project in 2011. Approximately only one-half of our parishioners have committed close to 75% of the funds needed to complete the project and many have already made substantial payments on

their commitments. With that record of parish commitment to date, we are hopeful others among our fellow parishioners will also now join in supporting this historic undertaking.

To complete the project this year, we need to raise approximately \$400,000 in cash, inclusive of remaining 3-year commitments yet to be paid. We will be pursuing various approaches to raising the funds needed to complete the project this year including new commitments from as yet uncommitted parishioners, increased commitments, accelerated payments on existing commitments and commitments from outside businesses who have supported the parish in the past and with whom we enjoy mutually beneficial relationships.

Later this year, we will also unveil a program of dedications of various spaces, fixtures and ecclesiastical features in the new church and in the new Paulos Center Addition. The Dedications Program, as introduced at the February 27th General Assembly, will provide opportunities to parishioners who desire to make special contributions in honor or in memory of loved ones or who simply want to make a donation for a special purpose or part of the church project, even if anonymously. This program will be delayed somewhat while we focus first on obtaining the funds to finish the church building and site improvements construction this year.

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FASTING AS TRANSFORMING EXPECTATION

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what hunger is, we don't even know what it is not having meat even for one day. This was not the case for many generations before us, during the war, the depression and so on. We live in abundance, and it is nothing wrong with that, but in the same time, if we don't pay attention can make us lazy and ungrateful.

An easy cure is the prescribed fasting discipline of the Orthodox Church. With two days a week of fasting and four major Lenten periods, the Church asks us to meditate upon all we have, by giving them away, temporarily.

But fasting is not only about food. From a spiritual perspective the same apply. We are born under grace; we are part of the One Holy Church of Christ since infancy. We have received the gift of Baptism as children and we have partaken in Christ's Body ever-since. The Resurrection of Christ is

for us many times something of the past, something that was done for us and we enjoy its fruits today. We don't know anymore what is to wait for the moment when the time "is ripe", to long for the coming of the Messiah. For us the Anointed One is here already. But He should never be perceived as One from the past, but a very actual presence. The cycle of Feasts and Fasting of the Liturgical year helps us in this respect reminding us again and again the immediacy of all the events that happened for our salvation. The great self chosen discipline of the Lent is forcing us, spoiled children as we are, to realize what great things have already been done for us and how many things we are taking for granted.

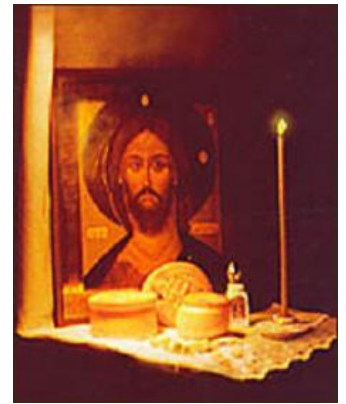
The expectation set forth by the Great Lent has enormous transforming power. If we could just let ourselves be embarked in this journey we could be molded into God's shape,

we could be ascending towards His likeness through the means the Church is offering us: repentance, prayer, fasting and charity.

But you might very well say I don't need transformation, I'm as good as I can get. A losing proposition. That is exactly what the self-righteous Pharisee said, and yet, God loved more the sinful but repentant Publican.

The comfort of our lives is a great brake in our development as Christians. It gives us a false impression of achievement. The American dream is liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We have achieved this goal in our great country. We are free and happy with our lives today, so many times we don't see any need for more and we stop our engines midway. Oppression and hunger, material or spiritual, on the other hand, is a stimulant. Think of the Greek Church during the Turkish domination, how it has sur-

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“FORMING FOR THE FOUNDATION CONCRETE WORK IS IN ITS LAST STAGES TO COMPLETE”

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Foundation work has now been completed which clearly defines the actual configuration of the Church and exo-Narthex. With all of the concrete pours completed for the engineered piers drilled to bedrock, four foot deep grade beams and the solid six inch slab the foundation is now ready for the building to take shape. April will be a busy month to begin the structural steel erection and wood framing. Ashton

Wynne is projecting to have the main steel members and dome structure erected by Pascha, which would be a significant visual sign of our progress for the many parishioners and visitors attending services during Holy Week.

The Building Committee is continuing to meet regularly with Ashton Wynne to status progress and to ensure we are maintaining cost controls. In the coming month we will be

developing a mock-up of the exterior brick, stone and roof materials to review; more details will follow on the actual timing of the mock-up.

Joe Sullivan

Building Committee Chairman



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STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We're off to a good start in 2011. As of 2/20/11 we have **80 pledges** for a **total of \$143,874**. Our **goal** this year is **\$175,000**.

The church needs your help! If you have not yet submitted

your stewardship pledge, please do so as soon as possible.

A big thank you goes out to those who have already made their commitment to our church.

REMEMBER: *If your intention is to be a pledged member of St. John, a new card must be submitted each year.*

Please submit your 2011 card today!

2011 STEWARDS

Alexander, Leo & Teresa

Anderson, Dr. Anthony

Arlington, Linda

Ball, David

Ballas, Andy & Pat

Ballas, Chris

Beebe, Sharie

Began, John

Berca, Sorin & Carmen

Blake, John & Harriett

Bogdos, George & Sotera

Bogordos, George & Kasandra

Bond, Tina & George

Brandon, Roberta

Chokas, Margaret

Cline, Tim & Angela

Cramb, Kristina

Cramb, Matthew

Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy

Eftimie, Michael

Feichtinger, Pavlina

File, Russ & Hope

Fondulis, Paul

Forcum, Ana

Fox, Mike & Kathy

Gavras, Billie

Geil, Chris & Sandra

Genovezos, George & Olympia

Gianulis, Adam

Gianulis, Bill & Bertha

Gigliotta, Leonard

Grumbos, Dr. Peter

Henry, Michael & Julie

Hooe, Jane

Johnson, Marshall & Velva

Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny

Katsikas, Constantinos

Kerbow, Joe & Maria

Kinman, Buck & Karen

Leeders, Larry

Leeders, Stacia

MacPherson, Doug & Andi

Manos, George & Vicki

Matheson, Trevor & Sherri

Mavias, Michael & Mary

Mavias, Lisa

Medvic, Allison

Medvic, Nancy

Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura

Molhoek, Mike & Tina

Morcovescu, Serban & Anca

Moutafis, George & Khanh

Naval, Marc

Nicholas, Toni

Nugent, Phyllia

Pachares, Mark & Marie

Pachares, Tony & Athena

Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni

Papaliadis, Louie

Petercsak, Steve & Esther

Peters, Paun & Lynn

Plock, Eleni

Poletes, Bill & Rena

Poriotis, Michael

Poriotis, Terry & Gail

Rafailedes, Connie

Ruppel, John & Joanie

Russo, Joseph & Athena

Samaras, Johnny

Shah, Raj & Kirsten

Snegirov, Aleksandr & Oksana

Steffaro, Bob & Karen

Sullivan, Charles & Ann

Sullivan, Joe & Nina

Talleos, Peter

Tudora, Fr. Vasile & Pres. Mirela

Vittas, George & Barbara

Wright, Bill & Christine

Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo

Zingas, Ari & Olga

IF YOUR INTENTION IS TO BE A PLEDGED MEMBER OF ST. JOHN, A NEW CARD MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (CONT)

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As a Parish, we are on the way to bringing the vision of "Building Our Future" to reality. If you have not yet made your personal or family commitment to the Capital Campaign, now is the time. Please see any member of the CCC for a commitment card if you have not yet made a commitment. Each and every steward and regular attendee of church services and parish events should want to be part of making this dream and plan a reality and the names of all who have contributed will be recognized. If you have already

made your personal or family commitment, please consider increasing your commitment and accelerating your payments so that we may complete the project this year.

All of our parishioners should want to participate in this historic endeavor and, when we are done, share in offering glory to God for what we, together, each and every one of us as a Greek Orthodox Community, have accomplished as a lasting legacy and gift to the future generations of St. John the Baptist here in the Dallas/

Fort Worth Metroplex.

Your Capital Campaign Committee - Paun Peters, Dr. Chris Yiantsou, Nancy Medvic, Louie Papaliadis, Margaret Chokas, Larry Leeders, George Vittas.



BECOMING A STEWARD IN 2011

On Sunday November 14, 2010 we held our annual stewardship Sunday. It was for all a moment of reflection about our contribution to the Church for the year to come. Many thanks to all that participated and became stewards of our church.

Of course not everyone had an opportunity to come, but it is not too late! So here is some information on what it means and why is important to become a steward.

You become an Orthodox Christian Steward by giving yourself to Christ, by participating in the Sacramental Life of the church and by giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure; all of which require commitment. A commitment to worship, to attend liturgy and to pray regularly, a commitment to be an active part of your church community giving

of your time and talent, and, yes, a commitment to give back a portion of the treasure God has given you – a financial commitment.

A written statement of your intentions is just one of the things that will help you feel committed to Christ and His Church. If we submit nothing in writing it is easy to just walk away and become a spectator. If, however, we have committed to help support the church, we feel an obligation to do so. That commitment comes by way of our Stewardship Commitment Card.

Filling out a Stewardship Card enables the church to keep a record of the number of parishioners in our congregation, to update addresses and phone numbers that are needed for various purposes and to assess the talents of our parishioners to be utilized when needed.

The card is absolutely necessary to determine expected income for budgetary reasons and to create a list of church members who are eligible to vote, serve on the parish council, hold an office, share their talents etc.

So, please, don't stand on the outside looking in. Become an active part of St. John the Baptist community for 2011.

New cards are available in the pews and in the narthex.

Don't be afraid; the card is not a contract, but a promise of intentions. And remember: If your intention is to be a pledged member of St. John, a new card must be submitted each year.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in helping to make the stewardship process more meaningful and efficient.

BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST COMMUNITY FOR 2011 BY FILLING A STEWARDSHIP CARD



Make your talent grow today

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS



Thank you to Joanie Ruppel and Rena Poletes for coordinating our Annual Membership Social. We so dearly appreciate all our new members and our existing members. We hope to surpass our goal this year for membership and are so proud to see our ministry growing. Our Lenten Soup Suppers are scheduled above, we hope to see you all there, Kathy Fox will be contacting those interested in assisting with the meals.

We have a very busy April ahead of us and pray that you all are having an enriched Lenten season. We expect to have a good attendance during holy week, from dying Easter eggs to decorating the "Kouvoukleon". Please review the dates above knowing that your participation is important for the ongoing ministry that we share. Also, we ask for your support in our annual

Easter Bake Sale. This is a worthwhile cause and as you all know, the bread and kou-lourakia are delicious. We so enjoy the participation we receive and the camaraderie is all too rewarding. Lastly, we are hosting the reception following the Resurrection service of Holy Pascha, please join us in the Parish Hall for a light meal.

This year we are also recognizing St. Irene Philoptochos President's (past and present) with a Luncheon/Tea on April 30, 2011. Please see the inserted flyer for details or contact Rena Poletes or Hope File, co-chairs.

With the Blessings of this Holy Lenten Season,

In Christ's Love, Bertha

Philoptochos Dates:

April 3, 2011 – 1st Collection for Easter Flowers

April 8, 2011 – 3rd Lenten

Soup Supper (See Kathy Fox/ Roberta Brandon for Details)

April 10, 2011 – 2nd Collection for Easter Flowers Deadline for Pre-Ordered Easter Bake Sale

April 16, 2011 – Baking for Easter and Philoptochos Monthly Meeting/Elections

April 17, 2011 – 3rd Collection for Easter Flowers Pick-up Pre-Ordered Easter Bake Sale

April 21, 2011 - Decorating of the Kouvoukleon/Dying Easter Eggs

April 24, 2011 – HOLY PASCHA (Reception following Resurrection Service)

April 30, 2011 - Mother's Day Luncheon (Rena Poletes & Hope File, Co-Chairs)

ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

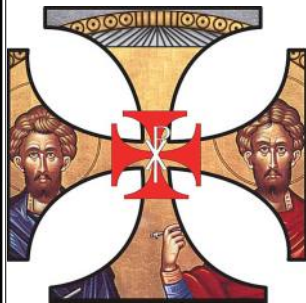
We will be honoring past presidents of St. Irene Philoptochos. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank those that have served in the past, those currently serving and for fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Please contact Rena Poletes or Hope File for further details; 817-571-6956 or 817-729-6887.

4701 Colleyville Blvd,

Colleyville,

Saturday, April 30th ~ 11 a.m

\$ 18 & \$ 8 for children under 12



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Students and Parents,

On Good Friday, April 22nd, there will be a 3PM service commemorating Christ's death on the cross. Many of the families who attended this service last year were very pleased with how much their child learned. Through the church school classes, we will send a note from the church to excuse your child for this service. Or, you may pick up a copy from the Church School mailbox in the Hall.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be

on Pascha Sunday after the Agape Vespers and before the Agape Luncheon. Donations for the egg hunt are requested (i.e. prizes, non-chocolate candy, etc...). There is a box labeled for egg hunt donations in the church hall for your convenience. Please come and join the fun. It's wonderful to see our young ones so carefree.

With His Blessing,
Khanh Moutafis



Christ teaching in the Temple

CHOIR NOTES

The Hymns Of The Lamentations "Engomia"

Holy Friday night culminates with a memorable reenactment of the lamentations, the liturgical hymns of ancient centuries. The tone is mournful and the mood is solemn as the hymns are chanted by the clergy, choir, chanters and congregation.

The Lamentations are divided into three categories called stases. These psalms are the lament of women and men that see the dead Jesus. The peak of the psalms is the troparion of the Epitaphios (Epitaph, bier),

which is known in Greek as the "Ai geneai pasai", which means all the generations, all people. It is supposed to be the lament of Virgin Mary when she sees her son dead.

It is a combination of sorrow and devout concentration. The most known of the hymns of Good Friday is "O gliki mou aear". It is the most touching and moving psalms, composed probably by Romanos Melodos – although this is not something completely confirmed. -Oh, my sweet spring time, my most beloved Child, whither has Thy beauty sunk down?

The words are carefully chosen; Virgin

Mary refers to her son as the Spring, referring to the setting of the sun, parallelizing the death with the sunset. All generations (ai genee pasai) praise by hymns his burial. This Easter troparion – hymn is definitely the most melodic of all, and the one stirring the senses more than anything else, since the Spring of life is lost and people see life being buried.

Bill Poletes,
Choir Director

GOYA NEWS

Our GOYA is growing and is constantly busy. Several of the members have prepared papers on the Oratorical Festival topics and we will be hearing some in church soon.

Others are very busy checking out colleges and filling out the application paperwork as they look forward to their May graduation. Remember to mark May 15th on your calendars and help us honor these

graduates at our GRADUATION CELEBRATION LUNCHEON.

Congratulations to the new all male slate of officers; Peter Pursley, President; Ovi Berca, Vice President; John Molhoek, Secretary; and Savas Zingas, Treasurer.

Watch for information regarding Camp Emmanuel this summer. That camp continues to grow and even though there

are two sessions this year, space will probably be limited. We hope to have more of our students attend this year.

The various youth groups of St. John's - Church School, JOY and GOYA - are working on project(s) to collect funds for the Japanese people following the devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear fallout. Details to come.





FASTING AS TRANSFORMING EXPECTATION

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vived miraculously and did not cease to give Saints to God. Think about the Church under the Communist regime and the martyrs that never gave up hope. Also look today how many people from the Orthodox majority in those countries attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. The statistics are downright depressing. All this happens because freedom is misunderstood and abundance becomes the only expression of happiness and the very goal of life.

St. Seraphim of Sarov comes to say differently, that the goal of life is acquiring the Holy Spirit. Live a life full of the true Spirit and your dreams of liberty and happiness will be attained for eternity. If we want this to become reality we have to break from the false sense of achievement that our prosperity is inducing on us, and realize that we are far from our target in a true spiritual sense.

We have to acknowledge our shortcomings, get rid of the

mask of pride and unveil the humility residing in the image of Christ within us. God emptied Himself of His glory and has shown us that under His ineffable glory, that can be very intimidating, lays great love for mankind; love that allowed Him to go as far as to sacrifice Himself so we can have life.

Our goal should be the same, to empty ourselves of the vain glory of spurious achievement that whispers in our years: you're good, you're smart, you're spiritual, and realize that the poor man underneath our mask needs help to grow in Christ.

This is the gift of Lent, a true image of ourselves that we receive through contrition, a truthful reflection showing clearly how poor in Spirit we are and how hungry our soul is for God. With a clear understanding of our shortcomings the prayers will feel more natural, not long anymore, not boring, not someone else's words, but real life giving water for a thirsty soul. Loving the others will also come natu-

ral when we take down our armor of arrogance, because in humility we'll recognize that we are not superior to our brothers and sisters, but we are all equal under God, equal in weaknesses, equal in sin, equal in needing the mercy of God.

Fasting can change us, can make us blossom like cherry trees in the spring, growing in appreciation of what is in front of us, but we are too busy otherwise to notice. *"The springtime of the Fast has dawned, the flower of repentance has begun to open..."* (Aposticha, Vespers on Wednesday of Cheesefare Week). Embrace the gift of Lent with its spiritual discipline, confess your sins, pray more, love more, forgive more and a new world of meaning will open calling you higher and higher, closer to God.

But we all, with our face having been unveiled, having beheld the glory of the Lord as in a mirror, are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Lord Spirit. (2Co 3:18)

Amin

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TRADITIONAL PASCHA BASKETS

A very ancient Orthodox custom is the "blessing the family baskets" after the Resurrectional Liturgy on Pascha night.

We have revived this tradition in our Parish. Here are some practical hints.

The basket, is traditionally put together on Holy Saturday morning after the Liturgy of Anticipation [Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil], and can include all or some of the following: (1) The Easter, or Pascha, loaf of bread; (2) A bottle of red wine; (3)

Meats and meat products that may include lamb, sausages, ham etc.; (4) dairy products, such as butter, cheese, and eggs; (5) oil and seasonings; and (6) salt, to represent Christians as "the salt that gives the earth its savor." (7) a lit candle.

Depending on the particular region, the eggs would be prepared and dyed in a traditional manner in the "Resurrection red," and even perhaps marked with a cross, on Holy Thursday.

At the Church the family takes

the basket to the foot of the Iconostasis. After the Liturgy and all had received Holy Communion, the priest blesses the many baskets and the communal apportionment of the Pascha eggs. Leaving the Church, the whole of the parish or groups of families can gather to share their Pascha eggs, soup, breads and cheese. The remainder foods of the Paschal basket are eaten by the family at home.

May all have a blessed Pascha !



YOUTH MINISTRIES IS ON THE MOVE

Don't know where to begin this month....so much is going on with our youth! Our new GOYA OFFICERS are doing a great job communicating with their members regarding the Teen series which Fr. Vasile is holding on Wed. evenings. Thanks, Father for meeting the needs of our young people. Rena Poletes has worked hard trying to get our youth to CAMP EM-MANUEL and so far we have doubled the numbers over last year....we have two (instead of one) going this year! Maybe next year we will double this year's numbers! Youth Ministries will help pay for their expenses again.

Our Church School kids are at this time working on raising funds to let the young people of JAPAN know that we care about their continuing tragedy; this is spearheaded by teacher Harriet Blake. It won't be long and we will again see our beautiful MIROFORES standing guard at the Kouvouk-

lion during Holy Friday services. Have you noticed that our YOUTH CHOIR is sounding stronger? They are growing more comfortable with our hymns and music; Thank you Lea!

The EASTER EGG HUNT is just around the corner. Tina Nicholas and Athena Russo will, for the 3rd year, get it all ready to go again after the Agape Service; (details as to where and how will be forthcoming) Since our Easters coincide again this year with the Western Easter, the rest of us can plan to help by bringing those special treats and items for the hunt. There will be a basket in the hall soon.

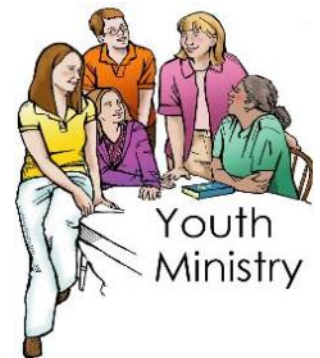
Youth Ministries is busy planning for the GRADUATION CELEBRATION. We have 7 high school grads and 4 college grads this year! The date for the LUNCHEON IS MAY 15, so please put it on your calendar. Let's show them we are proud of their many accom-

plishments!

At this writing we cannot report on the DANCERS since the probability of the FOOD-FEST is still up in the air since there are many logistics to be worked out. However, we are hoping that we will again be able to enjoy their talents when all the questions have answers!

A report on the March 27th Y.M. meeting will be reviewed in the next FORERUNNER.

In Christ's service,
Athena Pachares



PLEASE JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR AND EXPERIENCE A NEW WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LITURGY.

"YES, CHRISTOULI LOVES ME" - LEA POLETES

During my time in Denver, I was blessed to sing with the Assumption of the Theotokos choir. Charissa Gianos, one of the lead sopranos, approached me one day regarding singing back-up on her two Orthodox music compilations. I of course jumped at the chance and the honor of singing with such an accomplished soprano. Charissa is blessed with an angelic voice, and there were many times during choir and the recordings, I was overtaken with emotion.

Because I believe in Charissa's voice and her gift to sing praises in His name, I have been working with our bookstore to start promoting her book/CD, "Yes, Christouli Loves Me." This is her first book and her overriding message is to encourage Orthodox children to work toward building their relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are interested in learning more or if you have questions about Charissa's book/CD, "Yes, Christouli Loves

Me" please contact me or Kathy Fox. Charissa also has another CD available in our bookstore "Akathist to the Mother of God, Nurturer of Children" and this is the project I was also so very honored to be a part of.

Charissa's work inspires me and brings God's lightness into my heart, and therefore, I hope it will do the same for you. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

Yes! Christouli Loves Me

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—Fr. Vasile

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<http://denver.goarch.org/youth/campemmanuel>

www.campemmanuel.blogspot.com

**Camp Emmanuel
2011**

CAMP EMMANUEL

Camp Emmanuel 2011 will convene at the [Manzano Mountain Retreat](#) near Albuquerque, New Mexico in two separate sessions on the following dates:
 Juniors (Ages 11-14): June 12 through June 18 ~Seniors (Ages 15-18): June 19 through June 25
Online Registration
 Online registration at www.events.denver.goarch.org
ch.org.
 All registrations end April 15th.
 It's an opportunity of a life time and guaranteed to fulfill and uplift your tender heart for many years to come. Please don't miss out on this wonderful event!
 Rena Poletes, Youth Ministries Member

AGELESS WONDERS

On April 9 we will attend the matinee performance of "Phantom the Musical". Cost of the discounted ticket is \$11:00 pp.

We will meet at the theater at 2:15 and we need to be in our seats by 2:45. Those of you who would like to go to dinner afterwards will continue on to the restaurant.

Date is Saturday April 9th at the Artisan theater in Hurst on Pipeline Rd.

Looking forward to a fun afternoon.....Margaret

GLADSOME LIGHT

Gladsome Light Dialogues Continues in April **with our series dedicated to "Passions of the Youth."**

Youth and parents are invited to join in the dialogue.

Don't forget to visit our blog at <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

*2011 MID-CITIES
GREEK FOOD
FESTIVAL
CHAIRPERSON
OR PERSONS
NEEDED !!*



USHER SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday: Barbara Vittas, Bob Steffaro
- 2nd Sunday: Hope File, Terry Poriotis
- 3rd Sunday: Harry Karegeannes, Karen Kinman
- 4th Sunday: Michael Eftemie, Raj Shah
- 5th Sunday: Allison Medvic, Nancy Medvic

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday : Phillip Sullivan, Alex Genevesos, John Molhoek, Bennet Kerbow
- 2nd Sunday : Chris Eftemie, Ovidiu Berca, Phillip Sullivan, Chris File
- 3rd Sunday : Jackson Wright, Alex Shah, Alex Genevezos, Michael Beebe
- 4th Sunday : Luca Tudora, James Seals, Alex Genevesos, Alex Shah
- 5th Sunday: Michael Beebe, James Seals, Philip Sullivan, Ovi Berca

COFFEE HOUR HOST

- 1st Sun.: Mr. and Mrs. Chris Geil
- 2nd Sun: Parish Council
- 3rd Sun: GOYA
- 4th Sun: Philoptochos
- 5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

COFFEE HOUR DUTIES

SETUP

Arrange pastries/food in a desirable manner on the appropriate tables in the parish hall.

You are responsible for making the coffee. Make two pots: one regular, one decaf. Plug in be-

fore going into church. The instructions are in the kitchen.

Prepare a tray with sugar, creamer, sugar substitute, mixing straws, a few spoons. Set with trash bucket.

Put donation basket out with appropriate sign.

CLEAN UP

Wash all dishes soiled, including coffee pots.

Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.




Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.

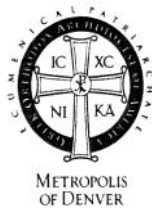
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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

April 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					✠ Akathist Hymn 6:00PM	✠ Great Vespers 6:00PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
✠ Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM	✠ Great Compline 6:00 PM	✠	✠ Presanctified Liturgy 6:00PM Gladsome Light Dialogues 7:00 PM	✠ Great Compline with the Canon of St. Andrew the Great 6:00 PM	✠ Akathist Hymn 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper	✠ Great Vespers 6:00PM
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 Palm Sunday Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Parish Council Meeting Bridegroom Service 7:00PM	✠ Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 AM Bridegroom Service 7:00PM	✠ Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 AM Bridegroom Service 7:00PM	✠ Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 AM Holy Unction 6:00 PM Holy Supper Matins 7:00PM	✠ Holy Thursday Holy Supper Liturgy 9:30 AM Washing of the Feet Service 11:00AM Passions Service 7:00 PM Decorate Kouvouklion/Dye Easter Eggs	✠ Holy Friday Royal Hours 10:00 AM Apokathelosis 3:00PM Lamentations 7:00 PM	✠ Holy Saturday Baptisms 9:00 AM Pre-Resurrectional Liturgy 10:00 AM Resurrection Service 11:30 PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Great and Holy Pascha Agape Vespers 12:00 PM Agape Luncheon 1:00 PM	✠	✠	✠	✠	✠ Theotokos of the Life-giving Font Divine Liturgy 6:00AM	✠ Great Vespers 6:00PM Mothers Day Luncheon
		✠ Strict Fast	 Fish	 Dairy, Eggs, Fish	✠ Fast Free	✠ Wine & Oil



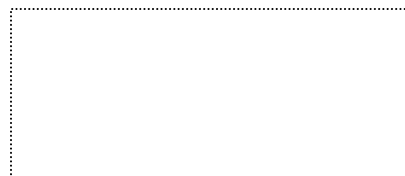
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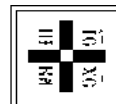
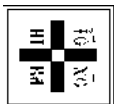
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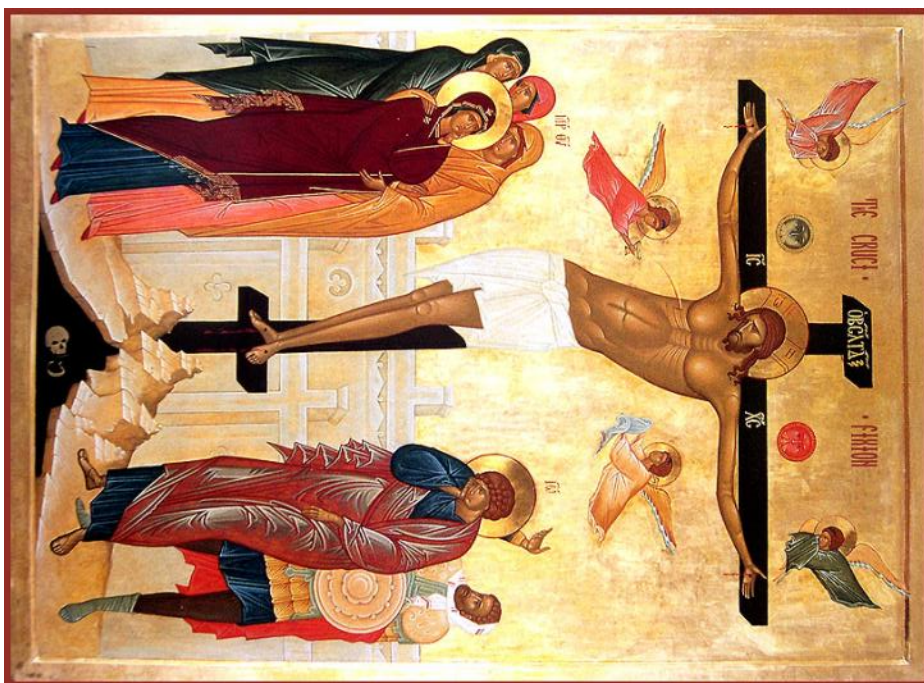


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