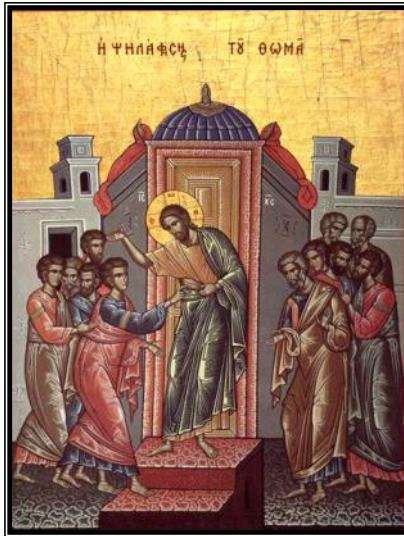


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CREDO ERGO SUM –I BELIEVE THEREFORE I AM

Last year there were rumors that the tomb of Jesus was found. The other day some claimed to have found the nails that were used to crucify Christ. More and more news like this surface today and, although most of them prove to be untrue, the people avidly read them because we, even as Christians, are not happy anymore with what the Holy Tradition has passed unto us for centuries and we want new proof for everything. We have ceased to believe in the catholicity of the Church, in the universal truth shared in the community of the ecclesia for generations and we trust more the intellect of man, despite its shortcomings, ignoring the divine Sophia, the Wisdom of God that the Church upholds



The gospel read in the Sunday following Pascha seems to pinpoint the origin of this trend to the proverbial doubting Thomas, but the Apostle Thomas is far from being the first to start this pattern of disbelief that goes back to the very beginning of Man. Adam and Eve were told in paradise that they will “surely die” (Gen 2:17) if they eat from the tree of knowledge, but they wanted more proof and, without any delay death and corruption became reality for the entire human race. The pharaoh of Egypt did not believe Moses when He told Him that he represents God and he

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COUNCIL CAPSULE

Christos Anesti! I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Easter. Many, many thanks to Michael Eftimie and Larry Leeders for cooking a delicious Lamb dinner for our Agape Luncheon. Everyone had a wonderful time with great food, good music and fellowship.

As you have all heard, we are delighted that Cynthia Pursley and Michael Poriotis have stepped forward to chair this years Food Festival. We are looking forward to a great festival despite the obstacles of the construction site. A committee is at work to secure a place for everything. You can all do your part by offering your time and talents. Leo Alexander will be signing up volunteers in the hall each week.

Also on the agenda is our annual Golf Tournament to be held this year on Sunday, June 5th at Texas Star in Euless. Michael Eftimie, Bob and Karen Steffaro and Tim and Angela Cline

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2011 Stewardship and Capital Campaign info
- I believe therefore I am
- New Church Construction updates
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COUNCIL CAPSULE



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are hard at work to make this year's tournament a fun and profitable afternoon. Make plans now to get your teams together and remember, all proceeds will benefit our new church.

And lastly, we wish the best to our office administrator, Greg DiGiovanni, who is

leaving us to return to the Windy City. Thank you Greg for 6 years of service to St. John's. You will be greatly missed.

Barbara Vittas

Parish Council President

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

Christos Anesti!

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.

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

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should free the people Israel and he rather preferred to go through all the nine plagues, and see his first born die in his arms before getting the point God was making. The people of Israel and Moses himself doubted God could take care of them in the desert and none of them entered in the Promised Land. We can go on with examples, but every time man doubted God and trusted rather in himself the outcome was grim.

God never wanted us to believe without proof, or obey without explanation, that's why *"He performed mighty works by His holy ones who in every generation were well-pleasing to Him, He spoke to us through the mouths of His servants the prophets, who foretold to us the salvation which was to come"* so when we will see the miracles and when the prophecies will be fulfilled we will have no

doubt.

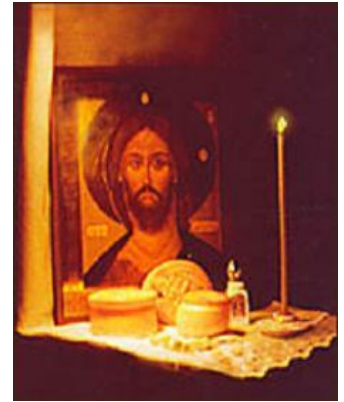
Still all proved insufficient, and even the apostles, the closest people to Christ, were not able to see what was in front of their eyes. Despite the miracles they witnessed, despite living day and night with the Son of God Himself, they all failed to perceive the obvious. Not only Thomas doubted, but Peter denied Christ three times and he had to go the tomb to see with his own eyes if the account of the myrrh bearer women was not a tall tale. Luke and Cleopas did not believe the women either and failed to put together the prophecies leading to Christ, until their eyes were opened in the breaking of the bread.

Man needs more than his broken rationality and his narrow senses to believe. It is difficult to trust God when your eyes are closed, your ears shut, and your mouth is filled with the taste of dirt, the material

world we so much cherish. No heavenly aroma can penetrate through our thick armor of unbelief and human hubris. As long as we believe that man is everything, we won't see God, we won't see His works into the world, we will be insensitive to His great love and we will ignore Him like He does not exist.

Nietzsche said: God is dead. Well, *we* killed Him; not only on the cross, but in every aspect of our lives. We don't pray because we don't have time, we can't greet ourselves as Christians because someone might get upset, we don't come to church because we are involved in other activities, mostly entertainment and the list is long. We pursue our petty interests without Him, emptying God's creation of its very Creator despite the gospel's warning: *"seek first the kingdom of God*

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“THE DOME STRUCTURE WILL BE COMPLETED AT GROUND LEVEL AND LIFTED INTO PLACE ”

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Work is progressing on the structure of the new Church. We will be seeing the dome structure being completed at ground level and lifted into place to give a good perspective of the Byzantine-style architecture of the facility. Grading around the retaining wall and slab has been completed along with the sub-surface drainage elements at the base of the retaining wall. The new water line at Cullum

Drive is being completed for the second fire hydrant required for the project.

Exterior stone, brick and metal roof selections are complete; Ashton Wynne is developing a mock-up of these items to enable a clear view of the exterior materials of construction coordinated together.

Coordination with the Festival committee has taken place to alter the construction area to

free up more available space for the Festival while maintaining tight control of the construction site.

Joe Sullivan
Building Committee Chairman



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We are slowly getting closer to our goal. As of 4/18/11 we have **101 pledges** for a **total of \$157,944**. Our **goal** this year is **\$175,000**. We **only need \$17,000 more** to meet our goal for the first time ever!!

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
Anagnostis, Dr. George
Anderson, Dr. Anthony
Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judith
Arlington, Linda
Bakintas, Savas & Dimitra
Ball, David
Ballas, Andy & Pat
Ballas, Chris
Beebe, Sharie
Began, John
Berca, Sorin & Carmen
Blake, John & Harriett
Blasé, Clarisse
Bogdos, George & Sotera
Bogordos, George & Kasandra
Bond, Tina & George
Brandon, Roberta
Callesen, John
Chokas, Margaret
Clay, Aria & Wayne
Cline, Tim & Angela
Cramb, Kristina
Cramb, Matthew
Dempsey, Dr. Margaret
Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
Doughty, Elaine
Eftimie, Michael & Tamara
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
Hadjikiriakos, Michael
Henry, Michael & Julie
Hooe, Jane
Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel & Elise
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kinman, Buck & Karen
Kithas, Alkiviadis
Leeders, Larry
Leeders, Stacia
Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
MacPherson, Doug & Andi
Manos, George & Vicki
Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
Mavias, John
Mavias, Lisa
Mavias, Michael & Mary
Medvic, Allison
Medvic, Nancy
Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Morcovescu, Serban & Anca

Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur
Naval, Marc & Maria
Nazzal, Alfred
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios
Nugent, Phyllia
Pachares, Mark & Marie
Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliodis, Louie
Peterscak, Steve & Esther
Peters, Paun & Lynn
Peters, Tommy & Dolly
Plock, Eleni
Poletes, Bill & Rena
Poletes, Lea
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
Walker, Jim & Harriet
Wright, Bill & Christine
Yalmaz, Diana
Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Zingas, Ari & Olga

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT (CONT)

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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 Papaliodis,
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



Dear Sisters in Christ,
Hristos Anesti,

First let me thank all of those Philoptochos members who participated in the Easter bake sale, the Lenten soup suppers, dying Easter eggs and decorating the Kouvoukleon. What an out-pour of love that was expressed, not only from those of us as members of Philoptochos but from all of the parishioners of St. John's. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. I feel that we are privileged to be the vehicles that express this special love for all humanity. An additional thank you to Leo and Theresa Alexander and Terry and Gail Porioritis for hosting the beautiful Anastasi reception following our Lord's resurrection service.

Thank you to Hope File and Rena Poletes for coordinating our annual Mother's Day Luncheon. We were able to honor past President's of our chapter with beautiful roses,

gifts and a fabulous brunch at Coco's Tea Room in Colleyville, Texas. We had approximately 35 ladies in attendance and were delighted to share pictures and stories of our mother's with all.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2011/2013 board members, Pat Ballas, Rena Poletes, Barbara Vittas, Connie Rafailedes, Joanie Ruppel, Angela Cline, Athena Pachares, Karen Steffaro, Margaret Chokas and Toni Nicholas. Although I end my fourth year as President of St. Irene's, I will remain on the board in an advisory capacity.

May will be our final meeting as we break for the summer months. We will be evaluating our schedule for the upcoming fall and reflecting on how we can manage our spiritual gifts and talents through the next year in order to effectively serve with acts of love and philanthropy towards all people. We welcome you all and request your comments.

Let me leave you all with one last thought, that when we open our hearts, we add light to the world. May the divine

light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always fill your hearts with His peace, grace and joy. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve our community and work with the finest of women.

Have a blessed summer and save travels to all,

In Christ's Love, Bertha

Philoptochos Dates:

May 15, 2011 – Award Scholarship to Graduating Senior

May 1, 2011 – Installation of Newly Elected Philoptochos Board

May 1, 2011 – Artoclasia – St. Irene's Philoptochos/ St. John's

May 29, 2011 – Monthly Meeting (Wrap-up meeting)

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's time for the St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church 2011 Golf Classic sponsored by Western Production Energy Producer on **Sunday, June 5, 2011** at Texas Star Golf Club in Euless, Texas. Registration is from 1 to 2 p.m. Putting Contest is from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. Dinner,

awards and silent action at 6:00 p.m. The deadline for registration is May 27th.

Help raise money for our new church by becoming the food sponsor (\$2,500), a hole sponsor (\$100), tournament player (\$100) or a silent auction contributor. And even if you're not playing in the tournament, plan on joining the

teams for dinner (\$20). This is a fund raiser everyone can participate in and enjoy the beauty of the second-ranked public course in the metroplex and the fifth-ranked public course in Texas. For information, pick up a sign up flyer at the candle counter or call Michael Eftimie 469-826-8209 or Bob Steffaro 832-483-1035.



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and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”(Mat 6:33).

Christ however does not take offense in our ignorance and mistrust. He always calls us, as He called Thomas: “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.”(John 20:27) Not blind belief, but belief that goes from the mind into the heart, belief that comes not only with one proof, but with a “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) that shout into the world the good news of our redemption in the Resurrection of Christ.

It is time for us to stop demanding proof and ask ourselves, what if God doubts me? What do I have as evidence of my allegiance to

Him? What are the fruits of my faith? I think we will all discover that trusting God is a much easier job than trusting in Man. God has never failed us, God has always acted in our best interest, He even heroically sacrificed Himself for us. But Man failed God from the very beginning and even though God has kept every side of His covenant toward mankind, Man violated his promise and continues to sin and to forget that he has been bought from death with too precious of a price.

Jesus said to Thomas “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” (John 20:29), but I dare to say:

Believe because we have seen the Risen Lord through the eyes of the Myrrhbearer

women.

Believe because we have entered the empty tomb with Peter.

Believe because we have touched his wounds with Thomas’ hand.

Believe because we built our churches on the graves of the Martyrs that died proclaiming the Resurrection.

Believe because we have the Scriptures and His words give life.

Believe because Resurrection is the only truth that matters.

Rejoice in the Truth of the Resurrection, don’t split the hair to find a dry secular explanation to the greatest mystery in the history of mankind, but believe that Christ is risen and so enter paradise with the wise thief.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



FROM THE DESERT FATHERS - ON HUMAN WEAKNESS

Some brothers came to abba Anthony seeking to hear from him a word by which they might be saved.

“You’ve heard the Scriptures,” he said. “You know from Christ what is necessary.”

But they just stayed there hoping that he would favor them by saying something to them.

“The Gospel says, “ he then said, “If anyone strikes you on the left cheek offer him the

other.” (Mathew 5:39)

“We wouldn’t be able to do that,” they said.

“You couldn’t offer them the other cheek? But at least you could be willing let on blow be struck?”

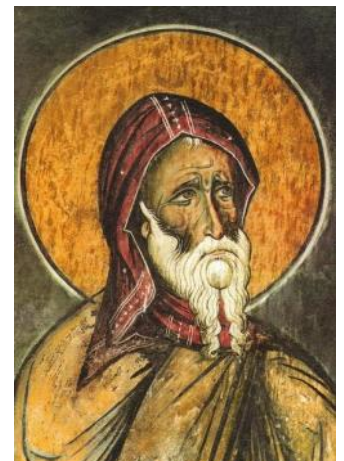
“We couldn’t do that either.” “If you couldn’t do that either, at least don’t return any evil for what you have suffered.”

“Nor that either.”

Then Anthony said to his disciple, “Prepare some nourishing soup for these brothers, for they are very weak.”

And then to them said,

“If you can’t do either this or that what can I do for you? As far as I can see prayer alone is what you need, so that your weaknesses may be cured.”





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Students and Parents,. May 22nd is the last day of Church School before summer begins. We will celebrate the children's accomplishments and will have a recognition ceremony on May 22nd with our End-of-Year picnic. Please make every effort to attend this day so that we may recognize your children in front of the parish for their attendance records and other special awards.

A joint Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's during the week of June 6-9 from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Additional information and registration forms will be sent home via your children and/

or can be downloaded from our church website. Mark your calendars for these dates. We have dedicated volunteers providing these educational and fun activities for our children. Let's have a great showing of support for their efforts. We've had a great year with many memorable moments with our children and their teachers. I would like to express deep gratitude to our Church School Teachers, without whom we would not have the great success in providing the religious instructions.

- Pre-K & K: Mrs. Maria Kerbow, Ms. Allison Medvic, and Mrs. Tina Molhoek

- 1st & 2nd: Mrs. Theresa Alexander

- 3rd & 4th: Mrs. Esther Petercsak - Middle School: Mrs. Harriet Blake

- Teens: Ms. Stephanie Kallis

- Middle School: Mrs. Harriet Blake

Church School will begin again on September 11th.

May He keep you and Bless you.

With Hs Blessing,

Khanh Moutafis

"IT IS HARD TO CATCH OUR BREATH DURING APRIL AND MAY!"

YOUTH MINISTRIES IS ON THE MOVE

It is hard to catch our breath during April and May! Memories are built on these happy times we have been experiencing. The LOUKOUMADES SUNDAY was wonderful...thanks to Rena Poletes and Olympia Genovezos for the planning and cooking with their kitchen assistants, Christ Geil and Raj Shah. Those funds will help pay for registration for our Camp Emmanuel participants.

Athena Russo and Tina Nicholas again did a very fine and fun job of our EASTER EGG HUNT... Thanks so much ladies. Next up is the GRADUATION CELEBRA-

TION LUNCHEON on May 15th. This year we have 7 High School Graduates: Mal-lory Chokas, Nicholas Chrestopoulos, Alexandra Nugent, Nina Papadimitriou, Maggie Molhoek, Philip Sullivan, and Jenna Wright. Additionally we will be honoring our College graduates: Sophia Basialiades, Rena Basialiades, Elena Bouras, Christopher Blake, Cara Cline and Michael Poriotis. Please plan to stay and help us honor these wonderful and accomplished young people. The YM members are hard at work to make this a memorable time for all.

I am so pleased to announce that HARRIET BLAKE will

assume the leadership of YOUTH MINISTRIES at the end of this month. Harriet is non-stop with ideas and we should feel secure that this group will continue to serve this community and the Lord with open hearts. It has been my sincere pleasure to have been at the helm since its inception 15 years ago and I thank all the wonderful ladies who have served with me.

In His Service,
Athena Pachares



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

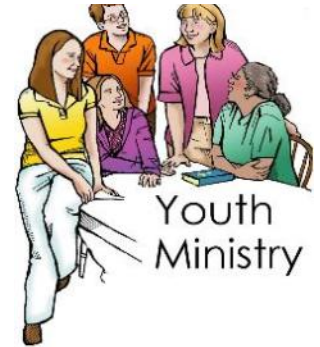
GRADUATION CELEBRATION LUNCHEON.

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.



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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CHOIR NOTES

Christos Anesti ! Christ is Risen !

Bill Poletes,
Choir Director

AGELESS WONDERS

The Ageless Wonders are going to the Horse Races at Lone Star park on Saturday May 21st post time is 1:30p.m.

You will be contacted with further information and need to make reservations at that time. Any one is welcome to come and spend a fun afternoon with us.

Margaret

817-354-7731

GLADSOME LIGHT

No Dialogues during the month of May

However we will constantly update our blog you can visit at <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

2011 MID-CITIES
GREEK FOOD
FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 7, 8, 9
SEE CYNTHIA
PURSLEY OR
MICHAEL
PORIOTIS FOR
INFORMATION



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. Mitch Chokas
- 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.

Thank-You

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><i>Thomas Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM</p>			 <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<p><i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00PM</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><i>Holy Myrrhbearers Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM</p>			 <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<p><i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00PM</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p><i>Sunday of the Paralytic</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM <i>Graduating Senior Scholarship Award</i></p>			 <i>Mid Pentecost</i> <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM		 <i>Vespers</i> 6:00 PM	<p><i>Sts. Constantine and Helen</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM <i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00PM</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM</p>		<p><i>Vigil</i> 6:00PM</p>	 <i>3rd finding of the head of St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 6:00 AM <i>No Paraklesis</i>			<p><i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00PM</p>
29	30	31				
<p><i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i></p> <p><i>Orthros</i> 8:30 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i> 9:30 AM</p>			<p><i>Dates to Remember</i></p>			
		 <i>Strict Fast</i>	 <i>Fish</i>	 <i>Dairy, Eggs, Fish</i>	 <i>Fast Free</i>	 <i>Wine & Oil</i>



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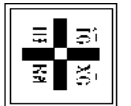
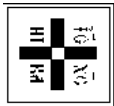
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