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THE CHRONICLE OF A SOCIAL DEATH FORETOLD

A friend of mine died yesterday. He made a public announcement about it and then he committed suicide. Not physically, spare the thought, but for all practical purposes he is now dead to the world. How did it happen? Well, he officially announced that he is quitting Facebook for good, and, with this, his life has ended; no one will even remember that he ever was; he has passed into the World Wide Web oblivion.



He is not the only one to end like this. Today, if you do not have an electronic presence, you are a nobody to the world. If all your friends do not know what time you woke up and what you ate for breakfast, if they are not informed that you harvested in time your crop in Farmville or they did not had a chance to comment on the photo of your latest pair of shoes, your existence is so lame that virtually is reduced to non-existence.

The social media has become such a central piece of our existence that for many has started to replace real social interaction, you know, like actually meeting with a friend for coffee, if you can even remember what that is. Well, I am old enough to remember, but the point is that this is not healthy. On one hand we are more and more preoccupied with organic

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COUNCIL CAPSULE

One only needs to look at the rising framework of our new church to feel a sense of pride and accomplishment. Vision is one of the most crucial components that has led us and will continue to lead us to see our new church completed. Without vision we cannot move forward with the dedication, vitality, enthusiasm and zeal that is required for us to be successful. I am inspired by the achievements that have taken place, the outstanding contributions that have been made, and the growth and evolution of our church that have occurred during this journey.

The church belongs to all of its members and only through the sacrifice of all parishioners can we achieve our goal. We know that through sacrifice and prayer all things are possible.

Congratulations to all our high school and college graduates! Youth Ministries hosted a beautiful graduation luncheon on May 15th in their honor. We wish all the graduates continued success in all their future endeavors.

Barbara Vittas, Parish Council President

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *2011 Stewardship and Capital Campaign info*
- *The chronicle of a social death foretold*
- *The dome is up!*
- *Golf Tournament Information*
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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT



By the time the June Forerunner edition is published the dome structure will have been raised and placed atop the supporting steel structure of our new church building. The sight of the dome in place should be an inspiration to all parishioners who have sacrificed to reach this milestone.

As of May 10, 2011, the status of the Capital Campaign / Construction Fund was as follows:

- Construction payments made - \$631,750
- Total cost remaining to complete the project, including the building, site work and Stage 1 iconography - \$1,539,436
- Total construction cash balance available - \$456,691
- Total existing capital campaign commitments remaining to be paid - \$760,569
- Additional "new" commitments and cash needed to fully complete the project - \$322,176

Your Capital Campaign Committee has turned to the task of raising the total of commitments and the cash funds needed to complete the project. Our goal is to provide a continuous cash flow to enable completion of the project in 2011. Approximately 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. *(A list of all individuals and families who have made capital campaign commitments and donations follows this report.)* With this record of parish commitment to date, we are hopeful others among our fellow parishioners will also now join in supporting this historic undertaking.

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 existing 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. We will also unveil a program of dedications this summer. This will include various spaces in the new Paulos Center Addition and the icons and iconographic murals which are in the Stage 1 Iconography. The dedications program will provide opportunities for parishioners 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.

Finally, as we have reported to the General Assembly on several occasions, we also have the option of a "bridge loan" and the Committee has begun assessing that option. Should we decide to obtain a small loan to complete the project this year; the details will be explained at a special general assembly.

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. We hope each and every steward and regular attendee of church services and parish events can become a part of making our new church a reality and the names of all who have contributed will be prominently

recognized... If you have already made your personal or family commitment, please consider increasing your commitment and accelerating your payments, as some parishioners have already done, so that we may complete the project this year.

All of our parishioners should want to participate in this historic endeavor and to 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.

The following is the current list of our Capital Campaign Contributors, Thank you again for your generosity and participation!

Alexander, Leo & Theresa
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 Arlington, Linda
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 Ball, David
 Ballas, Andy & Pat
 Basiliades, Dr. Marge
 Bassila, Joe
 Bell, Konnya & Andrew
 Berca, Sorin & Carmen
 Blake, John & Harriet

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THE CHRONICLE OF A SOCIAL DEATH FORETOLD

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food and global warming, recycling and other healthy habits but on the other we underestimate the polluting effect that our ever-increasing online presence has on our life in general.

You may very well say I am a hypocrite. After all you read this article on a computer, probably reposted on my blog page, since we stopped printing our magazine for budgetary reasons. I admit, the social media has its perks: it is fast, it connects people, it entertains and so on. The danger however comes not from the technology itself; after all technology is just a tool like any other tool. If the Holy Fathers would have had access to e-mail, I am sure that many of their epistles would have been delivered that way. Who would want to use papyrus if a printer is available, or a horse when one

could travel in a car? The danger does not come from the tools themselves, they are neutral, but from how and for what purpose do we use them.

A social network sits on the foundation of a genuinely good intention: to connect people. Facebook has made many high school reunions possible; LinkedIn has helped many people find a job through its web of friends and colleagues, Twitter has kept us abreast with all the events in Asia, the Middle East and other turbulent places on the earth. For many however, especially the younger generation, the social media has almost taken over real life.

By today's unwritten rules of engagement a young person has to be befriended by the right people, has to receive a certain number of likes on their posts and so on in order to merely aspire at a status in the social stratosphere. The

pressure is on, as early as elementary school, and is not easy to compete. It is not random that more and more psychologists warn about the epidemic of a new condition called "Facebook depression".

This new ailment cannot be cured just by regulating the access to Internet. This may treat the symptoms but not the cause of the disease. The cause is once more not social media itself. Our youth need something that they think it can be found online: a life with a purpose, a life worth living, a life where one is appreciated and liked. In an online world one has the illusion that this can be obtained much easier than in real life, but, even if this would be true, the real life still needs to be faced with courage and resilience, not hiding one's fears behind a cocky online avatar.

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“THE DOME STRUCTURE HAS BEEN RAISED! A GREAT MILESTONE FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING.”

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

A symbolic milestone has just happened: the raising of the dome structure above the Church. Standing 65 feet tall and ultimately topped with a cross, the dome will serve as a welcome beacon for all to see in the Mid-Cities community.

Although the continuous rain showers in May have hampered construction progress we continue to make great strides. With the dome now set Ashton Wynne will be erecting the

wood framing and the true character of the Church will be displayed.

The Building Committee has completed the material selections for the exterior of the Church. Hopefully you have had a chance to view the brick and natural stone combination on the mock-up erected in the parking lot. Our next exterior selections will be concentrated on finalizing the metal roof and exterior glass decorative win-

dows. In the coming months we are also going to be sourcing and selecting interior finishes in compliance with our stated budget allowances for each item.

Joe Sullivan — Building Committee Chairman



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

We are slowly getting closer to our goal. As of 5/12/11 we have **108 pledges** for a **total of \$163,494**. The **goal** this year is **\$175,000**.

We need you to help us meet our goal for the first

time ever!!

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.*



2011 STEWARDS

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Arlington, Linda
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Beebe, Sharie & Mark
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Berca, Sorin & Carmen
Blake, John & Harriett
Blasé, Clarisse
Bogdos, George & Sotera
Bogordos, George & Kasandra
Bokoyas, Chris
Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
Bond, Tina & George
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Cramb, Matthew
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File, Russ & Hope

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Forcum, Annie
Fox, Mike & Kathy
Gavras, Billie
Geil, Chris & Sandra
Genovezos, George & Olympia
Gianulis, Adam
Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
Gigliotta, Leonard
Grumbos, Dr. Peter & Jan
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Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel & Elise
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Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
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Kithas, Alkiviadis
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Peters, Paun & Lynn
Peters, Tommy & Dolly
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Poletes, Lea
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Russo, Joseph & Athena
Samaras, Johnny
Shah, Raj & Kirsten
Snegirov, Aleksandr & Oksana

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Walker, Jim & Harriet
Wozniak, Jamey
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Yalmaz, Diana
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Zingas, Ari & Olga

IF YOUR
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MEMBER OF ST.
JOHN, A NEW
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Brandon, Roberta	Gigliotta, Leonard	Matheson, Sheri & Trevor
Callesen, John	Grumbos, Dr. Peter & Jan	Mavias, John
Chokas, Margaret	Hadjikiriakos, Michael	Mavias, Lisa
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File, Russ & Hope	Kinman, Buck & Karen	Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Fondulis, Paul	Koumbarides, Nicos	Morcovescu, Serban & Anca
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Genovezos, George & Olympia	Leal, Lydia	Naval, Maria & Mark
	Leeders, Larry	

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BECOMING A STEWARD IN 2011

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.

Thank you!

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



Make your talent grow today



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

St. Irene Philoptochos begins the summer with the installation of its new officers who will serve from May 2011 – April 2013:

President: Joanie Ruppel

Vice-President: Barbara Vittas

Secretary: Rena Poletes

Treasurer: Angela Cline

Advisor: Bertha Gianulis

Advisory Board: Pat Ballas,
Margaret Chokas, Toni
Nicholas, Athena Pachares,

Connie Rafeiledes, Karen Steffaro

We are excited to have 57 members to make us an “Army of Women” to combat the cause stated in our name – to be “Friends of the Poor.” It is not too late to join and we look forward to a year of working hard for the good of others.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Barbara Vittas has been re-elected to the National Board. In this term

Barbara will serve as 1st Vice President. Also elected to the Metropolis Board is Bertha Gianulis.

With Barbara & Bertha in these positions, we know with confidence that all the work we do here in our little chapter is a part of the bigger picture across our nation and world!

Sincerely,
Joanie Ruppel

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Nugent, Elaine

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Paulos, Angela

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Peters, Paun & Lynn

Peters, Tommy & Dolly

Plock, Eleni

Poletes, Bill & Rena

Poletes, Lea

Popa, Rev. Gabriel

Rafeiledes, Connie

Ruppel, Joanie

Russo, Joe & Athena

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Schott, Panagiota

Shah, Raj & Kirsten

Steffaro, Bob & Karen

Stoycos, Mary Helen

Stoycos, Ted

Sullivan, Joe & Nina

Talleos, Peter

Tudora, Fr Vasile & Mirela

Vittas, George & Barbara

Walker, Jim & Harriet

Witwit, Samia

Wherley, Maria

Wozniak, Jamey

Wright, Bill & Christine

Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo

Zingas, Ari & Olga

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.



THE CHRONICLE OF A SOCIAL DEATH FORETOLD

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The paradox of social media is that although it thrives on connectivity it promotes isolation. I am in contact with the world, yet, I do not leave my room. An online interaction will never be able to replace human touch; an Internet friend will never substitute for a real friend. It is true however that not all human communities are the same and many do not allow for an easy integration. There is however one community that can actually fulfill all our genuine social aspirations: the Church.

The Church is not just an ordinary group of people gathered together, is more than just a crowd, is a community of persons that share the same values and move in

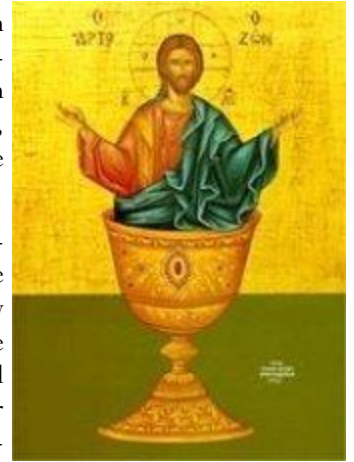
the same direction under the grace of God. The Church is a living organism that has life because the Holy Spirit flows in it from the Father and is accessible to us through the Son that descended on earth and made himself like us.

Jesus Christ knew that the voices of the prophets and the apparition of the angels were not loud enough to reveal what He had to say to us. So He chose to come in our midst, to become flesh so our interaction would be complete. If we have life today it is because Christ has given it to us by coming in the world unmediated.

This is the beautiful truth of Christianity, that we do not relate to a distant God, a God that is impersonal or does not

care, we are in communion with a God that offers Himself to us, again and again, in every Eucharist we celebrate, uniting into His Body all those that partake of Him.

This is the only social network that will offer us the perfect life we desperately seek on the Internet. It is the only community that will accept us as we are, with our weaknesses and imperfections, offering us understanding, support and hope. The cure of the social media depression can be found only through a willful and joyful integration in the Body of Christ. In Him we never die, even if we leave Facebook, but we are given the opportunity to live forever a perfect life that is not a click away, but a prayer away.



FROM THE DESERT FATHERS - ON HUMILITY

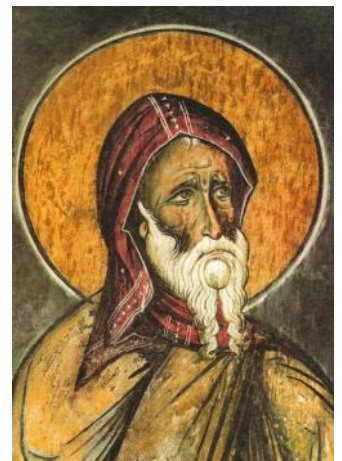
An old man was asked, "What is humility?" and he said in reply, "Humility is a great work, and a work of God. The way of humility is to undertake bodily labor and believe yourself a sinner and make yourself subject to all." Then a brother said, "What does it mean, to be subject to all?" The old man answered, "To be subject to all is not to give your attention to the sins of others but always to give your attention to your own sins and to pray without ceasing to God."

An old man said, "Every time a thought of superiority or

vanity moves you, examine your conscience to see if you have kept all the commandments, whether you love your enemies, whether you consider yourself to be an unprofitable servant and the greatest sinner of all. Even so, do not pretend to great ideas as though you were perfectly right, for that thought destroys everything."

As abba Macarius was returning to his cell from the marsh carrying palm-leaves, the devil met him with a sharp sickle and would have struck him but he could not. He cried out, "Great is the vio-

lence I suffer from you, Macarius, for when I want to hurt you, I cannot. But whatever you do, I do and more also. You fast now and then, but I am never refreshed by any food; you often keep vigil, but I never fall asleep. Only in one thing are you better than I am and I acknowledge that." Macarius said to him, "What is that?" and he replied, "It is because of your humility alone that I cannot overcome you."





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We had a wonderful End of the Year celebration. We send many thanks to all the parents who provided for the picnic, especially to those who have attended all year round. Without parents' involvement, we cannot have a successful church school program. Thank you Olympia Genevezos and Margo Yiantso for organizing this fun end of the year picnic.

We made over \$242 dollars for the Japan relief efforts during the lemonade stand. Thank you to all who have support the children's humanitarian efforts.

A joint Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John during

the week of June 6-9 from 6PM – 8PM. Saddle up for VBS where kids will be ridin' the range and roundin' up questions like: "What is God's plan for me?" and "How can I be like Jesus?" At the end of the day, they'll discover that God's Word has all the answers.

Additional information and registration forms for VBS were sent home via your children and/or can be downloaded from our church website. Have a safe and wonderful summer. Church School will begin again in September.

May He keep you and Bless you. Khanh Moutafis

"VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 6-9 @
ST. JOHN'S"

YOUTH MINISTRIES IS ON THE MOVE

Another school year is complete and we celebrated this year's graduates with a well-attended luncheon May 15. The honorees were high school graduates: Mallory Chokas, Nicholas Chrestopoulos, Maggie Molhoek, Nina Papadimitriou, Philip Sullivan, Jenna Wright and Alexandra Nugent; as well as college graduates Rina Basiliadis, Sophia Basiliadis, Chris Blake, Elena Bouras and Michael Poriotis. We had a terrific turnout even though we missed those graduates who were unable to attend (some of them are already working!). Many thanks to our cooks Lynn Peters and Con-

nie Rafiledes and to decorations coordinator/photographer Gail Poriotis for their contributions. And, of course, much appreciation goes to outgoing Youth Ministries chairman, Athena Pachares, for her 16 years of devoted service to this committee.

For those who don't know, Youth Ministries is the umbrella organization for all of St. John's youth-related ministries, including Church School, GOYA, JOY, Vacation Bible School and our Festival Dance Troupe. Our mission is to provide religious and fellowship opportunities for our parish children. Besides the chairman, our com-

mittee includes the church school director and teachers, the GOYA advisors and GOYA parent advisors, the JOY parent advisor, a parish council representative, the dance troupe leader, treasurer, Father Vasile, and other members of our community who care about our kids. New members are always welcome!

We hold two fundraisers each year: the Back to School Brats & Burgers luncheon and the Graduation Celebration. Money raised at these free-will offering events go to gifts for our high school and college graduates, assistance with camps and retreats (such as Camp Emmanuel and last



YOUTH MINISTRIES IS ON THE MOVE

fall's trip to the monastery), end-of-year gifts for the altar boys, dance costume expenses, as well as the Oratorical Festival, should we have participants. This year we were able to provide our high school graduates with a "post-high school spiritual survival kit" made up of an Orthodox Bible, an icon of their patron saint and a prayer book; the college graduates received a Jesus

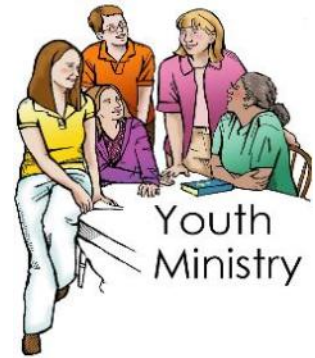
Christ plaque and stand.

We look forward to a good turnout for Vacation Bible School, which St. John's will host the first week in June. A GOYA lock-in is also scheduled for that week.

Youth Ministries will reconvene on Sunday, August 21.

Blessings to all for a wonderful summer.

Harriet Blake -Youth Ministries chair



GOYA NEWS

GOYA is getting into motion and planning activities for 2011. We are planning a Bake Sale, Lock-in, pool party, and a day at Six Flags.

We are scheduling a day to

work at a local food shelter and looking into volunteering at a Children's Hospital. We look forward to all kids in the Parish joining GOYA!

Thank you - Peter Pursley, GOYA President

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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FESTIVAL NEWS

The festival seems like it is so far away, but it will be here before we know it. We are faced with a few new challenges this year because of the construction, but we look forward to raising money for our new Church. Leo Alexander will be out in the hall during coffee hour.

Please sign up—we need everyone’s participation.

Thank you,

Cynthia Pursley
Michael Poriotis

C0-Chairs 2011 Food Fest

AGELESS WONDERS

The Ageless Wonders will meet on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011, 11:00 a.m. at St John's church hall for a Potluck luncheon. It has been requested that we all bring our Wedding Photo's or albums to share as our program. You will be contacted for reservations. Those of us who went to the horse races had a great time!! See y'all soon.....Margaret

GLADSOME LIGHT

No Dialogues during the month of June

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

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.: Church School—Ms. Linda Arlington
- 2nd Sun: Parish Council—Mr. & Mrs. Bob Steffaro
- 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

June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			 Fast Free <i>Apodosis of Pascha</i> Vigil 6:00 PM	<i>Holy Ascension</i> Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM		Great Vespers 6:00PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>Fathers of the 1st Council</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM			 No Paraklesis			Great Vespers 6:00PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Pentecost — Trinity Sunday</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Kneeling Vespers 1:00PM	 Fast Free	 Fast Free	 Fast Free No Paraklesis	 Fast Free	 Fast Free	Great Vespers 6:00PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>All Saints</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM	 <i>Apostles Fast Begins</i>		 Paraklesis 6:00 PM	 Vigil 6:00PM	 <i>Nativity of the Forerunner</i> Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM	 Great Vespers 6:00PM
26	27	28	29	30		
 <i>2nd Sunday of Matthew</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM		 Vigil 6:00PM	 <i>Holy Apostles Peter and Paul</i> Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM Vespers 6:00PM	<i>Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles</i> Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM		
		 Strict Fast	 Fish	 Dairy, Eggs, Fish	 Fast Free	 Wine & Oil



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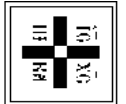
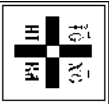
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The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
June 2nd



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