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SUMMERTIME WITH GOD

Time is a very precious asset. As a priest, in Confession one of the most common sins I hear is the lack of time for prayer. The majority of the people realize that their prayer life lacks the breadth and the depth it should have and yet over and over they repeat the same mistake. I know very well out of personal experience what a busy schedule looks like, so I generally have a lot of compassion in this respect.

The other day however I read an interesting survey from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) regarding how the average Americans spend their time, and my sympathetic mindset has been severely shook.

Here is the daily schedule of the average working American over the age of 18. Personal care activities (including sleeping) 9 hours, eating and drinking 1 hour and 10 minutes, household activities 1 hour and 15 minutes, shopping 42 minutes, caring for others (including children) 1 hour and 44 minutes, working 5.6 hours, educational activities 5 minutes, leisure and sports 3.7 hours (out of this 1.9 hours of watching TV, physical activity only 10 minutes), volunteering 5 minutes, religious and



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COUNCIL CAPSULE

With the arrival of the summer months, all things tend to quiet and slow down. School is out, long awaited vacations are taken and families relax and spend the hot afternoons trying to stay cool. During these summer months, many parishioners also relax their church attire to facilitate comfort. At some churches, there has been a very casual approach overall with tee shirts or even shorts allowed but at most Greek Orthodox Churches, attire is still fairly strict. Church is a place where you should respect tradition and certain rules apply. With the construction on our new church progressing rapidly, it's a good time to review proper church etiquette.

- Turn off cellular phone before entering Church
- No shorts except for the very young and no tee shirts

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *2011 Stewardship and Capital Campaign info*
- *Construction Status*
- *Golf Tournament Wrap-up*
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COUNCIL'S CAPSULE



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- No tank tops and no low cut tops
- Men's shirts should be buttoned
- Arrive on time and if you are late, enter Church quietly
- Face the altar, cross yourself and find a seat
- It is inappropriate to talk in Church during the service
- Do not cross your legs in Church
- Do not put your feet up- the bottoms of your shoes should not face the altar
- No food or drink in Church
- No gum chewing
- When entering the church, go down the right or left aisles but

- never down the center aisle
- Blot your lipstick before you receive Holy Communion or kiss the Holy Bible

I wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable summer and don't forget, summer may be a time for vacations but it should never be a vacation from church attendance.

Barbara Vittas
Parish Council President

WE WILL BE PURSUING VARIOUS APPROACHES TO RAISING THE FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT THIS YEAR

FESTIVAL NEWS

2011 Festival: Oct. 7, 8, 9

We had a small but productive meeting Saturday, June 11. The most important item

on the agenda was volunteers. We need everyone to contribute to make this year's festival a success. Our goal is to turn a 55,000 profit.

Please see volunteer chair Leo Alexander, festival chairs Cynthia Pursley and Michael Poriotis or any of

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

The dome structure has been raised, the steel framing structure is complete, the interior and exterior wood framing has been completed and soon the roof will be installed and exterior brick and stone will be placed. Can anyone doubt we are building a new church? The sight of the new church taking shape before our eyes should be an inspiration to all parishioners, both those who have sacrificed to reach this milestone and those who have not yet committed to the Capital Campaign.

Your Capital Campaign Com-

mittee has turned to the task of raising the total of commitments and 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. 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 are 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

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SUMMERTIME WITH GOD (CONT)

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spiritual activities 6 long minutes.

If you are as surprised as me take a deep breath then continue reading. I'm not shocked about how much people spend on taking care of themselves, nor the time wasted in front of the TV, I am shocked how little attention people give to their souls: 6 minutes a day! Everything else is more important. Of course this is an average, but an average means that some like, say, very pious people or monks, may spend considerably more time praying, while others may spend absolutely no time with God.

St. Paul's advice, "unceasingly pray" (1 Thess 5:17), is not addressed only to some, it is a universal call. The apostle purposely brings the focus on what matters most, our rela-

tionship with God. Prayer is the only way to cultivate this relationship; the more time we spend conversing with God the closer we will get to Him, the better we will understand Him and we will conform our lives to His will. All the rest falls in a secondary place.

Life should be about defining good priorities, focusing on the essential rather than the superfluous, on the eternal more than the temporary. The statistics we saw cry the opposite; the trivial takes over the important and we wonder why the society is in a great impasse morally, economically and spiritually.

Making ends meet in a shrinking economy is not easy and a lot of our time is spent on this struggle, after work we need sleep, relaxation is also necessary to release the tension, and we can justify like this

every minute we have available. There should be however ample opportunities in a day's schedule to also concentrate on our spiritual life.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33). Forgetting about God, putting Him always on the back burner will not make our life easier, on the contrary. God provides for all His children but we have to stay close, we have to be with Him. In God all our tribulations suddenly make sense and all our efforts pay off. *"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."* (James 1:12)

In the summer months ahead of us we have an even greater

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

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ashton Wynne has accelerated the wood framing to make up time lost to the Spring showers during steel erection (remember what the rain was like?). The framing work will continue through the end of June as well as the roof installation.

The mechanical and electrical rough-in installation will occur in July, including the installation of the air handling

equipment. Recall that we have revised the design to include gas heating in lieu of the originally proposed electric heating for the Church.

The Building Committee is also in the process of finalizing selections for the windows, exterior doors, metal roof color and tile. Lighting, including the chandeliers and sconces, will be next up on the list of items to choose.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Will we reach our goal this year? We hope so, but to do it we need your help. As of **6/15/11** we have **111 pledges** for a **total of \$169,794**. The **goal** this year is **\$175,000**.

Please 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. Please submit your 2011 card today!*



2011 STEWARDS

Alexander, Leo & Teresa	Doughty, Elaine	Manos, George & Vicki	Poletes, Lea
Anagnostis, Dr. George & Petoula	Eftimie, Michael & Tamara	Manos, Michael & Debbie	Poriotis, Michael
Anderson, Dr. Anthony	Feichtinger, Pavlina	Matheson, Trevor & Sherri	Poriotis, Terry & Gail
Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judith	File, Russ & Hope	Mavias, John	Poulakos, Kathy
Arlington, Linda	Fondulis, Paul	Mavias, Lisa	Rafailedes, Connie
Bakintas, Savas & Dimitra	Forcum, Annie	Mavias, Michael & Mary	Ruppel, Joanie
Ball, David	Fox, Mike & Kathy	Medvic, Allison	Russo, Joseph & Athena
Ballas, Andy & Pat	Gavras, Billie	Medvic, Nancy	Samaras, Johnny
Ballas, Chris	Geil, Chris & Sandra	Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura	Shah, Raj & Kirsten
Beebe, Sharie & Mark	Genovezos, George & Olympia	Molhoek, Mike & Tina	Snegirov, Aleksandr & Oksana
Began, John	Gianulis, Adam	Morcovescu, Serban & Anca	Steffaro, Bob & Karen
Berca, Sorin & Carmen	Gianulis, Bill & Bertha	Moutafis, George & Khanh	Sullivan, Charles & Ann
Blake, John & Harriett	Gigliotta, Leonard	Nahatis, Arthur	Sullivan, Joe & Nina
Blasé, Clarisse	Grumbos, Dr. Peter & Jan	Naval, Marc & Maria	Talleos, Peter
Bogdos, George & Sotera	Hadjikiriakos, Michael	Nazzal, Alfred & Sylvia	Thomopoulos, Stephanos & Tanya
Bogordos, George & Kasandra	Henry, Michael & Julie	Nicholas, Toni	Tudora, Fr. Vasile & Pres. Mirela
Bokoyas, Chris	Hooe, Jane	Noulas, Athanasios	Vittas, George & Barbara
Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki	Johnson, Marshall & Velta	Nugent, Phyllia	Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
Bond, Tina & George	Jones, Daniel & Elise	Pachares, Mark & Marie	Walker, Jim & Harriet
Brandon, Roberta	Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny	Pachares, Tony & Athena	Wozniak, Jamey
Callesen, John	Katsikas, Constantinos	Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda	Wright, Bill & Christine
Chokas, Margaret	Kerbow, Joe & Maria	Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni	Yalmaz, Diana
Clay, Aria & Wayne	Kinman, Buck & Karen	Papalioidis, Louie	Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Cline, Tim & Angela	Kithas, Alkiviadis	Paulos, Sophie	Zingas, Ari & Olga
Cortinas, Laurie & Ruben	Laverty, Connie	Petercsak, Steve & Esther	
Cramb, Kristina	Leeders, Larry	Peters, Paun & Lynn	
Cramb, Matthew	Leeders, Stacia	Peters, Tommy & Dolly	
Dempsey, Dr. Margaret	Maayeh, Bishara & Mary	Plock, Eleni	
Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy	MacPherson, Doug & Andi	Poletes, Bill & Rena	

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

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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 has been stated to the General Assembly on several occasions, we have the option and are now investigating the feasibility of a bank loan. Should the CCC decide a bank loan is feasible and desirable to complete the project this year, we will rec-

ommend details of an appropriate loan to the Parish Council. It is expected there will then be a Special General Assembly called this summer to approve the loan recommendation.

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 perfect time. Please see any member of the CCC for a commitment card. The names of all who have contributed will be prominently and permanently recognized in the narthex of the new church... If you have already made your per-

sonal or family commitment, please consider increasing your commitment and/or accelerating your payments, as some parishioners have already done, so that we may reduce the amount of a loan and complete the project this year.

All parishioners should want to participate in this historic endeavor and share in offering glory to God for what we 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



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COMMUNITY FOR
2011 BY FILLING
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CARD

FESTIVAL NEWS (CONT)

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the festival committee members to see how you can help. There are still a number of chair positions not filled, including the food line. Other items discussed were the raffle, which will be chaired by Harriet and Debbie with help from George and the Ageless Wonders. Some of the ideas we have: latest electronic items such as IPAD, Kindle, other?; opening day tickets and parking for 2012 Rangers season; Mavs tickets; Cowboys? We are considering a 50-50 item (participants contribute \$X and when festival ends, winner takes home 50% of proceeds and church gets 50%). We talked about coming up w/ new T-shirt that has new church rendering on it - similar to the ones the

kids wore for VBS - text mite be: Help us build our future. There was a debate about using the credit card machines that don't always work. Considering a few options including cash only, which would require an ATM machine. Ideas welcome.

Due to the loss of the Paulos Center and the increased use of the parish hall, we will be renting air-conditioned portable restrooms to accommodate festival goers.

The menu is complete. This year we will not be selling the \$30 entrée, but two \$20 entrees - either with pork or lamb.

Parking was brought up. Due to church construction, parking will be at a premium. We are considering using the school parking lot off of Euless-Main for

our volunteers to allow room for festival goers - especially those w/ handicaps.

Harry Karegeannes will again oversee the cleanup crew. We are hoping to get student volunteers who need community service hours from nearby Trinity High School. Cynthia is checking on this.

Children's Center was discussed. Again due to space constrictions, it will have to be in smaller area this year. Some of us would still like to have a bounce house to keep the little ones busy. It was suggested there might be room alongside the north side of the church - but we would have to first cut down the brush/shrubbery that is currently there.

The retail booth also will be



Make your talent grow today

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YOUTH MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE



Tina Molhoek, with help from Khanh Moutafis, organized a fun and educational Vacation Bible School June 6-9 at St. John's. We had great participation (about 35 kids) from both St. John's and St. Demetrios. Many thanks to Ms. Andrea for her music sessions and to David Ball and Fr. Vasile for their daily

church time with the kids.

Khanh also put together one of our best GOYA Lockins with both churches on Friday June 10. Again we had a good turnout with about 16 kids, ages 12-16. A tired, but happy, group departed at 8am Saturday morning after a very full day and night!

Youth Ministries, which oversees all of our youth-related church activities, will reconvene on Sunday, Aug. 21. New members always welcome.

Harriet Blake

Youth Ministries Chair



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Western Production's 2011 Golf Tournament for St. John's a success

Western Production's 2011 St. John's Golf Tournament was held on June 5, 2011 at Texas Star. The event raised \$16,782 for the building fund thanks to the efforts of everyone who supported the event – from the sponsors and contributors listed below, to the 72 golfers, to the silent auction contributors and bidders, to the diners and Pavilion Crew!

Tournament & Platinum Sponsor: Western Production

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Special Contributors: Alan

Mason, Casey Bowen, Harry & Ginny Karegeannes, Mike & Dorothea Ervin, Paul Fondulis, Steve & Lisa Lowke

A special thanks to the Pavilion Crew – Angela Cline, Andy Macpherson, Barbara Vittas, Nancy Medvic, Allison Medvic, and Kahn Moutafis – who handled registration, the raffle and silent auction and dinner cleanup. They braved heat in good spirits and made the event run flawlessly.

If you didn't get a chance to participate, no worries. There's always next year.



SUMMERTIME WITH GOD (CONT.)

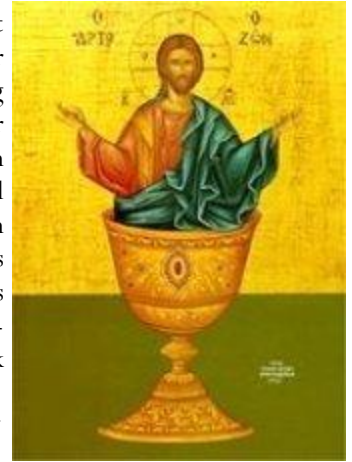
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prospect, as our schedules get less busy, to use some of the extra time for the things that really matter. Vacation should not only be used for entertainment and relaxation, although this is needed too, but we should nevertheless strive to nourish our souls by reallo-

cating some time to our spiritual development.

The opportunities are endless. We can send our children to a Church camp rather than a regular one, we can try to come to some of the week-day services that we cannot usually attend, we can attempt longer prayers like a

paraklesis or an akathist hymn, we can choose our vacation destination keeping in mind monasteries or other places of pilgrimage that can provide us with the spiritual food we strive for. Open your hearts to the possibilities and God will guide your steps to Him. Have a blessed summer and may you come back



FESTIVAL NEWS

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downsized this year. Cynthia has spoken with Michael and Soula Hadjikiariakos, who own Apollo. They are considering a booth for specialty groceries, which would require a small fridge and freezer. The church would receive 20 percent of the proceeds

of this booth.

Debbie and Harriet are working on the festival booklet. They will price the cost of the designer and printer to see how large a booklet we will produce and possibly make a profit. Usually, the booklet's ads pay for itself. Also, we are working with the Star-

Telegram to get a better deal for our ads and flyers.

If the church calendar allows, we will have a festival kickoff luncheon on Sunday, July 31 following church – free-will offering.

--Festival chairs Cynthia Pursley and Michael Poriotis

DIARY OF A PK AT CAMP EMMANUEL

Day 1

Right after church on Sunday we flew to Albuquerque. From the airport we had to take a shuttle-bus to camp. After 2 hours of that (where was my iPod?) we arrived and had lunch. I didn't know anyone so I just ate my lunch quietly. I didn't mind, I was starving. Check-in followed lunch, and I was assigned to cabin Mckintosh, also known as, The Nativity. We had the GREATEST counselors! (one of our counselors was named Tschetter, pronounced "cheddar") All of my cabin loved them, and I can't be so sure, but I think they thought the same of us. The rest of the

day seemed pretty long, and we really only did some ice-breakers, name-games, and went to bed.

Day 2

The first thing we did was get -up and go back to sleep. We were pretty tired, it took some effort to get out of bed for chapel. Chapel was great, everyone chants, everyone sings, and everyone knows what's going on. Another favorite of mine is "Alone with God", it's after morning chapel and before breakfast. Basically you just choose a spot that's surrounding the chapel and sit there, praying, until you hear a bell and go to breakfast. Man is it quiet! If

you look around everyone looks like statues and you can close your eyes and feel alone in a forest. "Bunkin-Bible Time" is right after breakfast so we hurry back to our cabin, grab our bibles and start reading. It's not that simple, we have to get a partner, read a certain parable(s) and discuss. We're doing this to prepare ourselves for the "Bible-Bowl", well that and enlighten our spiritual minds. Today was a lot different than yesterday, because we had to come up with a song and decorate our cabin towards the theme. That was easy-peasy. For the song, all we had to do was pick any old

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



We had a successful **Vacation Bible School** for both St. John and St. Demetrios churches hosted at St. John. Thank you to our many volunteers who made this enriching event a success. We had over 32 participants from both churches. Mrs. Tina Molhoek organized the event with assistance from Mr. David Ball, Mrs. Andrea Alexandrides, and Father Vasile.

The **Got Jesus VBS Lockin** for our GOYA aged children

was a huge success. There were positive comments and great bonding times for the attendees. There were 16 children between the two churches. The children made and served dinner for 70 people at the Women's Shelter in Arlington. We were able to deliver items collected by Philoptochos, and provide goody bags for the children at the shelter. After this worthwhile service project, the children enjoyed dinner and

entertainment at Mountasia. When we returned to church, we had a spiritual retreat with an educational service with Father Vasile and our chanters. The children were able to participate in the service doing the readings and the chanting. Thank you to Mrs. Harriet Blake who braved staying awake all night.

Church School will begin again on September 11, 2011. With His Blessings, Khanh Moutafis

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND GOYA LOCK-IN WERE A GREAT SUCCESS THIS YEAR

GOYA NEWS

GOYA is planning a summer pool party/meeting – date, location and time to come! We also are planning a community service project, possibly with the Safe Haven domestic violence shelter. Par-

ish Council has asked us to help with grounds cleanup on the north side of the church (between the church and the park). New members for GOYA are always welcome – 12-18 years old or sixth

through 12th grades. If you haven't provided your email addresses and/or cell phone numbers, please send them to me at: peter-pursley@sbcglobal.net. Thanks.

DIARY OF A PK AT CAMP EMMANUEL (CONT.)

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song, say "She Loves You" by the Beatles and just change the lyrics to fit the everyday christian song theme. Example: He loves you, ya ya ya, He loves you, ya ya ya ya... That's not the song we chose though, we chose a song from Mulan and changed it up. For the theme, we had to decorate our cabin according to it's name, ours was The Nativity, so we took a Winnie The Pooh bear, swaddled it in a blanket, put it in a manger made up of a suitcase, little animal pillow-pets surround-



ing the scene, and sticky notes to explain the scene. We won 5th place out of 6 cabins, but well, it was only second day.

Day 3

The usual, chapel, breakfast, "Bunkin-Bible time" and off to Orthodox life, we also did this on day 2, I just didn't have enough time to write, since everyone was already asleep by the time I finished that last sentence. Back to Orthodox Life, we're assigned to two different priests, we keep the same priests for Orthodox Life, and we just talk about whatever we want to talk about

LITERALLY. I really liked Orthodox Life, not only because it was the most time I got to spend with my dad, but it's very inspirational. Our theme for the day was "transformed". Our song and cabin decorations won 1st! (our decorations were the sisterhood of the transforming pants). After Outdoor-Rec evening chapel and then dinner. Evening activities were next and today was 1 minute skits, those were SO MUCH FUN TO MAKE! I was lucky enough to be in two skits, in one I was a dying flower (which was pretty funny) and

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DIARY OF A PK AT CAMP EMMANUEL (CONT.)

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in another one I just said “Jui-ces!” after someone else said “Broccoli, Broccoli and cheese”. When it was time to present the skits, everyone giggled as I started growing up and dying immediately (I was a seed growing into a flower by the way) and everyone burst out laughing in the next skit when I said “ Jui-ces!” and from that day on everyone has been calling me Juice, (since most of the people there didn't even know my name) did I mention I won 1st place in sound effects?

Day 4

Today's theme was Military, so we wanted to be clever, no one else really knew what we could do with this theme, but I had an idea, all we needed was our jackets and duct tape – lots of it. So my plan was t tape everyone's jackets to the bunkbeds and tape them so they looked like they were saluting and on the front door we put up a sign in military letters that said “ OUR JACKETS SALUTE YOU! - NATIVITY” It was good enough to win us 3rd place! I also went to Confession today as there was one of the optional activities offered. Many of the other campers did too. Before dinner we all sung in the service of the Paraklesis to the Mother of God, sung in the outside chapel after dark. It was very nice, we also got to write prayer lists for all those who we love at home! Today's evening activities was a photo scavenger hunt, no one ever

wins anything if you're first in the evening activities so we weren't in much of a rush. We also had do the silliest things, like make a human knot, a human pyramid, a mustache theme, and pictures of choice. After those were over everyone in our cabin was jittery because tomorrow was mess-day! People tell me it's basically just a controlled foodfight, can't wait!

Day 5

This day was the most unusual day of the week, first of all we had Divine liturgy on Thursday, which meant that we would take Holy Communion, and we didn't have a theme for the the day, DUN-DUN-DUUUUUN! That was because it was Mess-day! The weird thing is though is that they told us to get in our swimsuits and then come down to the poolside area, strange....When everyone got to the poolside we realized, we're not having mess-day, we're having water-day. At first everyone was disappointed, but when we got into the activities everyone else forgot that we were supposed to be having mess-day instead. It sure kept us busy for the rest of the day. For evening activities we played a GIANT boardgame it was fun, but the one-minute timer didn't allow us to do much in that short period. Tonight nobody had trouble sleeping.

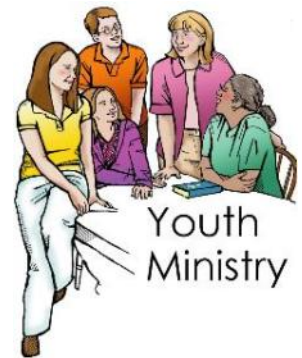
Day 6

Our last full day at Camp Emmanuel, today was probably

the best day of the week! It was all the same up until the evening activities, which meant “Bible-Bowl”! Before that though we had a dance party, really it was just people Greek-Dancing on the poolside area, I learned two things that night, one: I need to work on my Greek-dancing and two: I need to start listening to music. The “Bible-Bowl” was at like 11'o clock at night, but we were awake enough to win 2nd place, not to mention we're one of the two youngest cabins here! The most relaxing part of the day was writing letters to ourselves ironically I think took the longest. On that night we all exchanged info and happily slept through the night.

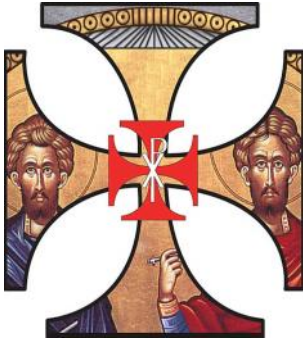
Can't wait for next year!

Love,
Juice
(A.K.A Maria)



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YEAR





CHOIR NOTES

The choir will not be singing during the month of July and the chant group will be chanting the Divine Liturgy.

Some of our choir members will be attending the Metropolitan of Denver Church Music Federation Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hosted by Holy Trinity and Prophet Elias Church Choirs of Greater Salt Lake City we are "Uniting Our Voices in Praise".

Our music for this conference is the new Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, composed by Paul D. Maritsas, choir director of Prophet Elias.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Musically yours, Bill Poletes

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

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-

PHILOPTOCHOS

"Philoptochos is having a Garage Sale! Please start saving your gently used items and clothing.

The proceeds will go towards our capital campaign pledge."

Sincerely,
Joanie Ruppel

GLADSOME LIGHT

No Dialogues during the month of June

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

AGELESS WONDERS

The Ageless Wonders are taking July and August OFF!!! Check the September forerunner for our Fall schedule

Have a great summer
Margaret 817-354-7731

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

2nd Sun: Parish Council—Mr. & Mrs. William Kinman

3rd Sun: GOYA

4th Sun: Philoptochos

5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

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

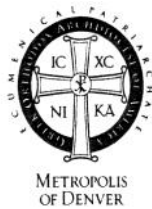
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						<i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>3rd Sunday of St. Matthew</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM	<i>Independence Day</i>		 <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00 PM
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<i>4th Sunday of St. Matthew</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM			 <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<i>Baptism</i> 10:00 AM <i>Great Vespers</i> 6:00 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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<i>7th Sunday of St. Matthew</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM		 <i>Strict Fast</i>	 <i>Fish</i>	 <i>Dairy, Eggs, Fish</i>	 <i>Fast Free</i>	 <i>Wine & Oil</i>



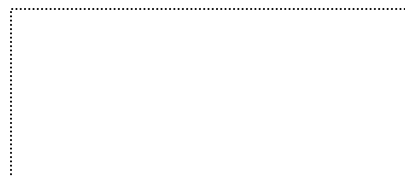
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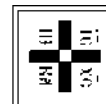
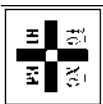
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