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SETTING A GOOD BEGINNING FOR 2012

As the New Year is just around the corner, for many people also comes the time for setting their New Year resolutions. *This year I will reach my ideal weight, this year I'll take better care of my health, this year I'll finish the college that I always wanted and so on.* The first weeks of the year the gyms are full of enthusiastic first time athletes, the grocery stores have record sales for diet foods



and the pharmacies sell years worth of nicotine patches. But the statistics show however that [only 8% of people are successful](#) in achieving their resolutions. So come February the gym crowds vanish, the excitement fades away and life goes back to its usual unforgiving pace.

Why do so many people fail in their New Year resolutions? [One research](#) shows that most of the people that fail their goals focus too much on the downside of not reaching their targets and rely solely on will power to achieve them. On the other hand the same research shows that people who break their goals into smaller ones and integrate themselves in a

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COUNCIL CAPSULE

On December 11th, Parish Council elections were held for 6 open positions for the 2012-2014 term. Re-elected to the council were Nancy Medvic, Raj Shah, and myself. Newly elected were Chris Geil, Nina Sullivan and Larry Leeders. I would like to extend a big thank you to Allison Medvic, Terry Poriotis and George Genovezos who have completed their terms and are leaving the council. Their dedication, time and talent serving St. John's were greatly appreciated. I would like to personally thank the entire Parish Council for their support during my presidency these past two years. It has been a very interesting and at times stressful two years but always rewarding and I have been very proud and grateful to serve St. John's especially during this integral time in our parish. One needs only to look at the beautiful structure rising on our property to feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in what a small group of faithful can accomplish.

On January 7th & 8th we are very honored to host Metropolitan Isaiah who has graciously agreed to celebrate our church's Name Day with us. After Liturgy on Sunday plan on staying

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Setting a Good Beginning for 2012*
- *2012 Stewardship*
- *Construction Status*
- *A New Year's Eve Story by Photios Kontoglou*
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COUNCIL'S CAPSULE



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for a delicious lunch and annual cutting of the Vaselopita and Auction under the sponsorship of Philoptochos with all proceeds benefiting St. Basil's Academy. Tickets for the luncheon will be a suggested donation of \$20 adults and \$10 children under 12.

As 2011 draws to a close, we need to reflect on God's gifts to us and follow His example with love and support of our Church. We can express this with generosity and devotion. If you have filled out your Stewardship card for 2012, we thank you. If not won't you please consider becoming a steward. Your commitment is essential for our continued

ministry.

I'm sure I can speak for the entire Parish Council in wishing everyone a very healthy and happy 2012.

Barbara Vittas

Parish Council President

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE REPORT

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IS OPEN

Sincere, heartfelt thanks to the members of the Parish who, during 2011, have stepped forward once again to offer their material support to the completion of our new church building and related site improvements. We hope your personal planning ahead for 2012 will include the completion of your family or personal commitments to the Capital Campaign. The year 2012 will be the most significant, yet, in the history of our Parish and your continued support is essential to meet the goals and objectives of our capital development program.

In addition to the Capital Campaign to complete construction of the new church building, the November 13, 2011 Special General Assembly was introduced to the Ecclesiastical Dedications Program. This program, organized by Fr. Vasile, has the additional goal of funding Stage One ecclesiastical items including the Iconostasis

Icons, Altar Vault and Apse Iconography as well as liturgical items of need befitting the new church. There are many opportunities remaining for families and individuals to commit to the Dedications Program in honor or memory of loved ones or for any special purpose. The Dedications Program also includes the offices, classrooms and conference room of the new Paulos Center Addition which will become part of the Community Center with the future completion of Phase IV of the Capital Development Program. Look for Dedications Program information in church or see Fr. Vasile, George Vittas, Nancy Medvic or any member of the Capital Campaign Committee with your dedication request and commitment or any questions you may have about this separate program.

As a Parish we are very near to bringing the vision of "Building Our Future" to reality. Please continue to make

your existing Capital Campaign Commitment payments as planned or, 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 to the capital campaign will be prominently and permanently recognized in the narthex of the new church... **All parishioners should want to participate in this historic endeavor and share in offering glory to God for what we will 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, Robert Steffaro, Margaret Chokas, Larry Leeders,



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support network are more likely to be successful.

Spiritually a similar situation occurs especially within the Sacrament of Confession. Most of the people that come to take the burden of sin of their chests also want to get rid of its weight forever, so they come to Confession with the strong will to begin a renewed life in Christ. *I will start fasting, I'll do my daily prayers, I'll help the poor, I won't sin anymore.* But come next Lenten season most of them arrive confessing the same, over and over again.

The Fathers call this wish to start anew “*setting a good beginning*”. Indeed that’s what Confession is all about, we come to clean our sinful self so by the power of the Holy Spirit we are renewed and be

given the great opportunity to start again with a pure soul. This is very similar with Baptism, where the old man dies as he is immersed in the water while a new man emerges victorious in Christ upon the exit. The difference between Baptism and Confession is that Confession can be repeated every time we fail. God knows that the “*spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*” (Mat 26:41).

As with the New Year Resolutions we have to break a vicious circle in order to be successful in our spiritual endeavors. The first thing one should be aware of is not to set goals to high. [Elder Cleopas](#) from the Sihastria Monastery used to say that the “*forest guardian is not afraid of those who come once a year to cut a big tree, but he fears those that come every day and take only few branches that added*

make much more”. In a similar fashion, in our spiritual life, we don’t get anywhere by setting goals that we can’t achieve, or we can achieve isolated with great efforts: like strict fasting the entire Great Lent, while we never fasted before, or reading a Psalter a day, while we can’t pray for 5 minutes at a time and so on. Our spiritual goals should be small but consistent.

Progress in our spiritual life should come out of this consistency of doing something every day and adding a little at the time. “*An elder was asked by one of his disciples ‘Father teach me how to pray’. The father answered: ‘Pray and prayer will teach you how to pray!’*” Heroic things never work because they either lead to

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“THE PARKING LOT WILL BE UNAVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT 5-6 WEEKS WHILE THE NEW ONE IS BUILT.”

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

The new year opens with a flurry of activity on the new Church. Through a wetter than usual December the new concrete parking lot will be finishing in January along with the major brick and stone work, fire sprinkler protection and completion of the new landscaping plan. Roofing work also continues. We hope that the temporary parking solution at the Ruth Millican Center was not too inconvenient for all parishioners.

Interior work will accelerate with the installation of insulation and sheetrock. Our goal will be to have the altar area completed to allow for iconography to begin in early February. The BC continues to meet with Ashton Wynne every two weeks to ensure that all coordination items are addressed in a timely manner with the goal of completing the facility in mid-March.

Joe Sullivan, Building Committee Chairman



STEWARDSHIP NEWS



As of 12/18/11 we had **120** (2011) stewards committed to contributing a total of **\$177,184** and as of that date we have collected just **\$161,060** of that amount.

If you have not fulfilled your 2011 stewardship pledge, it's not too late to do so. However, if you are making your final 2011

contribution in January, please mark your check memo line "2011 Stewardship" to ensure proper credit.

The new 2012 cards are available in the pews and in the narthex. Remember, we have a beautiful new church, but we need your help to support it.

Please submit your 2012 Stewardship Commitment today!!

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

ABIDE IN ME BY BEARING FRUITS—STEWARDSHIP 2012

We are Called to Bear Fruit

At the Last Supper, Jesus instructed His disciples, "*I Am the Vine; you are the branches*" explaining that we abide in him by bearing fruits for God in the world. "*By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit...*" (John 15:8). Just as the vine bears fruit only through its branches, so Jesus has chosen to work in the world through us. We are the members of His Body. We are the branches through which the True Vine must bear fruit. We bear fruit when we serve and support God and His Church.

Do We Abide in Jesus?

We abide in Jesus Christ when we follow His example and love, serve and support the Church which is His Body. When we abide in Christ, we express this

through generosity and devotion, especially in our financial stewardship and acts of personal generosity. Bearing fruit in the world is the visible result of our abiding in Christ.

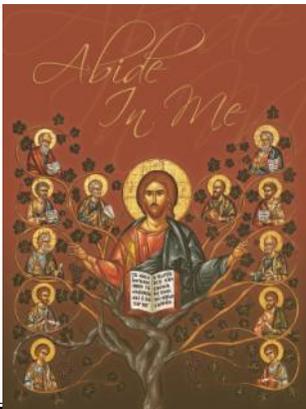
We Are the Branches of Christ's Vine

Our task as branches of the True Vine is to see Stewardship as a way of life, and to help others to better understand its true meaning. Jesus Christ took on human flesh in order to reunify us to Him and to each other. Our true nature is "we" not "I." We are parts of a far greater whole. This is why we were created. This is why Jesus came into the world. This is why we unite ourselves to each other in the Church. This is why we give ourselves to Christ and to each other through the Eucharist. This is "who we

are". "We" are the branches of the True Vine.

Join us by filling a Stewardship card for 2012 to show forth our abiding in Him by sharing the fruits He already offered us so generously.

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WHEN WE SERVE
AND SUPPORT
GOD AND HIS
CHURCH.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I become a member of the parish?

Membership in the Orthodox Church begins at Baptism (Chrismation for some) and continues throughout our life. We are united with Christ through the sacraments and through our faithful offering of our lives to Christ. We have to distinguish however between voting members and non-voting members. A voting member is over 18 years old and has turned in a signed stewardship commitment

card (for time, talent and treasure). The Archdiocese also requires the voting member to remain current through the year on their commitments. Overall true membership in the Body of Christ, involves living daily according to His word and within His Church.

Why must I commit to give a specific amount?

Knowing the amount of your monetary participation helps our parish plan the activities throughout the year. Your

monetary stewardship is kept in the strictest of confidence.

What if I cannot fulfill my stewardship commitment?

During the course of a year, people's circumstances change. Your stewardship is valued because it is made out of your love for God and His Church. Please do not be concerned if you are unable to meet your stewardship commitment – we are glad you are a part of this parish.



A NEW YEAR'S EVE STORY—BY PHOTIOUS KONTOGLOU

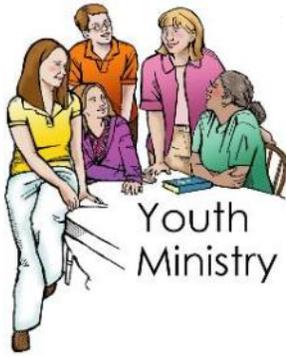
The Nativity Feast having passed, St. Basil took his staff and traversed all of the towns, in order to see who would celebrate his Feast Day with purity of heart. On the eve of the New Year, he came upon a certain hamlet, which was the poorest of the poor villages in all of Greece. The freezing wind howled through the scrub bush and the rocky cliffs, and not a living soul was to be found in the pitch-dark night! Then, he beheld in front of him a small knoll, below which there was secreted away a sheepfold. St. Basil went into the pen and, knocking on the door of the hut with his staff, called out: "Have mercy on me, a poor man, for the sake of your deceased relatives, for even Christ lived as a beggar on this earth." Awakening, the dogs lunged at him. But as they drew near him and sniffed him, they became gentle, wagged their tails, and lay down at his feet, whimpering

imploringly and with joy. Thereupon, a shepherd, a young man of twenty-five or so, with a curly black beard, opened the door and stepped out: John Barbákos—a demure and rugged man, a sheepman. Before taking a good look at who was knocking, he had already said, "Enter, come inside. Good day, Happy New Year!" Inside the hut, a lamp was suspended overhead from a cradle that was attached to two beams. Next to the hearth was their bedding, and John's wife was sleeping. As soon as St. Basil went inside, John, seeing that the old man was a clergyman, took his hand and kissed it, saying, "Your blessing, Elder," as though he had known him previously and as though he were his father. And the Saint said to him: "May you and all of your household be blessed, together with your sheep, and may the peace of God be upon you." The wife

then arose, and she, too, revered the Elder and kissed his hand, and he blessed her. St. Basil looked like a mendicant monk, with an old skouphia, his rása worn and patched, and his tsarouchia [a traditional leather slipper, usually adorned with a pompom at the end of the shoe] full of holes; as well, he had an old empty-looking satchel. John the blessed put wood on the fire. Straightway the hut began to glisten, as though seemingly a palace. The rafters seemed to be gilded with gold, while the hanging cheesecloth bags [filled with curing cheese] looked like vigil lamps, and the wooden containers, cheese presses, and all of the accessories used by John in making cheese became like silver, as though decorated by diamonds, as did all of the other humble things that John the blessed had in his hut. The wood burning in the hearth crackled and sang like the birds

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YOUTH MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE

We were excited to see so much participation in our church school's annual Christmas pageant - many thanks to Khanh Moutafis and the Sunday School teachers for all their direction and support. It is not an easy task to produce a play not knowing which of your cast members will be present on the day of the pageant! Miraculously, it all came together. We are also so appreciative of Joanie Ruppel and Lea Poletes and all the choir for their musical contri-

bution.

Many of us enjoyed the GOYA carolers on Dec. 11 - which included a solo by Bennett Kerbow - bravo!

We wish the GOYANs good luck Jan. 13-16 as they join in the annual GOYA Basketball tournament. It is good to see so many of our children involved - kudos too to the GOYA advisors: Elena Bouras, Michael Poriotis, Gina Poulakos and Chris

Blake. The kids couldn't do this without you. We hope to see many members of St. John's at the tournament since it is in Dallas this year. We have three teams (a junior girls, junior boys and senior boys team). Please come and support them!

God Bless.

Harriet Blake

GOYA NEWS

Thank you everyone for your support in 2011. We are getting ready for our GOYA Basketball Tournament which will take place in just a couple of weeks here in Dallas. We will send out all the game details as soon as we have

them- hopefully you can come cheer us on. We have three teams this year so there will be a lot of games to watch.

Thank you,

Peter Pursley

GOYA President

“GOYA IS GETTING READY FOR THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN JANUARY”

CHOIR NOTES

The Choir wishes a Happy and Peaceful New Year to all our Parishioners!

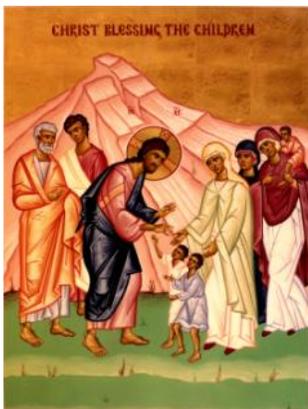
PSALTI NOTES

Happy new year! Welcome to the inaugural entry into Psaltic notes! I will use this platform to help communicate about the art of Byzantine Hymnology and the progress of this art in our com-

munity at Saint John's. In the new year, after Theophany, we will be starting a new beginners' class and all are invited! Please keep your eyes and ears open for more announcements regard-

ing this!

2012 will be an amazing year at St. John's, and I look forward to what the future holds!



Christ blessing children

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our projects and ministries in the month of December. The true meaning of Philoptochos was expressed in several ways, especially on our **Outreach visits** during the holiday season.

We will be holding our annual **Vasilopita auction** on Sunday, January 8, during the Name's Day luncheon for our patron Saint, Saint John the Baptist. His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah will be in our pres-

ence so we hope to raise many dollars to send to St. Basil's Academy with this auction. All proceeds go directly to St. Basil's.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 12**, as we will have a **fundraiser luncheon** to celebrate the secular holiday of Valentines Day. The luncheon will be held in the parish hall, with more information to come. Volunteer chairperson is Bertha Gianulis.

We are 57 members strong and when everyone does

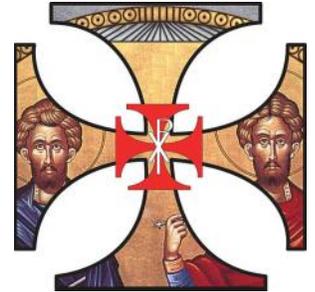
something, it makes an Army of Women!

A Blessed New Year to everyone and may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be your guide in this new and coming year.

Joanie Ruppel

President

St. Irene Philoptochos



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

I'm sure you've enjoyed this year's Christmas pageant. Every child had an opportunity to shine. It was fun to see our youths perform. It's heartwarming to see the older children helping younger children with their parts.

I send heartfelt thanks to our Church School teachers for their dedication to our children.

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

First and Second grades:
Mrs. Theresa Alexander

Third and Fourth grades:
Mrs. Esther Petercsak

Middle School: Mrs. Harriet Blake

Teen-age: Mrs. Anca Morcovescu and Mrs. Hilary Walker

Church school will resume on January 8th.

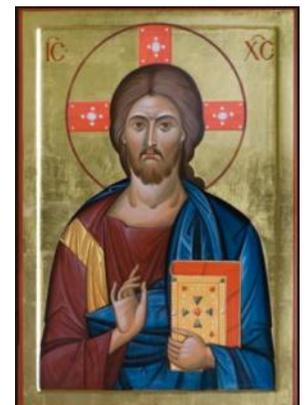
The teen class is meeting on the following dates in January:

Jan. 22 Iconography – Dorothy Dempsey/
Presbytera Mirela

Happy New Year!

Khanh Moutafis

HEARTFELT
THANKS TO OUR
CHURCH
SCHOOL
TEACHERS FOR
THEIR
DEDICATION TO
OUR CHILDREN!





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failure or pride that eventually leads also to failure.

Another important aspect of our spiritual struggle is to never isolate ourselves from the community of the Church. The Church is our main support system in our ascetic endeavors. Receiving the Sacraments, especially Confession and Holy Communion, brings us all close together with God and through Him with our brothers and sisters. We are all together in this great work of redemption and we can greatly help each other in achieving our personal spiritual goals that summed together take us all towards the salvation of the entire world.

The most important however is to never let ourselves be discouraged by failure. *“A young monk said to Abba Sisoës: ‘Abba, what should I do? I fell.’ The elder answered: ‘Get up!’ The monk said: ‘I got up and I fell again!’ The elder replied: ‘Get up again!’ But the young monk asked: ‘For how long should I get up when I fall?’ ‘Until your death,’ answered Abba Sisoës. ‘For a man heads to his judgment either fallen or getting back up again.’”*

Persevering and continuing to fight for virtue is the way of the Christian. There is no escape from the pain of this cycle of failure and redemption. But we should learn to endure it with hope knowing

that, even though we are not perfect, even though we have failed Christ, we remain Christians because we continue to valiantly fight with all we have left in us until the very end.

“When Abba Sisoës lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoës replied that he saw St Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, ‘With whom are you speaking, Father?’ He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, ‘You have no need for repentance, Father’ St Sisoës said with great humility, ‘I do not think that I have even begun to repent.’”

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. St Sisoës told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoës departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.”

The glorious ending of Abba Sisoës is not an isolated occurrence, but many that have allowed Christ to grow in them have followed this example of dedicating their entire lives to perfection in Christ, never content of their results, always looking for

new ways to be more like Him.

Like the river Jordan turned back its course towards its springs, when Christ entered in its waters, so the person that has Christ entering in his heart turns the course of his life towards the source of his life that is found only in God. This is what *“setting a good beginning”* truly means, to always look towards God and direct one’s life towards him, step by step, step by step.

May this New coming Year be for You and Your families full of peace, joy and hope in the mercy of our Lord! Amen.

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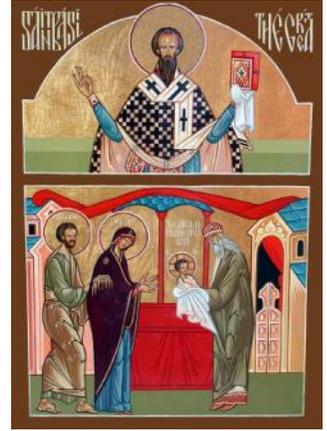
that sing in Paradise, giving off a fragrance wholly delightful. The couple placed St. Basil near the fire, where he sat, and the wife put down pillows on which he could rest. Then the Elder took the satchel from around his neck, placing it next to him. Together with his farmhand, John the blessed went out to milk the sheep and to place the newborn lambs in the lambing pen, and afterwards he separated the ewes that were ready to birth and confined them within the enclosure, while his helper put the other sheep out to graze. His flock was sparse and John was poor; yet, he was blessed. And he was possessed of great joy at all times, day and night, for he was a good man and he had a good wife. Anyone who happened to pass by their hut they cared for as though he were a brother. And it is thus that St. Basil found lodging in their home and settled in, as if it were his own, blessing it from top to bottom. On that night, he was awaited, in all of the cities and villages of the known world, by rulers, Hierarchs, and officials; but he went to none of these. Instead, he went to lodge in the hut of John the blessed.

So, John, after pasturing the sheep, came back in and said to the Saint, "Elder, I am greatly joyful. I wish to have you read to us the writings about St. Basil [i.e., the appointed hymns to the Saint]. I am an illiterate man, but I like all of the writings of our religion [once again, the hymns and services of the Church]. In fact, I have a small

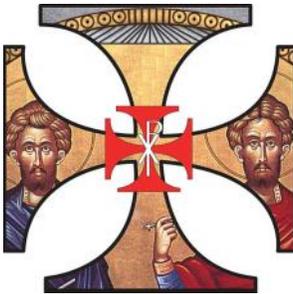
book from an Hagiorite Abbot [i.e., from Mt. Athos], and whenever someone who can read and write happens to pass by, I get him to read out of the booklet, since we have no Church near us."

In the East, it was dimly dawning. St Basil rose and stood, facing eastward, making his Cross. He then bent down, took a booklet from his satchel, and said, "*Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.*" John the blessed went and stood behind him, and his wife, having nursed their baby, also went to stand near him, with her arms crossed [over her chest]. St. Basil then said the hymn, "*God is the Lord...*" and the Apolytikion of the Feast of the Circumcision, "*Without change, Thou hast assumed human form,*" omitting his own Apolytikion, which states, "*Thy sound is gone forth unto all the earth.*" His voice was sweet and humble, and John and his wife felt great contrition, even though they did not understand all of the words. St. Basil now said the whole of Matins and the Canon of the Feast, "*Come, O ye peoples, and let us chant a song unto Christ God,*" without reciting his own canon, which goes, "*O Basil, we would that thy voice were present...*" Thereafter, he said aloud the entire Liturgy, pronounced the dismissal, and blessed the household. As they sat at the table, having eaten and finished their food, the wife brought the Vasilopeta [a sweet bread or cake baked in honor of St. Basil on the New Year] and placed it on the serving table. Then St. Basil took a knife and with it traced the sign

of the Cross on the Vasilopeta, saying, "*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" He cut a first piece, saying, "*for Christ,*" a second, afterwards, saying, "*for the Panagia,*" and then "*for the master of the house, John the blessed.*" John exclaimed, "Elder, you forgot St. Basil!" The Saint replied, "Yes, indeed," and thus said, "*And for the servant of God, Basil.*" After this, he resumed: "*...and for the master of the house,*" "*for the mistress of the house,*" "*for the child,*" "*for the farmhand,*" "*for the animals,*" and "*for the poor.*" Thereupon, John the blessed said, "Elder, why did you not cut a piece for your reverendship?" And the Saint said, "But I did, O blessed one!" But John, this blissful man, did not understand. Afterwards, St. Basil stood up and said the prayer, "*O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under the roof of the house of my soul.*" John the Blessed then said: "I wonder if you can tell me, Elder, since you know many things, to what palaces St. Basil went this evening? And the rulers and monarchs—what sins do they have? We poor people are sinners, since our poverty leads us into sin." St. Basil said the same prayer, again—with tears—though changing it: "*O Lord my God, I have seen that Thy servant John the simple is worthy and that it is meet that Thou shouldst enter into his shelter. He is a babe, and it is to babes that Thy Mysteries are revealed.*" And again John the blissful, John the blessed, understood nothing....



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SACRAMENTS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

- 12/3 - Wedding: John/Jackie Poletes
- 12/10 - Wedding: Adam/Elizabeth Gianulis
- 12/11—Memorial Fayez Ibrahim
- 12/18 - Memorial: Vladimir Tudora (18 years)
- 12/18 - Memorial: Teodor Albisor (3 years)

AGELESS WONDERS

The Ageless Wonders will meet on Tuesday, January 10th 2012, for lunch and a movie. We will go to see Steven Spielberg's new movie "The War Horse," so save the date and more details will be forthcoming. Just a reminder, our \$10 dollar dues for 2012 are due!!! Esther Petercsak is the treasurer, so see her.....Questions??... Call Margaret.

GLADSOME LIGHT DIALOGUES

Gladsome Light Dialogues will take a break in January and February due to the House Blessing Schedule.

In the meantime don't forget to check our blog that you can visit at <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

GLADSOME LIGHT DIALOGUES WILL CONTINUE IN NOVEMBER WITH OUR NEW THEME "BEYOND LITURGY"

USHER SCHEDULE

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

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 1st Sunday : Bennett Kerbow, Caleb Ellis, Alex Genovezos, Jackson Wright
- 2nd Sunday : Chris Eftimie, Michael Beebe, Chris File, Luca Tudora
- 3rd Sunday : John Molhoek, Alex Shah, Alex Genovezos, Michael Beebe
- 4th Sunday : Luca Tudora, James Seals, Alex Genovezos, Alex Shah
- 5th Sunday: Michael Beebe, James Seals, John Molhoek, Alex Shah

COFFEE HOUR HOST

- 1st Sun.: Mr. & Mrs. Ovidiu Berca (Jan 1)
- 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.

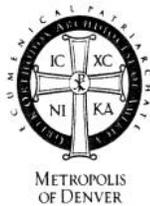
Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.

Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.

Thank-You

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><i>Circumcision of our Lord St. Basil the Great</i></p> <p><i>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</i></p>				<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Royal Hours and Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil 6:00 PM</i></p> <p><i>Great Blessing of the Waters 7:30 PM</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Holy Theophany of our Lord</i></p> <p><i>Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM Hierarchical Vespers 6:00PM</i></p>	<p><i>Synaxis of St. John the Baptist</i></p> <p><i>Orthros 8:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</i></p> <p><i>Hierarchical Vespers 6:00 PM</i></p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><i>Sunday After Epiphany</i></p> <p><i>Orthros 8:30 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</i></p> <p><i>Vasilopita Auction Nameday Luncheon</i></p>			<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Paraklesis 6:00PM</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><i>Holy Fathers Slain at Mt. Sinai and Raithu</i></p> <p><i>3rd Hour and Di- vine Liturgy 8:30 AM</i></p> <p><i>Vespers 6:00 PM</i></p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p><i>12th Sunday of Luke</i></p> <p><i>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</i></p>			<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Paraklesis 6:00PM</i></p>	<p><i>St. Arsenios of Kerkyra in Corfu</i></p> <p><i>Divine Liturgy 6:00AM</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p><i>Vespers 6:00 PM</i></p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
<p><i>Sunday of the Canaanite</i></p> <p><i>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</i></p> <p><i>Vespers 6:00 PM</i></p>	<p><i>Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs</i></p> <p><i>Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM</i></p>					
		<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Strict Fast</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Wine and Oil allowed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Wine , Oil and Fish allowed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>Fast Free</i></p>	



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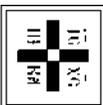
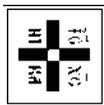
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