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## STAYCATIONING WITH GOD

Summer is again upon us we start again to dream of exotic vacations, foreign cities, singular experiences, new friends and so on. We want to escape the mundane drag of everyday life and discover the unknown, leaving behind us all that is responsibility and work and enjoy the time just for ourselves.



The work-hard-play-hard paradigm has shaped us in this form, to work, work, work and then when you feel you can't take it anymore we try to forget all of it by going in the opposite direction, looking for more and more extravagant forms of entertainment. The exacerbation of this phenomenon, especially with newer generations, moved a lot of people into extreme experiences: climbing vertical cliffs without ropes, crawling through mud under 10,000 volts barb-wire, bungee-jumping and the like. We want to recuperate in this rush of adrenaline all what we think we lost by being committed to a regular, boring life. Then vacation is over and we have to leave the exotic places and go back to work until the next vacation. And the cycle repeats itself bringing more dissatisfaction in the process. .

This cycle however is a vicious one, because one is condemned to living in the continuous displeasure of daily activities, from which one can't escape, with the only hope that one day you'll be able to regain it all in a one-of-a-kind life experience. Unfortunately it doesn't work that way and the daily displeasure of life takes a toll on us, a toll that we can't shake off with a foreign vacation.

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## COUNCIL CAPSULE

Christos Anesti! Christ is Risen! What a glorious week Holy Week was. The services were beautiful and very moving. A huge thank you to Fr. Vasile for inspiring all of us. I hope everyone that joined our church family for Agape Luncheon enjoyed the fabulous food that was prepared by Larry Leeders, Michael Eftimie, Chris Geil and Raj Shah. We had a huge crowd and a good time was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the entire Parish Council for their help in preparations and serving.

It's hard to believe that June is almost upon us. We should be well underway in preparations for our upcoming food festival. Instead I'm left wondering if we will be having a food

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Staycationing with God*
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## COUNCIL'S CAPSULE



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festival this year. We need a few brave souls to step forward and agree to chair this very important and much needed endeavor. Remember, the food festival not only helps financially in our goal to retire our loan but think of your children and all they gain from the sights, smells and sounds of their heritage.

When my children were growing up, I was very grate-

ful to the committed group of dance instructors who taught my children to dance Greek. They have taken that love and experience into adulthood and use it every opportunity they have. Please, think about gathering a few people together and take this opportunity to step forward and chair the 2013 Food Festival. **WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!**

We are also celebrating

graduation of our Sunday School children in June and I want to congratulate all those we are also graduating High School and going on to higher education this year. A big thank you to all our dedicated Sunday School teachers who each Sunday enrich your children with the lessons of their faith.

Barbara Vittas

Parish Council President

"I PRAY THAT YOU LEAP FOR JOY, LOOKING AT THE CHAOS BEHIND YOU FROM WHICH THE RISEN CHRIST CROSSED YOU OVER"

ELDER PORPHYRIOS



## ELDER PORPHYRIOS AND THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

The following story was told by the cardiologist of Elder Porphyrios, Dr. George Papazahos, when he visited the Elder in his cell one Bright Tuesday following Pascha.

I went to see him as a doctor. After the cardiological examination and the usual cardiogram, he asked that I not leave.

I sat on the stool near his bed. His face was shining with joy. He asked me:

"Do you know the hymn which says, 'Let us celebrate the death of death...?'"

"Yes Elder, I know it."

"Say it."

I began to say it quickly. "Let us celebrate the death of death, the destruction of Hades, the beginning of eternal life. And leaping for joy, we celebrate the Cause, the only blessed and most glorious

God of our fathers."

"Did you understand it?"

"Of course I understood." I thought he was asking me about its interpretation.

He made a sudden movement with his hand and told me:

"You understood nothing, George my man! You said it like a hurried chanter. Listen to what fearful things this hymn says: Christ by His Resurrection did not cross us over a lake, over a crack in the earth, over a canal, over a river like the Red Sea. He brought us over an abyss, of which it was impossible for man to cross alone. For centuries we awaited this Pascha, for this passage. Christ brought us from death to life. This is why today we 'celebrate the death of death, the destruction of Hades'. Death is lost. Do you understand? Today we celebrate

'the beginning of eternal life', a life near Him."

He spoke with enthusiasm and conviction. He was moved. He paused for a moment then continued more loudly:

"Now chaos, death, and Hades do not exist. Now there is all joy, thanks to the Resurrection of our Christ. Together with Him human nature was resurrected. Now we can be resurrected and live eternally near Him. What happiness is in the Resurrection! 'And leaping for joy, we celebrate the Cause.' [Have you ever seen the little goats now in the Spring who jump on the grass?](#) (Click the link above to see them in action)

They eat a little from their mother and begin to jump again? This is what it means to

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## STAYCATIONING WITH GOD (CONT.)

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So what to do? Well, recently the urban dictionary has received a new member, a word opening novel possibilities: “staycation”. Staycation, as defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is a short vacation spent at home or nearby. In other words, rather than looking for exotic places to evade you just stay home and indulge in what you already have, but you’re too busy to enjoy.

This is very similar with the universal Christian saying “*stop and count your blessings*”. Because we get caught up in “life” we simply forget from time to time to stop, breathe and look around. The benefit of this simple exercise is that we can learn to appreciate what we already possess. No need to waste time, money and energy chasing an illusion, while we can learn to enjoy what we have already have at hand.

Of course I am not advocating that everyone should stay home all the time, but some short and more frequent “staycations” may render all the struggle of life just a little more bearable.

This concept can be easily applied to our spiritual life. “Cradle” Orthodox Christians for instance are born in the faith and they grow into the practice of faith from a young age. Sometimes however, this can become dull in itself: the fasting, the daily prayers, the long services, can take a toll on a person. Often times this leads some people to look for

“excitement” in other religions, philosophies or even in a more secular way of life.

This is valid also for people that come to the faith later in life through conversion. Most of them come to Orthodoxy because they are unsatisfied with their spiritual life in the denominations/groups they used to belong to. But after they accept and settle into the faith it comes a moment when the reality of being Orthodox sinks in, and either they discover that not even all Orthodox people are saints or that the practical aspects of being an Orthodox are quite difficult to manage. Once they learn the imperfection of their new faith comes also the temptation to look for something else, more fulfilling, more perfect, more exciting.

If we try to apply the “staycation” concept in these two cases, rather than immediately looking on the outside for answers, what about taking a deep breath and going back to the basics, looking for meaning where one already is? There are so many simple things one can do to rediscover the roots of their faith.

Spending a time in a monastery can be a wonderful break from the dull of life. Being in a place that radiates commitment, with wonderful people that are completely dedicated to the faith can have a profound healing impact on our relationship with God. We might learn from the beautiful services and the conversations with the elders that our faith is something

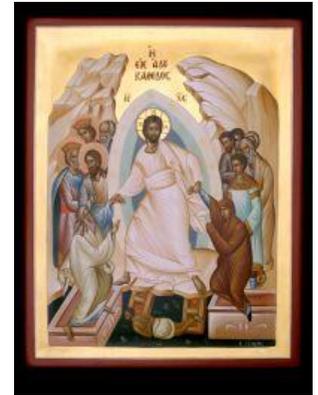
that is worth working for, despite the apparent difficulties. We might acquire tips for a more organized and meaningful life in Christ and taking them back with us may make everything easier.

Sometimes we don’t even have to go as far as a monastery. Participating in services that we haven’t attended before, re-engaging in catechism, enrolling in the ministries of the parish might be just as fulfilling as going in a pilgrimage.

We might also consider opening up our hearts at the Sacrament of Confession and ask our own parish priest the questions that bother us. He will be able to help us either directly or by putting us on the right path to find the answers ourselves.

But if all this seems again too difficult, maybe we can just start by increasing our time committed to personal prayer at home. Opening a conversation with God, through worship maybe all that is necessary to re-ignite our life in Christ. Once this happens everything will start to make sense again and will be able to fully re-engage in the life of the Church.

Not doing anything while dreaming of deliverance won’t take us anywhere. Looking for meaning, right here and right now, may be all we need to do. Happy staycation to all!



The Resurrection

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## LET STEWARDSHIP BE A WAY OF LIFE



Nina and I thank all of those parishioners who have completed stewardship cards and pledged their time, talent or treasure to the future of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox church. One can't help but look at the photographs from Holy Week and do a "double take" at their divine beauty. I know it touched my heart and soul to participate in the services. We all must thank God for blessing us with such a glorious church. The picturesque display of culture and traditions of the Orthodox Faith are awe-inspiring.

We are almost half-way through the year and still \$53,259 shy of our \$265,000 goal. To date there are 108 Stewards and \$211,741 pledged. We know that if everyone would take time to complete their stewardship cards we can attain our goal.

Once again I was inspired by words on Stewardship. This speaks for itself.

Return to God His Own Gifts

King David said, "All things come from you, and of your own we have given you" (Chronicles 29:14). Our

money and possessions are not ours, but on loan from God. When we give to the Church, we return to God, the Owner, His rightful portion. . . Stewardship is giving back to God in proportion to the resources He has given to us.

Nina Sullivan and Hope File

PLEASE  
PRAYERFULLY  
AND CHEERFULLY  
COMMIT TO  
BECOMING A  
STEWARD OF  
GOD AT ST.  
JOHN'S

## UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Can we now build a definition for stewardship? How might we describe "stewardship in action?"

The following list is adapted from one prepared by Ron Nicola:

1. Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.
2. Stewardship is caring for the needs of others.
3. Stewardship is offering one's self to God as He offered Himself to us.
4. Stewardship is what a person does after saying "I Believe . . .", as proof of that belief.
5. Stewardship is learning how to be a responsible and

concerned caretaker of Christ's Church; it is learning how to enjoy Church life and be happy in Church work, for in Her dwells the fullness of the Spirit of God.

6. Stewardship is devotion and service to God and his Church as persons, as families, as metropolises, as national Churches, and as the Church universal. (Ron Nicola, "Stewardship - A Set of Basic Principles," The Word, November 1982,4.)

Perhaps we could summarize the points just mentioned this way: Christian stewardship is a life in service to God and His Church motivated by our thankfulness for His love to us . . . in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." It is the wise and proper use of all the gifts

God has entrusted to our care. (See Romans 5:8) What **then are the essential** elements of stewardship?

### THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

1. Acceptance of the belief that all life and life itself is a gift from God.
2. Freedom to choose not to sin and freedom from the constraints, pressures and temptations of the world that smother the expression of this belief.
3. Life in the Spirit which is characterized by behavior that uses and nurtures the time, talents, and treasure entrusted to us by God.

## 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.



## CHOSEN AND APPOINTED BY GOD TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT

Our theme for 2013 is **Chosen and Appointed by God to Go and Bear Fruit** from chapter 15 of the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper, as we read in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John, Jesus instructed His disciples, "I Am the Vine; you are the branches."

He was telling us that the purpose of our abiding in Him is to bear fruit for God in the world. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit..." Just as the vine bears fruit 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.

### **Stewardship**

Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a way of life, which acknowledges accountability,

reverence, and responsibility before God. A primary goal of Stewardship is to promote spiritual growth and strengthen faith.

Becoming a Steward begins when we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. As Stewards, we affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewardship calls on the faithful to cheerfully offer back to God a portion of the gifts with which they have been blessed.

### **The Steward**

An Orthodox Christian Steward is an active participant in the life of the Church. The Parish encourages all who accept the Orthodox Faith to become practicing Stewards.

Each year the Steward is expected to carefully review his or her personal circumstances and make a commitment of

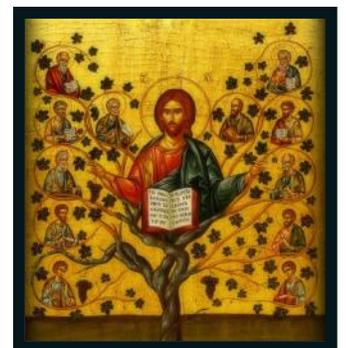
time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn also support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

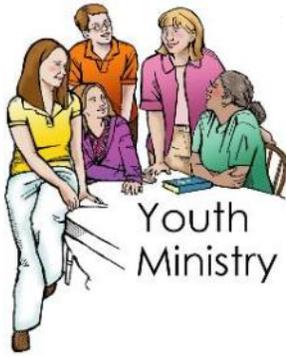
### **Stewardship is not about paying the bills.**

The goal of stewardship is not to pay the bills of the church; the goal of stewardship is to fulfill the purpose of our lives by participating in and enabling the good works of the Church in our Community.

Stewardship is how we should live everyday of our lives, fully engaged and responsible about our life in Him. Stewardship is a practice that can re-shape our world and ourselves in such a way that we can experience God's grace, love and communion in the present. Stewardship is not about survival of the parish, is about personal and communitarian growth in Christ.

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## YOUTH MINISTRIES ON THE MOVE

One of Youth Ministries' two annual fundraisers - the YM Graduation Luncheon -- is being held on Sunday, June 2. We will honor our high school graduates - Ovi Berca and Bennett Kerbow, as well as upcoming college graduate, Nicholas Papadimitriou (Baylor). We will also announce the winner of the Philoptochos scholarship. Please join us! Money raised by Youth Ministries helps fund St. John's youth-related activities such as Camp Em-

manuel, the Oratorical Festival, and end-of-year gifts given to our graduates and altar boys.

We are pleased to see that seven of our students will be attending Camp Emmanuel's junior session from June 9 to June 15. They are Caleb Ellis, Vivian Geil, Alex and Katerina Genovezos, Maria and Luca Tudora, and Penelopi Yiantsou. Fr. Vasile will be joining them. This is the largest group we have

ever sent - bravo!

The next meeting of the Youth Ministries committee will be held Sunday, Aug. 18, following church services. New members always welcome.

God bless.  
Harriet Blake

VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 10 –  
13TH.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

We have wrapped up our school year. Good luck to all the graduating students.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all the Church School teachers. Without those devoted volunteers, we would not be able to provide this opportunity for our school – aged students.

Big thanks to Khahn Moutafis for providing a helping hand throughout this transition.

Also, many thanks to Harriet Blake, Youth Ministries Coordinator for her support and insight and never ending patience.

We will have Vacation Bible School June 10 – 13th. That is Monday through Thursday,

from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. We will provide a snack, but will ask parents to send a sack lunch each day. We are so excited this year because we will be getting to know some of the well-known and lesser-known Saints. If you have not yet turned in your reply form for VBS, please do so as soon as possible. Remember you can bring a paper copy to church, but the easiest way to reply will be to send the form to me via email.

In past years we have ended our VBS week with the GOYA Lock-In. However, this year our VBS coincides with the weekend ending Camp Emmanuel. Because we have so many GOYA aged students attending the camp,

we would like to give them the opportunity to attend. We will post the date and schedule for the Lock-In as soon as we have it confirmed.

I will be sending emails to remind everyone about the beginning of Church School, for the upcoming school year. I hope everyone has a fabulous summer.

Veronica Fisher  
Church School Coordinator



## GOYA EVENTS

Thanks to all who purchased dinner at Tex's star grill on May 7th! Your help was very appreciated!

Goya is planning a Father's Day BBQ on June 16th. We are

serving burgers & hot dogs, but we need someone to help grill!

As usual, our next meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in June(the 2nd). We welcome

new members! As long as you are 12 years old or in the 6th grade!

Katie Moutafis



## FESTIVAL DANCERS

### ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL NEW & RETURNING FESTIVAL DANCERS:

Parents please email me your child's full name and age if they will be interested in dancing in the festival this year. The festival is scheduled for October 11-13th. We would really appre-

ciate it if we could get this information by the end of May. Some groups may be getting new costumes this year and in order to do so we must know the exact amount of children in each group. Any child ages 5 & up are more than welcome to join.

If any parents have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.

Email: [gpoulakos@live.com](mailto:gpoulakos@live.com)

Phone: [817-395-3656](tel:817-395-3656)

Thank you all and I can not wait to have another fabulous year of Dancing! -Gina Poulakos

## PHILOPTOCHOS HAPPENINGS

Christos Anesti!

Philoptochos has finished out a busy spring to roll into the summer. What happens over the summer? Well, we are always ready to assist those in need no matter what time of the year. We also will have our newly elected Executive Board meet to elect officers and plan the calendar for our next 12 months of activity.

It is not too late to join St. Irene Philoptochos Society! We are always accepting new members to help broaden our perspective, give us new ideas, and to share different experiences in all we do. If you keep thinking about joining – delay no longer! We need you to carry out the work prescribed by the meaning of the word Philoptochos, which translates to Friends of

the Poor. All of the monies we bring in go right back out so there is no profit for our organization. Please see Joanie Ruppel or Barbara Vittas for membership information.

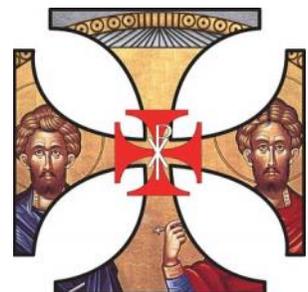
Our Mother's Day celebration was very moving and a wonderful way to honor mothers in our parish and those who have fallen asleep in the Lord. A BIG thank you to Athena Pachares and her committee of Khanh Moutafis, Voula Crawford, and Marie Pachares.

On May 31 and June 1, Joanie, Barbara and Bertha will be attending the Metropolis Clergy Laity conference in Kansas City. It is always good to meet with our peers from the other Metropolis parishes to share,

learn, and gain insight on how we can better our chapter and those we serve.

Joanie Ruppel  
President

MOTHERS  
WILL BE  
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AND MEMORIAL  
SERVICE ON  
**SUNDAY,  
MAY 12.**





St. Isaac the Syrian

MUSIC  
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## CHOIR NOTES

I will be attending the Denver Metropolitan Church Music Federation Conference this month in Kansas City Missouri. This year it is in conjunction with the Denver Metropolitan Clergy Laity Conference.

We are honored to have Steven Cardiasmenos from California, who composed the Liturgy we will be singing for the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy his Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah will be officiating. Steve's music embodies a marvelous use of chant melody for a choral setting and its success is that his work endures. Liturgical music is some of the most beautiful

and moving music ever created. It is the most meaningful and substantial because of its subject: the living and loving God who created all things. This is why it touches us so deeply, and draws us into its spiritual depth. Liturgies, whether as liturgical worship, music, prayer, is but the offering back to God of *our thanks and praise*.

In His Service,  
Bill Poletes

## EGON WELLESZ ON THE LINK BETWEEN TEXT AND MELODY IN BYZANTINE MUSIC

Egon Joseph Wellesz (1885 – 1974) was an Austrian-born British composer, teacher and musicologist, notable particularly in the field of Byzantine music. His monumental work *A history of Byzantine music and hymnography* is one of the reference books in the study of Byzantine music. Here we offer you some excerpts from this work in regards to the intimate link between text and music in byzantine hymnology.

“Byzantine hymnodists paid great attention to keeping the right balance between the text and the music. The words to which an ornament was set were well chosen. [...] The ornaments were generally set to words which could be emphasized, but which were not

of primary importance for the understanding of the phrase. It is essential to point out this fact, because the practice of Byzantine composers is entirely different from that of Western composers in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, who set the coloraturas to the most important words of the phrase.

An examination of the words and syllables which carry a musical ornament shows clearly the skill of the musician who worked out these embellishments so that ornaments are never placed on words which are essential for the understanding of the text. [In some cases] the melisma [ornamentations] only begin on the last syllable, so that the

word can be clearly heard. In other cases the melodic line is drawn so carefully that the singer can pronounce the word distinctly before the actual ornamentation begins.

This most elaborate technique of setting words to music is one of the finest achievements of Byzantine hymnography in its best period. In fact, now that the intimate relation between words and music has been recognized, it is obvious that we should no longer consider the poems apart from the melodies, nor the music apart from the texts.”



Egon Wellesz

## ELDER PORPHYRIOS AND THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

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leap - to jump. This is how we should also jump for unspeakable joy at the Resurrection of our Lord and our own."

He stopped speaking again. I breathed in a joyous atmosphere. He continued:

"Can I give you some advice? In your every sorrow, in your every failure, concentrate for a moment within yourself and say this hymn slowly-slowly.

You will see that the greatest thing in your life - and in the life of the whole world - happened. The Resurrection of Christ, our salvation. And you will realize that everything that is upside down which is occurring will seem to you very small to spoil your mood."

He squeezed my hand saying:

"I pray that you leap for joy, looking at the chaos behind you from which the Risen Christ crossed you over, 'the

only blessed of our fathers'. Chant now 'Christ is Risen!'"

My postscript: Truly, He is Risen!

George Papazahos, Professor of Cardiology

*Translated by John Sanidopoulos*

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Archangel Gabriel

By Photios Kontoglou

## THE YOUNG MAN AND THE DEVIL

A young man, led astray by the fearful power of bad habits, often fell into deep sin. He did not quit struggling, however. After each fall, he shed burning tears and prayed to God with these painful words: "Lord, save me, whether I desire it or not. I, like the dust that I am, am easily dragged down by the mud of sin. You, however, have the power to stop me. It is not wondrous, my God, if You have mercy on the righteous, or if You save the virtuous, for they are worthy to taste of Your goodness. Show Your mercy and benevolence to me, a sinner, Lord, and save me in a wondrous way; for, in all my wretchedness, I, unfortunate man that I am, flee only to You."

The youth said these things with contrition, both when he was taken over by passion and when he was calm. A certain

time, when he was once more conquered, after an agonizing resistance, he kneeled and repeated the same words, shedding a river of tears. His invincible hope in divine mercy irritated the devil. He appeared before the youth in a total rage and shouted:

"Wretch! Do you not feel a little ashamed when you dare to pray and bring God's name to your lips, in such a state as yours? You should learn once and for all that there is no salvation for you,"

The brave struggler was not afraid, nor did he abandon his hope, as the devil expected.

"And you should know that this room is like a forge," the young man boldly answered him. "You make a strike with the hammer and then you receive one. I will not cease battling you with repentance and with prayer, until that

time that you are weary of battling me with sin."

"Let it so be, then," the devil shouted with malice. "From now on I am no longer battling you, so as not to increase the spoils of your patience." Then he became invisible.

From that moment, the youth's struggle ceased. However, not for a moment did he cease watching over himself, crying frequently when he would recall his sins.

"Bravo! You have won," the enemy sometimes whispered in his mind, in order, now, to pull the youth down into pride.

"I curse this accomplishment," the youth would answer scornfully. "Do you really suppose that God wants a person to lose the purity of his soul by foul deeds and, afterwards, to sit and weep?"

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SACRAMENTS IN THE PAST MONTH

**Baptisms:** Matt Spilane, John Russo, Kiril Stanosheck

**Chrismations:** Adrian Spilane, Heather Foy, Vickie Papillaris, Lauren Ries

**Memorial Services:**

GLADSOME LIGHT DIALOGUES

Can't believe the summer is already here! Dialogues will take a break for the summer but stay tuned, after the Summer Vacation we will start a new Series of Gladsome Light Dialogues entitled:

*"The forgotten Tradition: regaining our piety in a secular world"*

In the meantime please visit us for the latest articles on the web at [Gladsome Light Dialogues Blog](#)

AGELESS WONDERS

The Ageless Wonders will meet on Saturday, June 15, 2013, 11:30 a.m. at the Lone Star Park horse track in Grand Prairie Tx. for a day at the races !! The cost is \$22.00 pp and includes Admission, Box seating, Program and Cheeseburger, Fries and Drink lunch. Valet parking is available and recommended We will be going to dinner after the races. If car pooling is necessary, we will meet in the church parking lot. In order to implement this we must have reservations A.S.A.P. I want to thank the Philoptochos for their wonderful Mothers Day Service !!! Hopefully it will be an annual event. Please keep Toni Nicholas, Jim and Harriet Walker and George Bogdos, in your prayers!! I'll be calling you.....Margaret

COFFEE HOUR HOST

- 1st Sun: Sunday School
- 2nd Sun: Parish Council
- 3rd Sun: GOYA
- 4th Sun: Philoptochos
- 5th Sun: Parish Council (if applicable)

*A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTOOK IN THE ANASTASI RECEPTION- THE FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!*

*JOANIE R. AND LEO A.*

USHER SCHEDULE (2/21)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Tim Cline, Jeremy Ellis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Hope File, Michael Eftimie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Chris Geil, Larry Leeders
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Nina Sullivan, Raj Shah
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Nancy Medvic, Barbara Vittas
- Fill-in: Harry Karegeannes

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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

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**  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>
						<i>Great Vespers</i> 5:00 PM
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</i>  Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM			  <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<i>Great Vespers</i> 5:00 PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Sunday of the Blind Man</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>  <i>Camp Emanuel</i>	<i>Vacation Bible School</i>  <i>Camp Emanuel</i>	 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>  <i>Camp Emanuel</i>	<i>Holy Ascension</i>  <i>Vacation Bible School</i>  <i>Camp Emanuel</i>	  <i>Camp Emanuel</i>	<i>Camp Emanuel</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<i>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Council</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM <i>Father's Day Memorial and Artoklasia</i>			  <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM			<i>Saturday of Souls</i>  Orthros 8:30 Divine Liturgy 9:30  <i>Great Vespers</i> 5:00 PM
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<i>Holy Pentecost</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Kneeling Vespers 2:00 PM	 <i>Monday of the Holy Spirit</i> <i>Nativity of the Forerunner</i>  Divine Liturgy 6:00 AM		  <i>Paraklesis</i> 6:00 PM		  Vigil 6:00 PM	 <i>Holy Apostles Peter and Paul</i>  Orthros 8:30 Divine Liturgy 9:30 <i>Great Vespers</i> 5:00 PM
<b>30</b>						
<i>Sunday of All Saints</i> <i>Synaxis of the 12 Apostles</i> Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM						<u><i>Fasting Symbols</i></u>  <i>Fast Free</i>  <i>Fish Allowed</i>  <i>Vine &amp; Oil Allowed</i>  <i>Strict Fast</i>



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