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ZOOMS AND PRIMES IN TODAY'S CHRISTIANITY

Warning: This article contains some details about photography techniques. However, reading it until the end will prove highly beneficial.

There is no secret for anyone that I like photography. I have always been and I always will be fascinated by the mystical revelations of the dark room, where all your dreams of light and shadows take life under the gleaming shine of the red safelight. When seen through the camera lens, even regular life becomes something special, according to the vision of the photographer; the singular moment is glorified and preserved for eternity; a lifetime can be contained occasionally in a frozen frame.



There is however an unspoken myth among photographers, more of a misconception really, that, for an image to be good, one has to use the perfect equipment. With this in mind photographers are always in a quest for the perfect lens that will somewhat magically make them the best photographer in the world.

Among lenses one has to distinguish two kinds, the fixed lens and the zoom lens. For years photographers have been struggling with either a lens permanently attached to the camera body or the pain of frequently changing lenses to match their photographic vision. The invention of the zoom was seen as a great revolution, as now with the turn of a dial the world effortlessly comes closer to you.

The zoom however has killed creativity in many ways. With a fixed lens, that is also called a prime lens, you have to move closer or farther away from your subject, you have to participate in the photo you are taking, you have to get personal. The moment becomes alive as you adapt to the fixed vision field of your lens and adapting to this vision you become a different person with every click of the shutter. With the zoom you can comfortably stay

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COUNCIL CAPSULE

It's hard to believe that a year ago this month, preparations for the opening of our new church were in full swing. Anticipation and excitement were at an all time high. We were not disappointed. It was a glorious weekend! Dreams came true and now here we are a year later and still in awe of our beautiful church. Each and every Sunday, I am amazed at all the new faces in church. Yet the number of stewards is down from last year at this time. Please, if you have not yet filled out a stewardship card for this year, ask any council member ushering and they will be happy to give you one. St. John's needs your support!

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COUNCIL'S CAPSULE



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In case you haven't noticed, we have just completed installing a new fence around the parish hall. Due to vandalism of our air conditioner unit, we decided that in order to secure the area a fence was needed. Also in the coming weeks, we will be installing hand railings on the steps into the church which will not only be a much needed addi-

tion but will also beautify the front of the church.

Decisions have been made, volunteers have stepped forward and I'm very pleased to announce that we will be having a 2013 Food Festival!

At this time, managers are still to be secured and once every position is covered, announcements will be made. Remember the dates for the festival are October 11, 12 & 13th. If you are asked to

help, please give of your time. The festival is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it cannot be accomplished by just a few. Everyone's help is needed to make it the success it can be.

Barbara Vittas

Parish Council President

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11, 12 AND 13, 2013...

MIDCITIES GREKFEST IS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11TH-13TH

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George Vittas will coordinate our Parish preparations this year, assisted by Larry Leeders, Raj Shah, Harriet Blake, Debbie Manos, Joanie Ruppel, Bob Steffaro and other key managers soon to be announced from among our

parishioners.

This year's Festival takes on very meaningful importance to our Parish as we plan to use the net proceeds to further reduce our mortgage loan amount in preparation for undertaking Phase IV of our ongoing Capital Development Program in 2014.

More detailed information will be forthcoming in the

August Forerunner. PLEASE SAVE THE DATES - OCT 11 -13, 2013!

George Vittas and the 2014 GreekFest Committee

STORIES OF SIMPLICITY FROM ELDER PAISIOS THE AGIORITE

There was an ascetic in Karoulia, the Holy Mountain's most austere desert, who had a little kitten to comfort him and to protect him from snakes and mice. One day a vulture was flying over and from the solitary sky spotted its prey, dived down, and snatched the kitten up in its claws.

The ascetic was upset and,

not knowing what to do, immediately entered his chapel to lodge a complaint to the hermitage's saintly protector. He went up to the oil lamp hanging before the protector's icon and blew out the flame to emphasize the point he was going to make. He had always considered this saint his friend, so he told him about the sad incident and demanded his help. "Why, my

saint, did you not protect the kitten?" he complained.

At that very moment he heard the kitten crying outside the door. It had been freed from the attacker's talons.

The hermit father Philaretos from Karoulia was taken to Thessaloniki to appear in

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ZOOMS AND PRIMES IN TODAY'S CHRISTIANITY (CONT.)

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away, bringing the scene close to you as you please, like a cold observer that records life he does not care for. You do not adapt to the unique vision of the lens, but on the contrary you make the world change according to your vision as you impassibly zoom in and out.

I bring this up because in today's Christian world I see people using similar types of lenses to peek into the spiritual world. I call them the Zoom Christian and the Prime Christian.

The Zoom Christian has no particular single vision on his spiritual life; he goes through life changing his views as he pleases, taking only what he likes from what he observes and experiences. He is not dogmatic and the truth is only relative to his person. His life is based on feelings, hunches and experiences and he is very prone to change his point of view as easy as turn-

ing a dial. He does not want to adapt to a singular vision on life, but he wants the world to adapt to his ever-changing moods and desires.

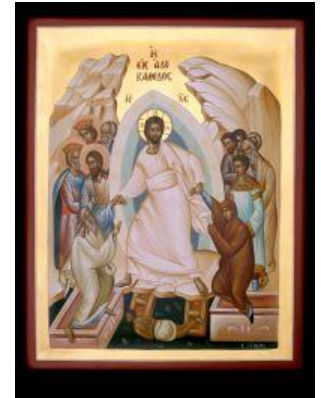
The Prime Christian sees the world through the fixed lens he has inherited from his tradition and he keeps it unchanged. He constantly works to understand the spiritual world by adapting himself to the unique vision he upholds. He has to be creative, he has to adapt, he has to suffer and work, but in the end he doesn't just admire this world from afar, but he becomes involved in it, and by participation he is changed by it, he is integrated in it.

One of the most famous photojournalists, Henri Cartier-Bresson, has shot all his life with one camera with a single lens (a Leica with a 50mm prime, if you are curious). This scarce setting allowed him to concentrate not on the gear, not on the technique, but on his vision that became one with the camera. As he

said it himself "It is by strict economy of means that simplicity of expression is achieved."

Spiritually speaking this is also true. It is often by simple means that we attain great spiritual insight. It is not by our discovery that we find God, but is by using the simple means of fasting and praying that we allow God to find us. Only by simplicity we achieve peace and in peace there is God.

We are born in a society of zoomers that want the world to constantly adapt to our fluctuating visions of it. We have to become primes and attach ourselves to the fixed and dogmatic vision of the Church, as God revealed it to the prophets, the apostles and the saints. Using the purity of their foresight we will be more focused on changing ourselves, by participation, into the vision God had for us from the beginning of the world.



The Resurrection

WE HAVE TO ATTACH OURSELVES TO THE DOGMATIC VISION OF THE CHURCH, AS GOD REVEALED IT TO THE PROPHETS, THE APOSTLES AND THE SAINTS.

CHILDREN AND CHURCH—PROTOPRESBYTER ALEXANDER SCHMEMANN

As a general rule, children like attending Church, and this instinctive attraction to and interest in Church services is the foundation on which we must build our religious education. When parents worry that children will get tired because services are long and are sorry for them, they usually subconsciously express their concern not for their children but for

themselves. Children penetrate more easily than do adults into the world of ritual, of liturgical symbolism. They feel and appreciate the atmosphere of our Church services. The experience of Holiness, the sense of encounter with Someone Who is beyond daily life, that *mysterium tremendum* that is at the root of all religion and is the core of our services is more

accessible to our children than it is to us. "Except ye become as little children," these words apply to the receptivity, the open-mindedness, the naturalness, which we lose when we grow out of childhood. How many men have devoted their lives to the service of God and consecrated themselves to the Church because from child-

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LET STEWARDSHIP BE A WAY OF LIFE



Father Vasile spoke yesterday about "Fathers" and their role as protectors and providers. It made me think – our number one provider and protector is God, our Father. We praise thee, worship thee and thank thee for everything that he bestows on us. Father made me think – am I doing enough to serve God? Do my daily routine and commitments take precedence over God? I confess that at times they do, so I recognize that I sure need work in putting God first and placing in him the hope of my salvation.

Stewardship is putting God first. It starts with giving your first fruits to God as

thanks for all that he provides for us and for protecting us.

We encourage you to become active members of the church. The way that occurs is for you to complete a stewardship card and pledge your time, talent or treasure. We need Stewards to sustain our church and continue its growth through outreach and ministries.

If you have completed a stewardship card please make sure that your commitments are current. If you have not completed a stewardship card please do so today. We are \$52,659 shy of our \$265,000 goal for this year. We have

109 stewards with \$212,341 pledged. Forty-two percent of the stewards are current.

We look forward to reaching our goal this year – it can be attained! Please do your part.

Nina Sullivan and Hope File

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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

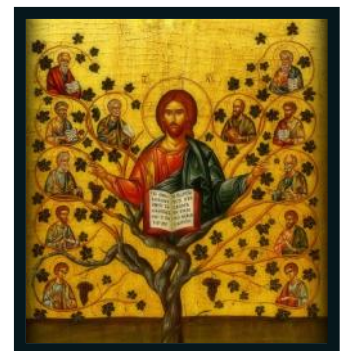
time, talent, and treasure to support the Parish and her Ministries, which in turn also support the National Ministries of our Archdiocese, Metropolises, and institutions.

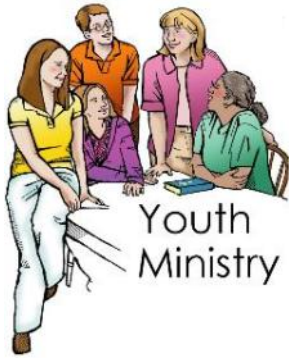
Stewardship is not about paying the bills.

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

Thanks to all who helped support our Youth Ministries Graduation Lunch on June 2. Special thanks goes to our YM committee: Connie Rafailedes, Gail Poriotis, Michael Eftimie, Veronica Fisher and the Moutafis and Molhoek families. Congrats again to high school graduates Bennett Kerbow and Ovi Berca, as well as upcoming college graduate, Nicholas Papadimitriou. We were proud to see the Philoptochos Scholarship go to Bennett this year - Bravo, Bennett!

Camp Emmanuel was a success - we sent seven campers this year and from all reports, it was a wonderful experience. Welcome home to all: Alex and Katerina Genovozos, Vivian Geil, Caleb Ellis, Penelopi Yiantsou and Luca and Maria Tudora.

Alex Shah earned honorable mention at the finals of the Oratorical Festival in Memphis. Thanks to Alex for representing St. John's and the Metropolis of Denver in this very competitive and prestigious event. Alex reports that the senior division was won

by one of the girls from the Denver Metropolis.

Youth Ministries welcomes all parish members who are interested in supporting the youth of our parish. Please join us at our next meeting, Aug. 18, following services.

God bless.

Harriet Blake

YM coordinator

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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

I hope that everyone has officially started their Summer Break. We had a great end to our Church School year and a great start to Summer here at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church.

Our annual Vacation Bible School was fabulous. We focused our week on the lives of some of the martyred saints. The students worked on arts and crafts, enjoyed some Greek Dancing and engaged in fabulous fellowship. We enjoyed a great turn out; from our families to the wonderful group of GOYA youth that volunteered on a daily basis. Many thanks to the Church School teachers who volunteered their time during the week;

Harriet Blake, Esther Petercsak, Anca Morcovescu, Hilary Walker and to Roberta Brandon who pitched in on Monday and helped us get off to a great start. We also received some great help from parent volunteers as well. A Big Thank You to everyone involved. Thank you to the parents for allowing your students to join us.

Upcoming Coffee Hour Hosts:

July 7, 2013 – Mr. & Mrs. Bishara Maayeh

August 4, 2013 – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Eftimie

September 1, 2013 – Mr. & Mrs. Dean Hodges

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like some help with coffee hour responsibilities. We can all work together to take care of our turn at providing after service snacks.

At the beginning of August I will send out the Church School Registration Forms. Until then, I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy their Summer Break.

Veronica Fisher
Church School Coordinator

FESTIVAL DANCERS

Just a reminder that Greek dance practice for the Festival will be starting on Sunday, August 18th following church service. Please make sure your child can attend. It is very important that all kids are there for the first practice. Again any kids may join, ages 5 and up. If

you have any questions please let me know! I look forward to another great festival with amazing dancers! :)

Gina Poulakos
Gpoulakos@live.com



PHILOPTOCHOS HAPPENINGS

Philoptochos has elected 9 members for the Executive Board and from that board will elect officers. We will post the results next month.

It was an honor and a privilege to attend the Denver Metropolis Clergy/Laity/Philoptochos/Choir Conference in Kansas City on May 30/June 1. Thank you to our membership for sending me to gain some knowledge, form new friendships, and feel more a part of the big picture that our society belongs to.

Each year we are required by the national organization to make donations to several charities sponsored by Philoptochos. Our Metropolis also requires us to do so, just as we send part of our stewardship to both places. It was enlightening to learn details about all these charities and the one that stuck with me the most was the Metropolis Religious Education Fund. From this fund the awards are given to the Metropolis Oratorical Festival winners. As you know, our own Alex Shah was the Metropolis junior division winner. The scholarship award he received

from this fund was from the very donations that we make. I was very appreciative to understand how our funds come full circle in some cases.

The most important thing I was reminded of was that our mission is to help and aid those who need it the most. It was heartwarming to hear stories from our Metropolis board members of experiences they were involved in and the difference their decisions make to those in need.

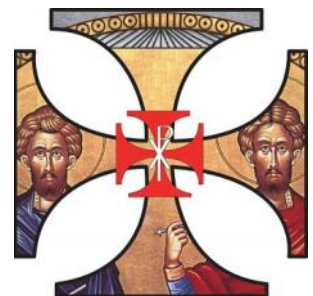
And with that in mind, I would like you to know that one of our parish families has a direct relationship with two families who lost their homes in the Moore, Oklahoma tornadoes. We will be collecting household items for the kitchen for these families. Please bring any items new or gently used that you have to the classroom hallway for storage near the Women's Shelter tub. They will be delivered at the end of the month. Thank you from the bottom of our heart for this effort.

And lastly, thank you to Athena, Khanh, Voula, and

Marie P., Toni N., Ann S., and Georgia P., for their outstanding efforts for our Mother's and Father's Day projects. It is not often that we do one project then turn around and do it again a month later. Well done ladies!!!

Joanie Ruppel

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St. Isaac the Syrian

MUSIC
MINISTRY,
CHOIR AND
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Sample of Byzantine Notation

CHOIR NOTES

We Need to perpetuate our Choir by adding new voices, especially the youth!

It is everyone's calling to give back the blessings bestowed upon us. Those who sing our hymns pray twice. Our Choir sings on Sunday at the worship of the Divine Liturgy. It provides an opportunity for everyone to participate in the liturgical life of the Church in a more personal and meaningful way, singing the beautiful hymns of our Byzantine music. It is open to all parishioners, regardless of age, who feel called to praise God through music. Young parishioners are particularly welcome and are encouraged

to participate.

You do not have to read Greek since all our music is written in English phonetic. Reading music or previous experience is desired, but not required. The commitment does not mean you have to be there every Sunday, as we understand there may be work schedules or other commitments. Our choir are all volunteers. They have families, many of them work and have as little time to spare as anyone else in our community. Yet they sing for the benefit of St. John the Baptist, and to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ.

Our choir is a member of the Denver Metropolis of the Greek Orthodox Church Musicians and many are members of the National Forum of Church Musicians, a part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

Any questions please contact Bill Poletes or Fr. Vasile

WHY SOMETIMES BYZANTINE MUSIC MAY APPEAR A LITTLE "HARSH" TO A WESTERN EAR

The music of the Greek Church cannot be instantly appreciated by Westerners.

Unlike the music of, say, the Russian or Romanian Churches, which is readily acceptable at first hearing, the sounds of the Greek chant are markedly unfamiliar to the Western ear, and initially they may be perceived as discordant.

This is because, like much eastern music, the early style developed in Constantinople, which is still used in the Greek Church, employs notes on the scale which lie *between* the familiar notes of the modern piano. Byzantine music has

inherited micro-tonal intervals from the music of ancient Greece and the Jewish synagogue.

For this reason, Byzantine music is able to produce melodies that could not possibly be played using the more familiar European scales.

Another factor affecting appreciation is that it was originally composed, and for centuries used, in a society where the sense of time was profoundly different from our own.

In order to appreciate it, the visitor will need to forget that

he has a wristwatch, and relax...!

Extract from [Between Heaven and Earth: The Greek Church](#) by John L. Tomkinson.

STORIES OF SIMPLICITY FROM ELDER PAISIOS THE AGIORITE

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court, where he was unjustly accused of taking an ancient book which had been stolen by a tourist. He had no money to pay the fine.

"Either you pay, Father, or you go to jail," the judge said to him.

"I prefer to go to prison. I have no money. Besides this way, I will remember the eternal prison," he replied. When finally some of the faithful paid the fine, he said: "I have been freed from the earthly prison. I wonder if I will be set free from the eternal one?"

Some asked him, "How was it

in Thessaloniki, Elder Philaretos, how were the people?" He had not been there for fifty years, and he replied, "What can I say, Fathers? They were all rushing about for their salvation. I am the only negligent and lazy one."

In one of Xeropotamou's cells lived another simple but meek monk, elderly Antonios Tskoukas. A brother who was passing by one time met him and asked: "What are you doing, old man?"

"What else can I do but wait for Pascha?" he said.

"Pascha? It has past! We are now in Pentecost."

"Pentecost? When did it pass? I am still fasting. I haven't broken my fast yet," the elderly man said wondering, and with an unusually simple manner.

He was spending most of his time in Diako-Firfirin. He did not like it when any of the visitors were smoking in the courtyard of the Protaton. He would murmur, "Anyone who smokes is ungrateful. The Church does not need cigarettes. It needs incense, matches, and candles."

From <http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/>



Archangel Gabriel
By Photios Kontoglou

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hood they have kept their love for the house of worship and the joy of liturgical experience! Therefore, the first duty of parents and educators is to "suffer little children and forbid them not" (Matt. 19:14) to attend Church. It is in Church before every place else that children must hear the word of God. In a classroom the word is difficult to understand, it remains abstract, but in church it is in its own element. In childhood we have the capacity to understand, not intellectually, but with our whole being, that there is no greater joy on earth than to be in Church, to participate in Church services, to breathe the fragrance of the Kingdom of Heaven, which is

"the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit."

Church attendance should be complemented from the earliest days of childhood by the home atmosphere, which precedes and prolongs the mood of the Church. Let us take Sunday morning. How can a child sense the holiness of that morning and of that which he will see in Church if the home is full of the blare of radio and TV, the parents are smoking and reading the papers, and there reigns a generally profane atmosphere? Church attendance should be preceded by a sense of being gathered in, a quiet, a certain solemnity. The lighting of vigil lights before the icons, the reading of the Scripture lessons, clean and

fresh clothes, the festively tidied-up rooms – so frequently parents do not realize how all these things shape the religious consciousness of the child, make an imprint which no later tribulations will ever efface. On the eve and on the day of Sundays and Church feasts, during Lent, on the days when we prepare ourselves for Confession and Communion, the home must reflect the Church, must be illuminated by the light that we bring back from worship.

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SACRAMENTS IN THE PAST MONTH

Baptisms: Athena Perry Cain, Peyton Allan Lorig

Memorial Services: Angeline (Droza) Brickley 30 year memorial, Mother's Day and Father's day Memorials

40 Day blessings: Grace Hellen Gianullis, Madeleine Vittas,

Weddings: Peter Giokas and Co Pham

Funerals: Dr. Leo Alexander Sr.

GLADSOME LIGHT DIALOGUES

Gladsome light Dialogues are in 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 Thursday July 11, 2013 at 10 am in the church parking lot to carpool to the Dallas Art Museum to see the current collection of Greek artifacts from the British Museum in London, England. We will get the senior rate of \$14 per person. Parking will be available in their parking garage for \$10 per car. We will have a Docent guided tour. Wheel chairs are available for those who need them (and those that don't can push). Plan on having lunch at the museum.

I want to thank the Philoptochos for the wonderful Father's day service.

Please light a candle and say a prayer for our beloved Toni Nicholas. I'll be calling you for reservations.....Margaret

COFFEE HOUR HOST

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

THE AGELESS WONDERS WILL MEET ON THURSDAY JULY 11, 2013 AT 10 AM IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT TO CARPOOL TO THE DALLAS ART MUSEUM

USHER SCHEDULE (2/21)

- 1st Sunday: Tim Cline, Jeremy Ellis
- 2nd Sunday: Hope File, Michael Eftimie
- 3rd Sunday: Chris Geil, Larry Leeders
- 4th Sunday: Nina Sullivan, Raj Shah
- 5th 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
July 2013

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<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<p><i>2nd Sunday of Mathew</i></p> <p>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</p>			+		+	
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<p><i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i></p> <p>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</p>			✠		+	
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<p><i>4th Sunday of Matthew</i></p> <p>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</p>			+		✠	<p><i>Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer</i></p> <p>Orthros 8:30 Divine Liturgy 9:30</p> <p>Great Vespers 5:00 PM</p>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<p><i>5th Sunday of Matthew</i></p> <p>Orthros 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM</p>			+	<i>Dormition Fast Begins</i>	+	
			Paraklesis 6:00 PM	Paraklesis 6:00 PM	Paraklesis 6:00 PM	Great Vespers 5:00 PM
						<p><i>Fasting Symbols</i></p> <p> Fast Free</p> <p> Fish Allowed</p> <p> Vine & Oil Allowed</p> <p> Strict Fast</p>



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