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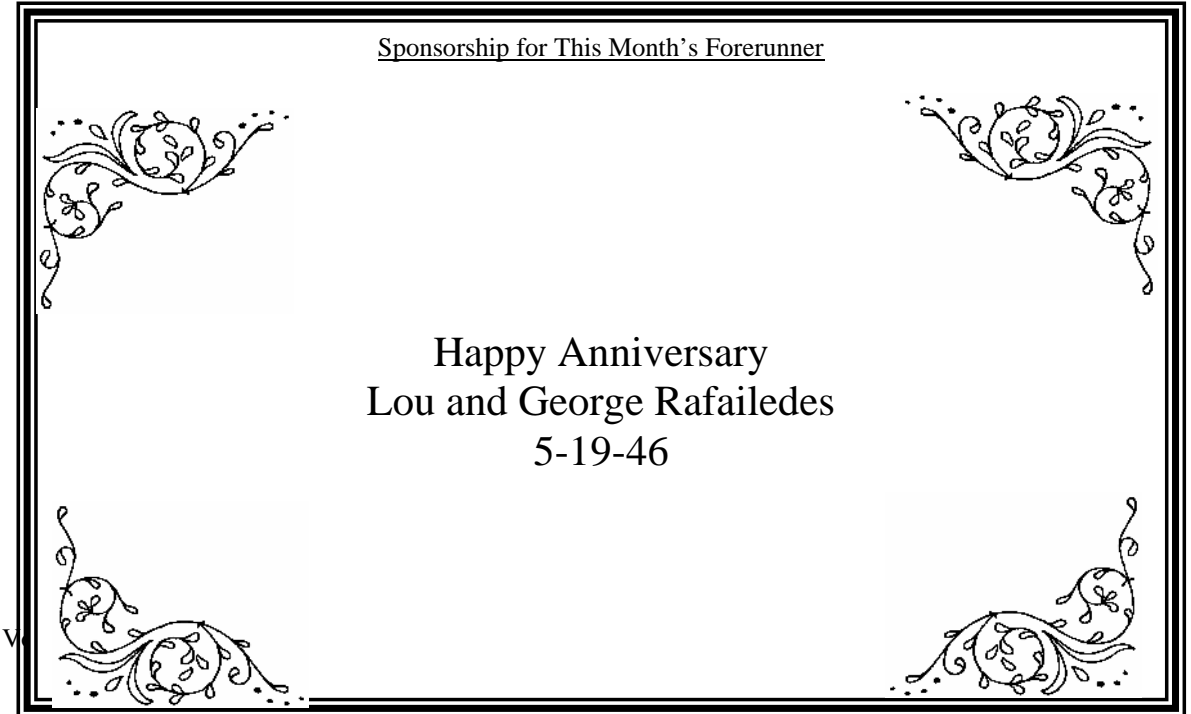
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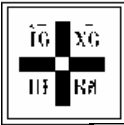
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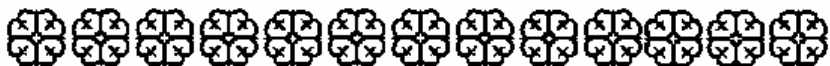
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Schedule of Regular Services at St. John's

v Sunday, May 3:	Holy Liturgy,	10 A.M.
v Sunday, May 10:	Holy Liturgy,	10 A.M.
v Sunday, May 17:	Holy Liturgy,	10 A.M.
v Sunday, May 24:	Holy Liturgy	10 A.M.
v Sunday, May 31:	Holy Liturgy	10 A.M.

Orthodox Calendar

See enclosed calendar for dates, times, and places for the Special services and other events this month.

Council Capsule

My Fellow Parishioners,

Holy Week was a memorable one for all of us. We are blessed with a wonderful, dedicated, energetic Priest.

The Chanters Roberta Brandon, George Genovezos, David Ball, George Vittas, and Dr. Chris Yiantsou were magnificent.

Bill Poletes led our Choir to extraordinary heights and their beautiful voices made the services even more meaningful.

A big thank you to every member of the Council who gave so much time and energy to the Church ushering, cleaning, and stepping right in whenever anything had to be done.

The Agape Luncheon was outstanding. Great food and service. Special thanks to Barbara Vittas, Bill Wright, Larry Leeders, Nancy Medvic, and Cynthia Pursley for the planning and preparation.

I want to take a minute to remind everyone that we all need to be considerate of each other during the Church services. Please help us by remembering that loud talk, cell phone activity, and children running in and out of the services is not only distracting but inconsiderate of the rest of the congregation.

When an Usher is standing in the entrance to the Church, it is to indicate that no one is to enter or leave during that period. This applies especially to the times during the service when Father is censuring, giving the blessings, reading the Holy Gospel or delivering the Sermon.

Please clean out the pew book holder in front of you of any extraneous items such as toys, napkins, and crayons.

We have a great congregation and a wonderful Church family here at St. Johns. Let us not forget to count our many blessings.

Harry Karegeannes
Council President

Father Vasile's Message

Blame it on God

For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
(2Co 4:17)

Today's news are filed with information on the latest nature's calamity, the swine flu. Many people are sick or dying, schools and public libraries are closed, businesses are threatened to be locked indefinitely with cascading effects on the economy. But wasn't it yesterday when we were talking about hurricane in New Orleans, and before that about the tsunami in Thailand and before that about the earthquake in China and we can go on and on?

No matter how often these disasters happen is hard to understand and accept them as part of our lives. This is why we are always looking for a cause and many times we have the tendency to blame it on God, because it is the easiest thing to do. Why is God punishing us? Why is God not good? Does He like disease and suffering in our lives? Couldn't He just make it go away and why doesn't He do it?

Blaming it on God, as easy as it may sound, doesn't really solve the problem; because now, besides dealing with a natural disaster, we have to cope with an angry and vengeful God, on top of it.

Is there however any reason why we would think that all these cataclysms are coming as scoldings from a capricious God, that loves us today and hates us tomorrow? The answer is simple: no, absolutely not! If we are Christians we have no reason to believe that God would ever change His "disposition" toward mankind.

He made us out of love and He cared and provided for us the entire course of our history. God fashioned Man in paradise, the most wonderful place on earth, He let him wonder around and taste all the delights of the Garden of Eden, but one, the forbidden tree. Now really doesn't matter what kind of fruit it was in that tree, an apple, a pear or even a quince, but it was

a test, a token that Man is steady in his relationship with God and that he really wants to live forever in freewill obedience, under the grace of God. In keeping this simple promise Man had the potential of immortality and incorruptibility at His feet. And yet, for Man was not enough, was too hard to resist, too tempting not to experience something else, to test if he really needs God or not in his life; to check if man can be his own boss, independent of God, his Creator. Obviously he was “helped” by the serpent to arrive to this conclusion, but nevertheless, in the end, the choice was his.

In this fundamental story lays in fact the mystery of our world full of disasters, suffering and death. God has not intended any of this when He created the world. He wanted Man to love Him, and to live in peace in the world that He provided him with. In the same time however, God did not want His creation to be pre-determined, to be forced into an “arranged marriage” with Him. God wanted the relationship to be mutual, to be freely accepted on both sides, so he created Man with free will, accepting, on the other hand, the risks of this decision: Man could say no to everything he so generously offers. But this was the only way a true relationship, based on reciprocity, could have been built.

Man, as we saw, failed the test and used his free will to flee from God and enter into an illusory autonomy, not realizing that with this independence, that we call today sin, he has actually severed his ties with the very source of life, peace, harmony and love of his existence. Man wanted to taste from the tree of knowledge so he would know everything, like God, but he already knew what was going to happen because God gave him a fair warning in advance: *“in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”* (Gen 2:17)

Indeed Man’s nature, meant to be incorruptible, became corrupted, prone to disease, suffering and ultimately to death. This doesn’t mean though that this was a punishment from God, it was only a consequence of sin, a result of the denial of God’s care.

Despite this rejection God kept loving man, and Man was actually the one that would continue a history long time of defying God, over and over again.

So who is therefore to be blamed? God for He has “moods” or man for being completely inconsistent in his relationship with his Creator? If we look through the pages of the Old Testament we see God releasing wrath over mankind in many occasions: the great flood, the tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorra, the people that worshipped the golden calf and so on. But God didn’t just perform this without a right cause because Man was not innocent in any of these instances. On the contrary time and again he was bluntly turning his back to God in grave sins. The inconsistency is not in God, but in man in all cases.

We cannot blame God for what we do to ourselves. We cannot blame God for not cleaning the air while we keep polluting and undermining any clean energy initiatives. We cannot blame God for cancer when we eat all the chemicals we can imagine. We cannot blame God for wars when we cannot live together as brothers. We cannot blame God for suffering, disease and death when Man brought this upon himself from the very beginning.

Despite this however, despite all efforts Man makes to push God out of his life, He, as a steady and loving Father, never stopped loving Man and reminding him, in many ways, that He kept the promise made to Adam and Eve when they were expelled from paradise *“for he who has promised is faithful”* (Heb 10:23).

God promised that He will send a Savior that will strike the head of evil (Gen 3:15). Jesus Christ is the incarnation of God’s love for mankind and the fulfillment of this promise. In Him, in this new Adam our fate of suffering and pain is reversed: pain becomes joy, darkness becomes light and death becomes life. Our hope in times of suffering is set on Him. *He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in*

God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. (1Pe 1:20-21) Through Him the suffering has been elevated from the simple pain of the flesh to a vehicle of redemption.

The afflictions of our lives shouldn't be blamed on anyone, but should encourage us to introspection and a thorough analysis of our life in Christ. If our faith is weak, if our existence is more inclined to sin than virtue then we would be more prone to suffering, because we lose God's protection, His providence, out of our own choice.

God does not create suffering, but at times He allows, or better said He is not alleviating it, in order to send a message out, to place a call to Man so he can come back at the source of health, life and joy. *If a man has a friend and he is absolutely certain that his friend loves him, and if that friend does something to cause him suffering and be troublesome to him, he will be convinced that his friend acts out of love and he will never believe that his friend does it to harm him. How much more ought we to be convinced about God who created us, who drew us out of nothingness to existence and life, and who became a man for our sake and died for us, and who does everything out of love for us?* (Abba Dorotheos)

From an earthly perspective our suffering on this corrupted world may be great, may seem unbearable at times, but from a heavenly perspective it has a significance that is highly personal. Suffering has purpose only if we link it with our own faith, only there we are able to find its significance. We should search for this meaning in our hearts while trying to "*rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer*" (Rom 12:12), thinking of the words of the Apostle Paul that give us such a bright perspective on life: *may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Rom 15:13)

Hristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

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Financial Report YTD thru 3/31/09

	2008	2009	Budget
<i>Stewardship</i>	40,451	35,391	43,750
<i>Total Income</i>	48,692	42,054	52,421
<i>Expense</i>	51,950	45,012	45,465
<i>Variance</i>	(3,258)	(2,958)	6,956

Stewardship News

As of **4/12/09** we have **97 pledges** for a **total of \$133,960** or **76%** of our goal.

Approximately 40 families who were stewards last year have not pledged for 2009. If you have not yet pledged, please know that ***we really need your help!*** Take a moment to complete and submit your pledge card today.

We would like to extend a big thank you to those of you who have already become stewards and to the many that have increased their pledge.

2009 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa
 Anderson, Anthony
 Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
 Arapis, Minoli & Marsha
 Ball, David
 Ballas, Andy & Pat
 Basiliadis, Nick & Dr. Marge
 Began, John
 Berca, Sorin & Carmen
 Bitner, Carol
 Blake, John & Harriett
 Bogdos, George & Sotera
 Bogordos, George & Kasandra
 Boutris, Haralambos

Brandon, Roberta
Callesen, John
Chokas, Margaret
Chokas, Mitch
Clay, Aria & Wayne
Cline, Tim & Angela
Demetriades, Gus & Andi
Dempsey, Margaret
Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
Englezakis, Mike
Feichtinger, Pavlina
Fondulis, Paul
Fox, Mike & Kathy
Geil, Christopher & Sandra
Genovezos, George & Olympia
Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
Gigliotta, Leonard
Grumbos, Dr. peter
Henderson, Ecaterina
Henry, Michael & Julie
Hooe, Jane
Ibrahim, Basil
Ioannou, Kyriakos
Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kinman, Buck & Karen
Laverty, Connie
Leeders, Larry
Leeders, Stacia
Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
MacPherson, Doug & Andi
Manos, George & Vicki
Manos, Michael & Debbie
Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
Mavias, John
Mavias, Michael & Mary
Medvic, Allison
Medvic, Nancy
Mihalakeas, Andreas
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Morcovescu, Serban & Anca
Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur

Nazzal, Alfred
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios
Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliodis, Georgia
Paulos, Sophie
Petercsak, Steve & Esther
Peters, Elise
Peters, Paun & Lynn
Plock, Eleni
Poletes, Bill & Rena
Poletes, John
Poriotis, Terry & Gail
Pursley, Peter & Cynthia
Rafailedes, Connie
Ruppel, John & Joanie
Russo, Joseph & Athena
Ryan, Joanne & Chad
Samaras, Johnny
Sardos, George & Janet
Shah, Raj & Kirsten
Skelley, Stephanie & Brad
Steffaro, Robert & Karen
Stoycos, Ted & Mary Helen
Sullivan, Joe & Nina
Talleos, Peter
Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
Presvytera Mirela
Vittas, George & Barbara
Vittas, Johnny & Mel
Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
Walenty, Tony & Lisa
Walker, Jim & Harriett
Wright, Bill & Christine
Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Zingas, Ari & Olga

Philoptochos News

Dear Sisters in Christ,
Hristos Anesti,
Below is a list of:

“Philoptochos Dates to Remember”

- **May 3, 2009 – Award Scholarship to Graduating Senior**
- **May 9, 2009 – Mother’s Day Luncheon (Time and Place to be Announced)**
- **May 31, 2009 – Monthly Meeting (Wrap-up meeting)**

First let me thank all of those Philoptochos members who participated in the Easter bake sale, the Lenten soup suppers, dying Easter eggs, decorating the Kouvekleon and the Easter flower collections. What an out-pour of love that was expressed, not only from those of us as members of Philoptochos but from all of the parishioners of St. John’s. We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. I feel that we are privileged to be the vehicles that express this special love for all humanity. An additional thank you to Connie Rafailedes and Demi Gianulis for hosting the beautiful Anastasi reception following our Lord’s resurrection service.

Our annual Mother’s day luncheon has been scheduled for May 9th, at Café Italia. Details to follow. This is a no host luncheon celebrating our roll as mothers.

May will be our final meeting as we break for the summer months. We will be evaluating our schedule for the upcoming fall and reflecting on how we can manage our spiritual gifts and talents through the next year in order to effectively serve with acts of love and philanthropia towards all people. We welcome you all and request your comments.

Please note that in June we will be hosting a 5K walk. Please look for details which will be forthcoming.

Also, for those that have not completed your stewardship/membership form, please do so as soon as possible. We desperately need your support to continue meeting our obligations, financially and philanthropically.

Let me leave you all with one thought, that when we open our hearts, we add light to the world. May the divine light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always fill your hearts with His peace, grace and joy.

Have a blessed summer and safe travels to all,
Yours, in Christ
Bertha

Youth Ministries on the Move

The upcoming calendar is bursting with activities. Before going on to the future events, we don't want to ignore the fantastic assistance we received from parishioners during the Metropolis Oratorical Festival.

Many thanks to Fr. Vasile for all the computer help, to Lynn Peters and Connie Rafailedes who handled the kitchen so well on Friday and Saturday. More kitchen support on Sunday was offered by Bertha Gianulis, Greg DiGiovanni, Chris Geil and Alex Chrestopoulos.

Khanh Moutafis, who willingly performed her magic on the lovely program printing. Thanks to the drivers: Tony Pachares for organizing the schedule which included Pete Talleos, Larry Leeders, Bill Gianulis, Harry Karageannis, Joanie Ruppel, Serban Morcavescu. To Allison Medvic and Joanie Ruppel for supervising the trip to Cowgirl Hall of Fame; to Lou Antahades for arranging for setting up the Audio system; to Rena Poletes for the bang-up job on the delightful Texas gift bags and to Ted Stoycos and Angela Cline for providing some of the gift items;. and to Stacia Leeders for wonderful photos of the participants. Thanks to Elise

Peters and Joanie Ruppel (again!) for handling the Icebreaker on Friday evening. Let's not forget the nice people who contributed baked goods! And thanks to Nancy Medvic who did a fantastic job of handling the event financials which were more than complicated.

And thanks to the entire St. John community who presented a much appreciated and talked about warmth and friendliness to our many guests from all over the Metropolis. This was a tremendous undertaking and everyone who came forward is much appreciated.

Now we go on to the Senior Graduation Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, May 3. Lynn and Connie will be in the kitchen again! Our High School grads are Adrianna Chrestopoulos, Philip Leimbacher, Nick Papadimitriou, Patrick Sullivan and Vicki Tome. Come and honor these outstanding students and hear of their future plans. The luncheon will be a Free Will Offering with the profit assisting us in planning for our youth programs.

Many thanks to Tina Nicholas and Athena Russo for planning and executing the fun time at the Easter Egg Hunt. The end of the year picnic will be held on May 17 and chaired by Margo Yiantsou and Olympia Genovezos. Please offer your help!

Stop by and see the great "remodel" of the garage in the Paulos Center and offer a pat on the back to our GOYA for their creativity and hard work!

Athena Pachares, Coordinator
Youth Ministries

GOYA

The new GOYA room is now complete! Several of the GOYA and their advisors participated in an overnight lock-in and transformed the former Paulos Center garage to a wonderfully inviting meeting room. The walls and ceiling were painted and new carpeting installed. A big Volume XXV No.5

thanks to the Moutafis' for donating their carpet and to Larry Leeders for his help with the installation. Stop by and see the new room! The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd. If you are between the ages of 12-18 all are welcomed to attend.

Nick Papadimitriou
Vice-President

Orthodox Observer

We have recently learned that there are several parishioners that have not been receiving the Orthodox Observer. If you wish to receive this publication, you can contact them at 212-570-3555 or go to www.observer.goarch.org

Gladsome Light Dialogues

Gladsome Light Dialogues topics for May :

5/6/2009 No Dialogues
5/13/2009 No Dialogues
5/20/2009 Evening Film Dialogues
5/27/2009 Achieving a virtuous life: Christ as the source of all virtues / Time to recap

Please note that starting in June Gladsome Light Dialogues will take a break during the Summer. We will be back in September with new and interesting topics on our faith as we live it every day.

Don't forget to visit us on the web at <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>.

2009 Foodfest Update

Congratulations to George and Olympia Genovezos, and Chris Geil on their recent acceptance of the very important job of chairing

this year's food festival. The Greekfest is scheduled for October 9, 10, and 11. We wish them well in their endeavors. Let's all come forward and make sure that we volunteer for any one of the important roles that make the foodfest a success each year. I'm sure that our new chairpersons would appreciate your help and time in planning and participating during the long hours of the festival weekend.

Practical Faith

An answer to a man that wanted to know if we should kiss the hand of the priest or not.

By St. Nikolai (Velimirovic)
of Serbia

You write me that your old priest has passed away and in his place has come a young theologian. You were kissing with great pleasure the hand of the old priest, but seems to you inappropriate to kiss the hand of a priest much younger than you.

Well, have you not heard the story of King Milos and the young priest? It goes like this: a young priest was serving the Liturgy in Kragujevac and King Milos was in attendance. The old king was uncommonly pious. The service in the church would never start until he would arrive. During the service he would always stand stone-still in his place and pray to god with a contrite heart. After the young priest has finished the service he extended to the old king the Antidoron and the Holy Cross for veneration. The king kissed the cross and then he took the priest hand to kiss it also. The young priest however, withdrew it, as he was ashamed that the old king of his country would kiss his hand.

The old king Milos looked at him and said: "Give me your hand so I can kiss it! I am

not kissing your hand, but I kiss the priesthood order, which is older than you and me."

I think this story more than solves your dilemma. The old king spoke in the church and his words are from the Spirit of God. Think about this yourself: if your priest is 25 years old, his priestly order is 1900! And when you kiss his hand you kiss the priesthood that is transmitted from the Apostles to many thousands of servants of the altar of God. And kissing the order of the priests you also kiss all the great saints and righteous spiritual fathers that were part of this order. You are kissing Saint Ignatius and Saint Nicholas, and Saint Basil and Saint Savas, and Arsenius and Ioanikios and many others that were precious adornments of the earth as they are now of heaven, and which are called "earthly angels and heavenly men". Therefore kissing the hand of the priest is not a regular kiss, but is, as Saint Apostle Paul says, a holy kiss. (1 Co 16:20)

Choir Notes

CHRISTOS ANESTI! To the choir I am deeply thankful for a group of dedicated individuals. The many different services required extra preparation and was evident in the way the hymns were sung. It was truly inspirational for me as well as our entire congregation.

My thanks again to all of you.
Bill Poletes

Church School News

May 17th is the last day of Church School before summer begins. We will celebrate the children's accomplishments and will have a recognition ceremony on May 17th with our End-of-Year picnic. Please make every effort to attend this day so that we may recognize your children in front of the parish for their attendance records and other special awards.

The Got Jesus? VBS Lock-in will be held at St. John on June 5th for GOYA aged children (12-17 years). We will serve dinner at the Presbyterian Night Shelter, go to Gameworks for dinner and fun, and complete the spiritual retreat with Father Vasile.

A joint Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John during the week of June 8-12 from 9AM – 12PM. Trek north to Arctic Edge as kids test their limits in the challenges of the vast Arctic wilderness, they will learn that God is always with them and find the courage required to follow Jesus in the everyday challenges of their lives.

Additional information and registration forms for both VBS sessions above will be sent home via your children and/or can be downloaded from our church website.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates. We have dedicated volunteers providing these educational and fun activities for our children. Let's have a great showing of support for their efforts.

We've had a great year with many memorable moments with our children and their teachers. I would like to express deep gratitude to our Church School Teachers, without whom we would not have the great success in providing the religious instructions.

- Nursery: Mrs. Marsha Arapis
- Pre-K & K: Mrs. Maria Kerbow, Ms. Allison Medvic, and Mrs. Tina Molhoek
- 1st & 2nd: Mrs. Theresa Alexander
- 3rd & 4th: Mrs. Esther Petercsak
- Middle School: Mrs. Pavlina Feichtinger
- Teens: Ms. Demi Gianulis

Church School will begin again on September 12th.

May He keep you and Bless you.
Khanh Moutafis

Ageless Wonders

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The Ageless Wonders will meet on Tuesday May 12th, 2009, at the Paulos Center for a Potluck luncheon at 11:00 A.M. for fellowship and to discuss future meetings. For details call Margaret.....817-354-7731

Building Committee

Plans are progressing as the Ashton Wynne Design Team has been working on the initial schematic design of the Church Building and site plan. Their next step is to produce a Design Development submission so that the Building Committee can present their initial plans to the Parish Council and then to the congregation for review and comment. We are anticipating this submittal in the May timeframe.

Please do not hesitate to inquire about the progress of the Church Building design to myself or any of the Building Committee.

Joe Sullivan
Building Committee Chairman

Websites

Don't forget pay us an often visit at our parish websites <http://stjohndfw.info> and <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>. The sites are continuously updated with news and information about our faith. Also our Greek Fest site is up at <http://midcitiesgreekfest.info>.

Your's in Christ,
Sorin Berca
Website Administrator

Usher Schedule

1st Sunday: George Moutafis, Cynthia Pursley
2nd Sunday: Peter Talleos,, Harry Karageannes
3rd Sunday: Bill Wright, Tim Cline
4th Sunday: Barbara Vittas, Larry Leeders
5th Sunday: Nancy Medvic, Harry Karageannes

Nursery Attendants Schedule

The Nursery is available to children 3 years old and under. We have books, games, and puzzles. The Liturgy is heard through a monitor. The nursery has a crib available as well.

Please see the Usher if you need to use the nursery. If an attendant is not available you are more than welcome to use the Nursery for your small children. Please straighten up the nursery before you leave.

If you are interested in becoming a Nursery Attendant please contact

Marsha Arapis marshaarapis@yahoo.com

1st Sunday: Marsha Arapis

2nd Sunday: Elizabeth Popescu

3rd Sunday: Marsha Arapis

4th Sunday: Marsha Arapis

5th Sunday: Marsha Arapis

Thanks,

Marsha

Acolyte Schedule

1st Sunday : Patrick Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Peter Pursley, John Molhoek

2nd Sunday : James Seals, Ovidiu Berca, Patrick Sullivan, Philip Sullivan

3rd Sunday : Jackson Wright, Joey Basiliadis, Ovi Berca, Alex Shah

4th Sunday : Bennett Kerbow, Ovi Berca, James Seals, Alex Shah

5th Sunday: Patrick Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Jackson Wright, Ovi Berca

Coffee Hour Schedule

1st Sun.: Mr. & Mrs. Lucian Popescu

2nd Sun: Philoptochos

3rd Sun: Parish Council

4th Sun: Ageless Wonders

5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

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Duties For Hosts of Coffee Hour

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 before 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.
- § Donation money will be collected by the Parish Council.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Deadline for The Forerunner and Weekly Bulletin

The deadline for information for the Forerunner is the 18th of each month, and Thursday for the Weekly Bulletin. To defray the cost of the printing and postage of *The Forerunner* we are looking for monthly sponsors. Please contact Greg DiGiovanni (mrdigio@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in sponsoring one month. The cost is \$150.00 and the sponsorship will be acknowledged on the back cover.

Vacation Bible School

When: June 8 - 12
Where: St. John the Baptist
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Cost: Snack donations
RSVP: (817) 741-4324

All children ages 4 to adult are invited to attend.
To guarantee a shirt, register by **June 5th**!

St. John is having a joint VBS program with St. Demetrios. This year it's hosted by St. John's. There will be a lesson each day with a corresponding craft within a theme for the week. Typically, Friday is a fun play day with various games.

If you would like to volunteer your time in helping with this program, please call Khanh Moutafis at 817-741-4324 or email at moutafis@verizon.net.

GOT JESUS? LOCK-IN

Friday, June 5TH
3:00PM - 9:00AM
Saturday, June 6th
Cost: \$25

Includes pizza, unlimited games and soda at



Open to all children ages 12 -17
To guarantee a shirt, register by **May 29th**!

Got Jesus?

*2009 Golf Tournament
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Benefiting

St. John the Baptist
Greek Orthodox Church

Schedule of Events:

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Registration & Lunch

11:00 am - 12:45 pm Putting Contest

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

6:00 pm Award Dinner and Silent Auction

Team of four: \$400 Individual Play: \$125

Lunch \$10.00 Non-Golfers

Dinner \$20.00 Non-Golfers

(All are welcomed to attend lunch and/or dinner)

Register on-line using the church website: stjohndfw.info