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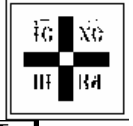
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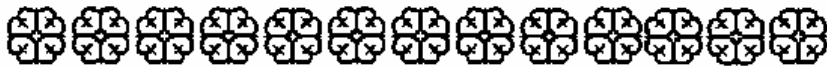
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Schedule of Regular Services at St. John's Summer Schedule

Sunday, November 1:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, November 8:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, November 15:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, November 22:	Holy Liturgy	9:30 A.M.
Sunday, November 29:	Holy Liturgy,	9:30 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,

Well its over! Our Greek-fest for 2009 is behind us and it should be no secret that our earnings will be less than the record year we had in 2008.

This was a result of the stormy weather.

The food, service, and entertainment was outstanding.

Trying to recognize all of those who made the festival a success would mean listing just about everyone in the entire congregation!

I do want to recognize the leaders of this year's event with a special "Thank you" to Olympia and George Genovezos and Chris Geil who volunteered to be the co-chairs. They were fortunate to have two seasoned advisers in Larry Leeders and Bill Wright to assist in coordinating the hundreds of details and actions that are needed.

Where would we be with out Tony Pacheres? He led the challenging work for the set-up, tear down, and all the many other physically demanding tasks that had to be done.

The devoted and dedicated Ladies who did all the baking, packaging, selling, serving and caring that are at the heart of the festival deserve our undying thanks and appreciation.

The wonderful dancers added a lot of "Greek" to the festival with their colorful and exciting dances.

Father Vasile's impressive and informative Church tours reminded everyone of the real reason we do all this.

The same good words can be added for the many organizations, volunteers, and "Chairs" that participated.

We thank you all.

With the event now a part of the history of our Church, we look forward to next year and a glorious year full of even higher achievements at St. Johns.

Harry G .Karegeannes
Council President

Father Vasile's Message

Spiritual paparazzi

The quest for catching a glimpse of God

There is no secret for any one that I am a passionate amateur photographer. As any other photo enthusiast I get caught up into the quest for the best resolution camera, the clearest, low dispersion, aspherical glass and all the other bells and whistles of photography; all this to make sure that I will be able to capture the best image possible at any given time. My passion for capturing image is nothing particularly odd; on the contrary, I would argue, is a universal pursuit.

Man has a passion for images, for representations because he himself is an image, an image of God. So inherently we are searching for the image of the archetype, the

image of the primordial model used for our creation: God Himself.

In the history of the Old Testament a number of biblical figures have been given a faded glimpse of God, but in a very subtle way. Moses saw God in a burning bush (Exo3:3-5), Elijah perceived God as a “*still small voice*” (1Ki 19:12) and so forth; all of these visions were limited however. The limit was the capacity of man of perceiving divinity. Between the Almighty Creator and His creation there is an infinite gap that does not allow us to perceive Him in His entirety, no matter how much we try, no matter how many super tele-zooms we would employ. It is like a two dimensional being would try to perceive a third dimension: a square understanding a cube, a point reaching to a sphere.

More than this, after the fall from grace, man’s ability to sense God has been severely damaged once man’s mind was separated from his heart (*nous*), the only “organ” that could directly perceive God as He is. From that moment on, Man could only reach God through a rationality perverted by the fall and de-linked from God’s own. So when man tries to find God, he only perceives Him through a clouded lens, a glass with a lot of distortion, which misrepresents the true nature of things.

Because we see everything from this skewed perspective, we have reached an understanding of God, and of the world, that is far from the reality and the scope of the initial creation. All the idolatrous religions have their roots in this misunderstood image of divinity. They are nothing but a reflection of the optical aberrations of the observers in the images of the idols they are worshipping; perverted depictions of gods made in man’s image, far away from the truth.

Not being able to perceive God as He is, but only as we think He is, deemed necessary that

God would reveal Himself to us by getting out of His supra-dimensional place and humbling Himself into our human dimension, taking flesh from the Virgin Mary and allowing us to experience Him on our own level.

This is the moment when the full revelation of God has been made to humanity. After Incarnation we do not perceive glimpses of God anymore through prophecies and eerie visions; we are now experiencing God in our midst, God and Man in the same time, Master and Brother in one.

This is the image that the Church is capturing in the iconography, the image of God incarnate, revealing Himself to us in His will to restore us to the ancient and natural state of our being. His teachings, His passion and Resurrection are making this change possible. He does not just came to fix something with a band aid, but He comes and refashions the very essence of man and recreates him into His glory, restoring in the same time his link to God, while also clearing in man’s line of vision into God’s reality.

The Church today, the living body of Christ, Who is the head of the Church, continues this mission, trying to reveal the true vision of creation to everyone willing. The building of the Church itself is a model of the entire world in its genuine state, as it was initially created.

We build churches in the traditional style not because we are not open to modern construction techniques, but because the Church space is a representation of this particular understanding of creation.

Looking at the different levels of the iconography of an Orthodox Church we see at the top level, on the main dome, the icon of Jesus Christ Pantokrator, ruling above everything, guarding the entire world in His providential care. Bellow, we see in the next

level of iconography the Mother of God and the hosts of the angels serving God, praying at the footstool of His feet. The third level is the Church Triumphant, the icons of the saints, the people that lived and passed in the hope of resurrection, now rejoicing in grace. The fourth level is us, the faithful, the Militant Church, icons of God, completing the entire picture of creation.

All these icons are here with a purpose, not just for mere decoration; they represent the entire order of creation that participates in the worship: always along with us, fully engaged in the re-creation of the cosmos started by the Resurrection of Christ.

When we enter the church we leave the outside world behind us and we step into the Kingdom of God. Everything that falls out of this mystical reality is therefore deemed artificial and should be regarded with a critical eye because it can lead us astray from the right path. We hear people many times justifying a sin with a comment: *but this is normal, it is in our nature to do so and so*. It might be in our nature indeed, but in our fallen nature, not in the nature that God created, but in the nature that sin perverted. We should not confuse a distorted image, a tainted perception with the truth of things.

Being able to make this difference is the great gift of spiritual discernment that we should strive to achieve, to tell the genuine from the false in what concerns our spiritual life.

This vision of Communion of all the orders of creation explains why we cannot achieve anything on our own, separated from the Body of Christ, because only in Him and only together we can restore our original, un-fallen state.

We need to look at ourselves in the mirror of faith, under the grace of the Spirit and eliminate from our lives anything that perverts

the image of God planted in us from the beginning. We need the Sacraments, we need the support of our brothers, we need to engage ourselves in the life of the Church, in this great restored vision of creation.

We cannot passively watch this happening from outside, but we need to get in, we have to actively pursue the cleaning of our souls only to realize that God's image is not at the far end of a telescope, but right here, in our hearts, waiting to be uncovered.

Financial Report

YTD thru 9/31/2009

	2008	2009	Budget
Stewardship	102121	99126	13125
Total Income	128275	126589	157262
Expense	146596	132117	137144
Variance	(18321)	(5528)	.20118

Stewardship News

As of **10/12/09** we have **114 pledges** for a **total of \$143,240**.

We picked up a few more stewards in September, but we still need more. Please help support our church by submitting your pledge today.

To those of you who have already become stewards and to the many who increased their pledge, we thank you.

2009 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa
Anderson, Anthony
Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
Arapis, Minoli & Marsha
Arlington, Linda
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
Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
Boutris, Haralambos
Brandon, Roberta
Cain, Michael & Melina
Callesen, John
Chokas, Margaret
Chokas, Mitch
Clay, Aria & Wayne
Cline, Tim & Angela
Cortinas, Ruben & Laurie
Demetriades, Gus & Andi
Dempsey, Margaret
Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
Eftimie, Michael & Tamara
Englezakis, Mike
Feichtinger, Pavlina
File, Hope
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
Howton, Lucille
Ibrahim, Basil & Mary
Ioannou, Kyriakos
Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kinman, Buck & Karen
Koumbarides, Nicos
Lavery, 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 & Laura
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Morcovescu, Serban & Anca
Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur
Naval, Marc
Nazzal, Alfred
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios
Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliadis, Georgia
Papaliadis, Louie
Paulos, Sophie
Petercsak, Steve & Esther
Peters, Danny
Peters, Elise
Peters, Paun & Lynn

Philoptochos News

Peters, Tommy & Dolly
Plock, Eleni
Poletes, Bill & Rena
Poletes, John
Poriotis, Terry & Gail
Poulakos, Kathy
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, Charles & Ann
Sullivan, Joe & Nina
Talleos, Peter
Thumopoulos, Stephanos & Tanya
Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
 Presvytera Mirela
Vittas, George & Barbara
Vittas, Johnny & Mel
Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
Walenty, Lisa
Walker, Jim & Harriett
Wozniak, Matthew
Wright, Bill & Christine
Yalmaz, Diana
Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
Zingas, Ari & Olga



Ladies,

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Below is a list of :

“Philoptochos Dates to Remember”

- **November 1, 2009** – St. Cosmas & Damianos Nameday – Collection
- **November 8, 2009** – Thanksgiving Basket Deadline (See Theresa Alexander for details)
- **November 15, 2009** – Philoptochos Meeting in the Paulos Center after coffee fellowship
- **November 29, 2009** - Deadline for orders on Poinsettias (see Angela Cline for details)

Proceeds from our St. Cosmas & Damianos Collection benefit Holy Cross School of Theology. Each Philoptochos Chapter is asked to assist the many young men and women attending the Seminary who have financial hardships.

Once again this year we are seeking your support for the Thanksgiving Basket Program. We are requesting items be donated to fill our baskets which are delivered to those in need for Thanksgiving. Please see Theresa Alexander for additional details.

Again, this year we will be selling Poinsettia's for the holiday season. Please see the order form enclosed in the forerunner for more information or contact a Philoptochos member. Let's once again surround our solea with a "Sea of Red" during this most beautiful time of year.

The Safe Haven (Women's Shelter) needs your help. All year long hundreds of women are abused by their husband or boyfriend. These women go to women's shelters around Tarrant County with their children possessing only what they have on their backs. The "Havens" need our help in providing these women and children with items needed while at the shelter. I am asking for everyone to bring at least one bag of items monthly to the church to help these shelters. A list can found in the church or by the shelter tote placed by the door as you are going out of the Hall. If you cannot find the list please see me and I will make sure that everyone has one. I want to thank you in advance for your help and May God Bless you and your Families. This is a wonderful way for us to help those women who are making healthy changes in their lives and have no means of assistance.

Thank you Kath Fox, Chairman

Let's try to be faithful about bringing our supplies to church for this worthwhile cause.

With Christ's Love,

Bertha

Youth Ministries on the Move

The future of St. John parish certainly seems secure as we now recall the enthusiasm, numbers, dedication, talent, and joy of all the young people who pitched in to make our recent Foodfest another memorable one! Thank you to the new faces among our "runners", the huge numbers of dancers, and the various booth helpers . We couldn't have done it without you!

And now it is back to our usual routine with weekly church school which we hope will meet with the same dedication from students and parents, the JOY program, GOYA preparations for retreats, Turkey Raffle and Basketball Tournament activities (we have both a girl and boy team this year!) Father Vasile stated the Acolyte Training session went well so watch for our new servers in the Altar. We are all looking forward to hearing the Junior Choir again!

To all our youth.....thank you for lighting up our lives!

Athena Pachares, Coordinator
Youth Ministries, St.John

GOYA

GOYA successfully raffled off 11 gift baskets at the 2009 annual food festival. This was our first fundraising event of this type and we hope to do it again next year. We made a net profit of \$411.00 and will be donating 25% of our proceeds to

St. John's building fund. Also, over 400 lbs of recycleables were collected!

In January, we are planning to attend the GOYA basketball tournament in Dallas. We will continue our fundraising efforts by holding our annual turkey raffle on Sunday, November 15th. We will be selling tickets every Sunday before then. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We will also be Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 13th. Sign up sheets will be available after Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support of GOYA!

If you are between the ages of 12 and 18 and would like to be a member of GOYA, please contact one of the officers.

Maggie Mohloek, President
Philip Sullivan, Vice President
Mallory Chokas, Treasurer
Nina Papadamitriou, Secretary

Philip Sullivan
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

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Gladsome Light Dialogues will continue in November with a new Cycle: "Struggling with Faith".

We all struggle in our faith on a higher or lower level. This cycle is an opportunity to find out that more people than just us struggle with their faith and find spiritual ways to overcome it.

Here is the schedule for November

11/4/2009 Liturgical Beauty: Byzantine Chanting
11/11/2009 Struggling with Faith: Introduction
11/18/2009 The struggle of Believing
11/25/2009 Evening Film Dialogues
12/2/2009 The struggle of Praying
12/9/2009 The struggle of Fasting
12/16/2009 The struggle of Love

Don't forget to visit our redesigned blog for additional info, materials and reflection at: <http://dialogues.stjohndfw.info>

Practical Faith

To a soldier of a student's brigade who asks how God can be inside man

By St. Nikolai (Velimirovic)

You asked somebody, "where is God?" And you got an answer that God is inside you. And you marvel at this answer. How can that be?

Kind of like light in a room, or like fire in a stove. When you are able to feel God within you, you will feel and know that He is inside you, but you will not be able to explain it to

someone else. But you will look for images in nature and then you will speak to the other person as I speak to you: God is within me like light in a room, or a like fire in a stove, or like air in the lungs, or like life in every creature, or like force and love and thought inside of man. Of course, these are just images and likenesses, and they cannot express what a man feels when God dwells within him in His fullness. God's apostle, our spiritual father Paul, wishes for the faithful to be filled with all fullness in God (Eph. 3, 19). God works from within a man in two ways -- by helping and by governing.

When helping, God works within a man of medium or weak faith, who only occasionally remembers God and only keeps His Commandments partially. God does not abandon him because he also does not completely abandon God. However, God acts through governing in a man of great faith, who has opened wide the doors of his soul to his Creator. And it is written, "He who opens the door I will enter to him" (Rev. 3, 20). Such a man does not rely on himself at all but only on the Almighty. He feels the presence and the working of the Spirit of God within himself and has great love toward his Lord. And Christ has promised to the one who loves God that God will come and dwell within him. "He who loves me will keep my word and my Father will love him. And we will come to him and will make our abode within him." You will not be able to understand this. If you forget that God is a Spirit, who can enter everything and be everywhere, according to his power, and

will. He is high above all matter, like the Sun is high above the earth but its light can enter every open thing. As the apostle says: "One God and the Father of all who is above all and through all, and in us all" (Eph. 4, 6). He writes this about the holy and the faithful.

But when someone rejects God, starts thinking ugly thoughts and speaking against God, God also leads him. It is the same as if somebody would close off the windows of a room and prevent the light from coming in and illuminating everything. For God's prophet Samuel said to the self-willed King Saul, "You have rejected the word of the Lord and for this the Lord has rejected you... and the spirit of the Lord abandoned Saul." But even one God abandons a soul of a stubborn man, He does not stop working on him from without, the way he works on water and stone and wood. But if a man remains stubborn and resists God until the end and refuses to repent, then God allows an evil spirit to enter in. Like it is written about Saul when the Spirit of the Lord abandoned him, "and an evil spirit disturbed him from the Lord". Or as it is written, even worse, about Judas the betrayer, "Satan entered into him".

Such people, who rise against God, of course, can never feel God within themselves or say, "God is inside of us." And those who love God, and desire Him, and see Him, and entreat Him to come they feel God within themselves and they can say, "God is within us by His Holy Spirit." Blessed are such bright souls, for they will always reign in the kingdom of

Christ. As the Lord has promised to those who love Him saying, "I will take you to myself so that you may be where I am."

Choir Notes

Thank you to our St. John the Baptist Parish for your generosity in donations collected for National Church Music Sunday. The amount collected will be sent to the National Forum of Church Musicians

The National Forum has four major areas of focus: Support for Choirs, providing resources and activities to improve the quality of choirs and the availability of choral music in the church:

- Support for **CHOIRS**, providing resources and activities to improve the quality of choirs and the availability of choral music in the church
- Support for **CHANTERS** and the preservation of **BYZANTINE CHANT**
- Support for **YOUTH CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAMS**, including hymnology and junior choirs
- Support for **CLERGY**, including parish music ministries, and support for clergy

Musically yours,
Bill Poletes

Church School News

Dear Students and Parents,

These next couple of months will be a busy time for us all with the chaotic schedules we keep during the holidays. As we begin planning our festivities, please remind our children the focus of the holidays is our Lord.

We are participating in the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program organized by the Philoptochos. Church School has started collecting items. Please send something with your children so that they may contribute to the basket themselves. This is a valuable lesson for our children to learn as they prepare these baskets.

Godparent's Sunday and Open House is November 15th. Invite your children's Godparents to visit so that your children can show them off to their classmates as well as share what they've learned in Church School.

Don't forget to register your children for church school. There are extra registration forms in the church hall in the Church School mail slot. Also, you can download the registration form and church school calendar from www.stjohndfw.info.

There will be NO church school on November 29th due to Thanksgiving Break.

Thank you and God Bless,
Khanh Moutafis

Here are some calendar dates for November:

Nov. 1 Bring flour, stuffing mix or drink.

Nov. 8 Bring a canned fruit (cranberry sauce, fruit pie filling)

Nov. 15 Godparents' Sunday
Church School Open House
Deliver baskets.

Nov. 29 No Church School – Thanksgiving break

Dec. 12 Advent Retreat, 10AM- 1PM

If you have any comments and/or suggestions, you can contact me any time at 817-741-4324 or

moutafis@verizon.net

Ageless Wonders

The Ageless Wonders will meet on Saturday, November 14th, 2009 to attend the races at Lone Star Park horse track in Grand Prairie. Details will follow, so save the date ! I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help us with the food fest : especially Esther Peterscak who's efforts brought us all those seniors for lunch on Friday. They didn't care about the weather they just wanted good food and fun ! Our prayers are with Dr. Lou and Judyth Antahades at the loss of Lou's brother Jim. May his memory be eternal.....Don't forget the food fest wrap up meeting on November

1st after church. Here's your chance to voice your opinion !

Call me for more info.....Margaret...817-354-7731.

Building Committee

The new Church design drawings are soon to be completed. My thanks to Building Committee members Mirela Tudora, Ted Stoycos, Buck Kinman, Stacia Leeders, George Moutafis and Mitch Chokas for all of your time devoted to attending all of the BC review meetings and pouring over the drawings to ensure the design is properly aligned with the original concept plans developed by Mirela Tudora.

Our next task will be to evaluate and recommend to the Parish Council a plan for renovating and expanding the Church Hall to accommodate all of the functions currently performed in the Paulos Center (i.e. classrooms, meeting rooms, storage, etc.) while offering an expanded kitchen/dining area for social functions.

Joe Sullivan
Building Committee Chairman

Capital Campaign Committee “Building our Future”

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Capital Campaign Committee Report

The Festival is over and the Capital Campaign is beginning... Informational materials have been prepared for printing by RSI and we will be distributing these materials on two successive Sundays, November 1st and 8th. Afterwards, we will mail the informational

material to those who may not have been in church on those Sundays.

Invitations have been mailed to a group of families and individuals who may be able and willing to participate in the Lead Gifts Event on Saturday, November 7th at 7:00 PM, hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Yiantsou at their home on San Bar Lane in Colleyville. If you are interested in participating in this seminal event to kickoff the Capital Campaign with a major gift, please let Nancy Medvic know by email at: snmedvic@sbcglobal.net; or by telephone at 817 283-5410.

On Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall, we will be holding the Advance Commitment Event by invitation to all Stewards of the Parish, including Parish Council and Committee members and all parishioners who participate or have participated in the many various activities through which we all support the church. We will announce the total of Lead Gift commitments received on November 7th at this event. If you believe you do or can make a difference in the life of the Parish, please come to this event with only one caveat -- please RSVP to Barbara Vittas as there will be a dinner served at this event. Fr. Vasile has moved Vespers up to 5:00 PM on that Saturday.

On Sunday, December 13th, we will hold "All Parish Commitment Day" to be sure to provide the opportunity to participate in the Capital Campaign to all those who have not been able to attend the Advance Commitment

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Event. We will be announcing the grand total of all of the three (3) - year pledge commitments raised in the Capital Campaign for a new church on this day.

Happy November and December Holidays and with sincere wishes for inspired giving in Christ's name, George Vittas, Chairman and the members of your Capital Campaign Committee, Dr. Chris Yiantsou, Paun Peters, Nancy Medvic, Louis Papaliadis and Margaret Chokas

George.vittas@aecom.com 817 874-6128

CCC Chairman
817 283-4680

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>.

Yours in Christ,
Sorin Berca, Website Administrator

Usher Schedule

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

Acolyte Schedule

1st Sunday : Phillip Sullivan, Peter Pursley,
John Molhoek, Bennet Kerbow

2nd Sunday : Chris Eftemie, Ovidiu Berca,
Phillip Sullivan, Chris File

3rd Sunday : Jackson Wright, Joey Basiliadis,
Alex Genevezos, James Seals

4th Sunday : Luca Tudora, Ovi Berca, James
Seals, Alex Shah

5th Sunday: Phillip Sullivan, Jackson
Wright, Ovi Berca, James Seals

Coffee Hour Schedule

1st Sun.: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Fox

2nd Sun: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gianulis

3rd Sun: Parish Council

4th Sun: Ageless Wonders

5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

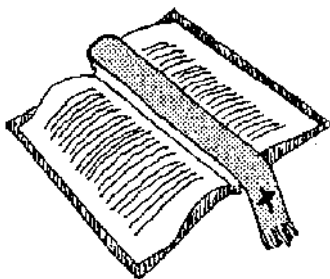
Duties for hosts of Coffee Hour

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.



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Dear Parishioners:

Each time this year, every one of us begins to make our preparations to celebrate the Nativity (Birth) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,. One of those activities is to send to our families and friends Greetings for this Happy and Joyous Season.

It is with great joy that we are continuing the beautiful tradition of our Parish, a Community Christmas Card. With it we send greetings to all our friends in our Parish Community. The card will have a greeting to everyone from the community and below will be listed each of our names. Listed below are some examples of how you may want to list your name:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pappas and Family
2. Sam and Mary Pappas and Family
3. The Sam Pappas Family]
4. Sam, Mary, Nick, Katherine and John Pappas
5. Sam Pappas
6. Mr. Sam Pappas
7. Mrs. Sam Pappas
8. The Name of Your Business.

We look forward to including your name. So please fill out the form below and return it by Sunday, November 22, 2009. If possible, we ask that you would include a donation to help offset the costs.

Thank you for helping us to continue this lovely tradition of our Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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This is how we/I would like our/my name shown in the Community Christmas Card. Thank You.

(PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY)

(PLEASE RETURN FORM BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009)



ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

- ❖ ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID
- ❖ CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER - PAYABLE TO:

St. Irene's Philoptochos
 Attn: Bake Sale Order
 303 Cullum Dr.
 Euless, TX 76040-4625

- ❖ ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY: *DECEMBER 6, 2009*
- ❖ ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON: *DECEMBER 13, 2009*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY-STATE-ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Greek Bread <small>(Traditional Greek Sweet Bread)</small>	\$5.00	
	Baklava - 6 pieces <small>(Greek Pastry made with delicate layers of flaky filo dough and nuts)</small>	\$10.00	
	Baklava - Pan <small>(approx 65 pieces)</small>	\$85.00	
	Koulourakia - Dozen <small>(Traditional Greek Butter Cookie)</small>	\$6.00	