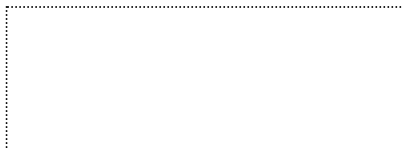




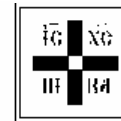
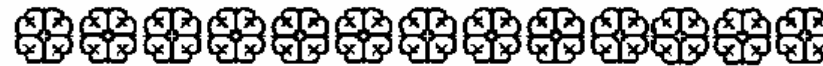
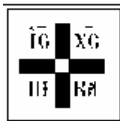
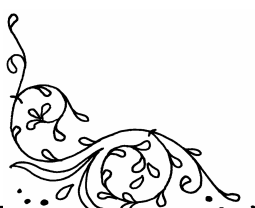
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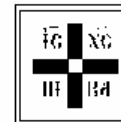
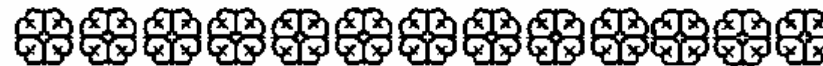
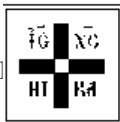


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Schedule of Services at St. John's

- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 5: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 12: Holy Liturgy, 9 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 19: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, Oct. 28: 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,

September has proven to be another busy month for your Church Council.

We are concentrating our efforts on the final preparations for the Food Festival in support of Bill Wright and Larry Leeders, the Co-chairmen.

The Youth Ministries cookout held on September 6th was a resounding success and raised \$431. Our thanks to Bill Wright and Larry Leeders for enduring very hot weather while grilling. Maria Kerbow, Marsha Arapis, Olympia Genovezos, Demi Gianulis, Margaret Chokas, Esther Peterzack, Tina Molhoek, and George Moutafis did an outstanding job manning the kitchen and hall.

The Council has approved the Building Committee. The members of the Financial Campaign Committee will be selected over the next two weeks.

We are encountering some coordination problems concerning the Hall and Paulos Center due to the intensive preparations for the Food Festival. Please contact the Council if you are planning any unscheduled events in any of the Church facilities.

The Blessing of Father and Presvytera Mirela's beautiful twin girls took place on September 21st. It was followed by an outstanding reception in the Hall. Our thanks to the Philoptochos and all those who participated.

I am very pleased to announce that our beloved Barbara Vittas has been appointed to the National Board of Philoptochos for two years. This is a well deserved recognition for Barbara's many years of devoted service to Philoptochos and the Greek Orthodox Church.

I believe that everyone will agree Holy Communion is a very sacred part of Divine Liturgy. Please help us all observe Holy Communion with reverence and dignity by not

talking down the aisles while taking Holy Communion.

Harry Karegeannes
Council President

Father Vasile's Message

From dream to nightmare - the financial crisis and its biblical proportions

For Mr. John Doe everything started with a dream, an American dream. John is a middle class American making an average yearly income. He is married and is currently renting an apartment. Although the apartment is big enough for his family he dreams of a home that he can own and improve as he sees everyday on the Home & Garden Television channel. Also he dreams of being able to sell his house for a profit in few years to help him boost his minuscule retirement account. However his current income does not qualify him for a conventional mortgage loan. But his dream stays with him day after day. At some point John decides to give in to the avalanche of sub-prime mortgage lenders mailings that offer him extremely low rates for the house of his dreams.

With no proof of income or securities needed John takes a loan for a house that he couldn't afford before, but now, taking advantage of the historical low lending rates, he can. He buys the house, move in and goes on with this life, or so he thinks. Few years pass and the variable rate he took 4 years back unexpectedly doubles. The monthly payments increase twofold and Mr. Doe starts struggling to meet ends meat. Realizing that he cannot afford his dream home anymore he decides to sell, hoping to recuperate his initial investment. To his surprise however he realizes that he is not alone: that other millions of people are in the same situation. Now, not only he profit is lost

profit but he will also lose his house. By this time his dream has become a nightmare.

What happened to Mr. John Doe happened to many Americans. Blinded by the hope of a quick profit heavily advertised in the media, pushed by the financial institutions and a booming real estate industry, people bought houses bigger than they could afford with money they did not have. At their turn the lending companies in the hope for fast returns gave out loans to people they knew they could not pay back, selling then the mortgages to even greedier Wall Street investment banks. Nobody thought however that this bubble was going to burst and in the end someone will have to pay hard currency for all the virtual money thrown into the system.

This rat race for a quick profit engaged the whole society in a quest for the quickest and most rewarding investment. The greed that characterizes certain layers of our society infiltrated into our minds and made us dream of things that we have no need or use. We, as a society have forgotten that *“the love of money is a root of all evils, of which some have lusted after, they were seduced from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* (1Ti 6:10)

The craving for money and for luxury has been transmitted to everyone and the true purpose of property has been lost. The justification of a house is to live in it, to provide a comfortable shelter from rain, heat and cold to all the members of the family. In this whole new axiological system homeownership has become a proof of social status and an object of pride. So we buy houses bigger than we require, with luxurious amenities that we don't actually need, paying prices that we cannot sustain. All for the love of vanity, for the sake of overhearing that little remark: *look at John's house, he made it in life!*

We see the Wall Street moguls seeking today for help, ironically, from the same people they have tricked into paying them unwarranted usury: the American taxpayers. Their fall is the

direct result of their will to fly high, despite the odds, and, as Icarus of old, their wings of wax are melting now and they struggle in free fall. *“O you who live on many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, and the measure of your unjust gain.”* (Jer 51:13) Their mistake is clear: *“A rich man who crushes the poor is like a sweeping rain which leaves no food”* (Pro 28:3).

To better understand what went wrong we should appeal to our usual source of wisdom: the Bible, trying to discover how good, Christian investments should have been made to avoid disaster. Although the Scripture does not give us a manual for safe investments, it offers us several principles that promote a balanced life, both spiritually and financially. The two are intimately linked together; but not necessarily in the sense that more wealth means more spiritual gain. On the contrary we hear the word *“blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”* (Luk 6:20). Of course this doesn't necessarily imply that we shall all be monetarily poor to enter the heavens, but it points to a necessary adjusting of our focus point toward what really matters from the perspective of eternal life.

The first rule is simple *“fear God and keep His commandments”* (Ecc. 12:13). In anything we do we should seek to see if it fits the tradition of our faith. Are we stealing or cheating for the money? Are we hurting directly or indirectly other people? Do we show Christian love? If our conscience starts raising flags, it is time to stop.

Second, when considering an investment we should think of taking into consideration the following advice *“...which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he may have enough to finish it”* (Luk 14:28) This is the best financial advice one can get: build as much as you can afford, borrow as much as you can pay back, think carefully before you do anything. No other virtue is more appropriate to sustainable investing than prudence.

Third, we should reconsider our view of loans as profit making instruments and revert

back to their understanding as instruments of mercy and a vehicle for the spreading of Christian love. *“if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive, what thanks do you have? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return. And your reward shall be great, and you shall be the sons of the Highest. For He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil.”* (Luk 6:34-35)

The bible speaks clearly against the practice of usury. The ever rising interests demanded by the lenders today do exactly the opposite. The word usury, or in Hebrew *neshek*, literally means a bite, in reference to its painfulness to the debtor that loses a portion of his loan as interest. The lenders are therefore “biting” in the incomes of many Americans that are dreaming too high without thinking or planning much and for that are now paying the price.

I don't want to be misunderstood. There is nothing wrong in wanting to improve one's financial situation, but to do this at the expense of others, and especially without labor, as most of the investment financial instruments promise, it is against the will of God. Usury creates for the lender excessive profit and gain without "labor" which is deemed "work" in the Biblical context. Saint Apostle Paul says clearly *“for even when we were with you, we commanded you this, that if anyone would not work, neither should he eat.”* (2Th 3:10). Financial gain without labor is detrimental to the society because no one can make a profit out of thin air, and someone will have to pay in the end. It is a practice which diminishes the capital wealth of the needy and eats it up to the profit of the lender, leading to the financial crisis we are seeing today.

The old Mosaic Law advises firmly about financial interest: *“If you lend money to one of My people who is poor beside you, you shall not be to him as a money-lender, neither shall you lay upon him interest.”* (Exo 22:25). Lending is looked upon in the Bible as a work of agape-love, a way of showing that you care for

your brother in need and not a way to increase one's capital.

There are people that rightfully argue however that lending money to someone for a lucrative purpose warrants the demand of a modest interest since the loaned capital is going to increase the wealth of the borrower; so one could be entitled to ask for a share of this gain. One can argue the same thing for someone that needs money to buy luxury items like a yacht, a palace or the sort.

The Bible does not refer to this type of financial gain when it forbids interest. But if one demands interest when lending money to someone to be used for food or shelter, not looking to make any profit out of it, this is against the commandment of love we are called to uphold. It is therefore not about asking for or not for interest, it is about asking for interest in a non-lucrative situation, asking for a share of a profit that does not exist.

Using this basic principle we can evaluate pretty well when we come across a real-life situation, whether a loan is productive or not; whether we are borrowing or lending for a productive purpose, for a charitable or luxurious one, or for one in every way unproductive. We should use therefore our moral judgment and think carefully before investing in the capital market, or lending money to someone. We should evaluate everything from a Christian point of view because we don't want to participate in, or encourage, practices that promote greed, unwarranted gains and exploitation.

The final point refers to the true Christian investments, the ones that do not devalue with the first wind of change in Wall Street. *“Lay up treasures in Heaven for yourselves, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”* (Mat 6:20). Our true investments are the spiritual ones; investments in faith, hope, patience, Christian love. These safe funds will ensure a full life for eternity, not just for a few years after retirement. Because when the

moment to leave this world will come we “*shall lay up gold like dust, and among the rock of the torrents of Ophir*” and “*the Almighty shall be our gold and silver.*” (Job 22:24-25). No treasure of the earth will matter anymore and the true meaning of our spiritual gains will be revealed.

In its race for the next available profit our society has forgotten its good yet deemed old fashioned Christian roots. We try to expel God from our lives and the more we do it the more disastrous are the consequences. The current crisis is just one of many. It is maybe time to start reapplying our Christian traditions and use them as a medium of change for the world around us. Basic wisdoms like moderation and good judgment joined with the Christian virtues of sacrifice and love should become fundamental principles that we can utilize in any aspect of our everyday life. In them we can find the insights that can guide us toward a sound life, both spiritual and financial, realizing that the only true treasure we can accumulate and sustain for eternity is not here but in heavens.

Stewardship News

As of 9/18/08 we have 117 stewards for a total of \$137,273 or 98% of our goal.

We're almost there so, please, if you have not turned in your pledge card as yet or if you would like to increase your pledge to help us meet our goal, consider doing so as soon as possible. We need your help to support our church and meet our expenses!

Our sincere thanks to those who have already become stewards and who are faithfully making their contributions.

Also, a special thank you to those who have increased their pledge in response to our request. Your generosity is truly a sign of your commitment to our church.

2008 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa
 Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
 Arlington, Linda
 Ball, David
 Ballas, Andy & Pat
 Basiliadis, Nick & Dr. Margaret
 Began, John
 Berca, Sorin & Carmen
 Bitner, Carol
 Blasé, Clarisse
 Bogdos, George & Soterra
 Bogordos, George & Kasandra
 Bokoyas, Chris
 Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
 Bouras, Andreas & Ann
 Brandon, Roberta
 Callesen, John & Kathleen
 Chokas, Margaret
 Chrestopoulos, Alex & Diane
 Clay, Wayne & Aria
 Cline, Tim & Angela
 Coston, Kathryn
 Cramb, Kristina
 Dempsey, Walt & Dorothy
 DiGiovanni, Greg & Joy
 Eftimie, Michael & Tamara
 Feichtinger, Pavlina
 File, Russell & Hope
 Fondulis, Paul
 Fox, Mike & Kathy
 Geil, Christopher & Sandra
 Genovezos, George
 Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
 Gianulis, Demi
 Grumbos, Mary
 Grumbos, Dr. Peter
 Hadjikiakos, Michael & Persa
 Harrison, Daniel & Dena
 Henderson, Ecaterina
 Henry, Mike & Julie
 Hooe, Jane
 Howton, Lucille
 Huber, Dr. Emery & Stacey

Johnson, Marshall & Velva
 Jones, Daniel
 Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
 Karidis, George & Delia
 Kastalanych, Randy
 Katsikas, Constantinos
 Kerbow, Joe & Maria
 Kindlinger, Phyllis
 Kinman, Buck & Karen
 Kypreos, Nick & Cindy
 Lavery, Connie
 Leeders, Stacia
 Leeders, Larry
 Leimbacher, Jenny
 Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
 Manos, George & Vicki
 Manos, Michael & Debbie
 Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
 Mavias, John
 Mavias, Michael & Mary
 McKinnon, Allan
 Medvic, Allison
 Medvic, Nancy
 Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura
 Molhoek, Mike & Tina
 Moutafis, George & Khanh
 Nahatis, Arthur
 Nazzal, Alfred & Sylvia
 Nicholas, Tina
 Nicholas, Toni
 Noulas, Athanasios
 Pachares, Tony & Athena
 Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
 Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
 Papaliadis, Georgia
 Papaliadis, Louie
 Paulos, Angela
 Paulos, Sophie
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 Russo, Athena
 Samaras, Johnny
 Seals, Lyle & Connie
 Shah, Raj & Kirsten
 Sofokidis, Hristaki & Jan
 Stancu, Rodica
 Stoycos, Ted & Mary Helen
 Sullivan, Joe & Nina
 Talleos, Peter
 Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
 Presvytera Mirela
 Villanueva, Junior & Maria
 Vittas, George & Barbara
 Vittas, John
 Vittas, Stephanie
 Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
 Walenty, Tony & Lisa
 Wozniak, Matt & Jamie
 Wright, Bill & Christine
 Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
 Zingas, Aristides & Olga

Stewardship Questions

“Why do I need to fill out a stewardship card?”
 “I put my contribution in the tray every week so that should be good enough.” These are comments frequently heard by the stewardship committee and said by some of us before we became involved in the process. Stewardship cards are important for two reasons. First, the cards are used to plan the church’s budget for the year. Without them we have no idea how much income we can depend on from stewardship. Second, the cards are a means of creating a list of church members, which is necessary in order to determine who is eligible to vote, serve on the parish council, hold an office, etc. So, if you are making regular contributions or if you made a

lump sum contribution at the beginning of the year, please submit a pledge card, if you have not already done so. As stated on the card, this is not a contract, but a promise of intentions. It can be changed at any time by contacting the priest or a member of the stewardship committee.

We would appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in helping to make the stewardship process run more smoothly.

Philoptochos News

Welcome Ladies,

As we approach our annual Food Festival it is inspiring to see the enthusiasm and dedication that we as Philoptochos members have in making this event a success. It appears that our "hrisa heria" continue to pull us through each year, God Bless us all. Please note that this year during the festival we will have our own booth which will allow us the opportunity to introduce who we are the community. This will be an informational booth for the distribution of literature about our Philoptochos Chapter and the National Philoptochos as well.

That being said, I am privileged to announce the appointment of Ms. Barbara Vittas to the National Philoptochos Board by Archbishop Demitrios. This is quite an honor not only for Barbara, but for our chapter as well. It is exciting to see that we have within our community a representative at the national level. Congratulations Barbara on your new journey and know that we are here to support and assist you any way we can.

Below is a list of –

“Philoptochos Dates to Remember”

- **October 10, 12, 13 - 2008** – Annual Food Festival – Philoptochos Booth

- **October 19, 2008** Philoptochos Meeting (Paulos Center) immediately following services

As always, any and all suggestions are welcomed and encouraged so please, please attend our monthly meetings. We do try to keep them brief so that we can all enjoy the rest of the afternoon with our families. Please see a board member for details.

With Christ's Love,
Bertha

Youth Ministries On the Move

With the Food-Fest in just a few days, the pride we feel in our young people is growing as we watch them develop in their dancing skills and the obvious joy in their camaraderie! Let's keep that enthusiasm going with Church School attendance afterwards, too.

Be sure to be aware of and support our GOYA's "greening" attempt as they provide containers to deposit cans and bottles for recycling during the Festival. Thanks to all the young people who serve as tireless runners for the various food booths...you are truly appreciated for taking charge of this very important duty!

A reminder we ask that parents keep their children in church during Liturgy and not permit them to play in the nursery after church without a parent being present. All toys should be in place before leaving. Thanks so much for attending to this.

THANKS to our parishioners for supporting us at the Brats, Burgers, and Beans Back to School Luncheon. We are able to purchase some needed items for our dancers with the funds!

In His Service,
Athena Pachares, Y.M. Coordinator
(pachares@sbcglobal.net)

GOYA

During the Festival, GOYA will be promoting Recycling Awareness. We will have recycle bins set up on the premises and ask that everyone use them accordingly. GOYANS are also asked to volunteer during the festival. If you are dancing, please help out during breaks.

We will also be selling raffle tickets as a fundraiser during the weeks before Thanksgiving.

Thanks and remember, if you are between the ages of 12-18 and are interested in joining GOYA, please talk to one of us and come to our next meeting.

Nick Papadimitriou

Gladsome Light Dialogues

The Gladsome light Dialogues are back! Our meetings will continually to be weekly, at 7PM, following the Paraklesis. Our current Cycle of dialogues concentrates on the various aspects of marriage, parenting and family life in general. It will continue until November 5 2008. On October 22nd will have our second Evening Film Dialogue with a movie relating to the current main theme of the Dialogues.

Please find bellow the discussion topics for October:

10/1/2008 Marriage: meaning and purpose, Prayer and sacraments in family life

10/8/2008 No Dialogues

10/15/2008 Undefined bed: marriage and sexuality

10/22/2008 Evening Film Dialogues

10/29/2008 Breaking apart: Orthodoxy and divorce

2008 Foodfest Update

Leo and Teresa Alexander are signing up volunteers in the Hall after service each Sunday. Please see them to volunteer your time. They will give you the details on shifts, food coupons, etc.

Taverna Night- Please contact Stacey Huber for table reservations at 817-320-1187.

We desperately need help Saturday, October 4th, at 9am to build the stage. We also need many volunteers starting at Noon on Monday, October 6th, throughout the week to assist in the tough task of set up. Every year, we seem to have just a few that help. If everyone pitches in, we can be done in no time! Please see Leo Alexander, Bill, or Larry for details!

Wednesday October 1st BAKLAVA

Sunday October 5th PACKAGING- Chair- Stacia and Lynn- All Parishioners are asked to help after Church

Monday October 6th BREAD- Chair- Toni Nicholas

Tuesday October 7th BREAD

Wednesday, October 8th Rizogalo- Chair- Stacia Leeders

Dates to be Determined- Dolmathes- Chair- Stacey Huber

We need your help! Baking is a monumental task that is vital to the success of the Festival! Please volunteer for as many of these events as you can! And yes, the men are not only

welcome, but needed! Have you ever lifted those bags of flour or tubs of grape leaves??!! Men- there is an added bonus...there is usually food at these sessions! Come on down and help!

We will be sending out reminder e-mails just prior to each event.

GALATOBOURIKO PREPARATIONS will be on Tuesday, Sept 16th in the church hall starting at 9:30 a.m. We can use lots of help and you know it is always fun!. We will try to get it all done in one day. Please pack a sack lunch ... drinks will be available. Any questions, please call Athena Pachares 817-236-8684. Thanks!!!!

Here is to a great Festival this year!
Bill Wright

Festival Dancers

Practices will continue for our dance groups as follows:

Oct. 4- Asteria- 10:00am/ Hellenic Dancers- 11:30am
Oct. 5- Opa, Olympian, Hellenic Dancers & Asteria

Practices will begin immediately following church & coffee hour on the Sunday dates. Please make every effort to attend all practices as the Festival is just around the corner.

Thank you, Laurie, Maria & Christine

Choir Notes

Ask most anyone in the adult choir when they started their ministry and you will find out that most members began in their youth; back when they may not have been able to read music or were just learning Greek or were dragged to church each Sunday by their loving parents!

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This is why our youth choir is so important. Our children can start serving the Lord at a young age, contributing to our beautiful liturgy, learning Greek, being formed in a ministry that can last a lifetime.

The call has been put forth to invite ALL youth of our parish, ages 1st grade through 12th, to join the choir. The middle school and high school youth have been invited personally and the elementary grade children were given a sign-up form. We also invite any young adults (college and up) to join the adult choir. Please see Bill Poletes.

It is our hope that we will build our youth choir strong enough to be able to sing the entire liturgy by Jan 2009. With dedicated practices and more members, we can accomplish this!!!

The adult choir welcomes 3 new members: George & Olympia Genovezos and Kirsten Shah. Kirsten comes with the experience of being the choir director at Holy Cross in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Joanie Ruppel
Youth Choir Director, Organist

Church School News

Church school started with a rousing success. There was excitement as they shared their summer adventures with each other. Father Vasile gave all the children and the church school teachers a special blessing to kick off the school year. Our children need your support and encouragement to have a great church school year.

Please remember 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.stjohn.tx.goarch.org. We use the information on these forms to plan classes and for the monthly birthday cakes. We ask for a donation to offset the cost of books and supplies used in class.

Each child will have a workbook this year. This workbook is kept at church till the end of the school year when we send them home for parents to review and reinforce with the children during the summer.

We will participate in the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program organized by the Philoptothos. Church School and will collect items starting October 26th. Please send something with your children so that they may contribute to the basket themselves.

Oct. 26 Begin the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program - bring a canned vegetable (can of corn, green beans, yams) and a canned fruit (cranberry sauce, fruit pie filling)

Nov. 2 Bring flour, stuffing mix or drink.

Godparent's Sunday and Open House is November 9th. 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.

We began lessons on proper etiquette for church and church school. Each child has a copy of an instructional booklet to take home. You can help us by reviewing this lesson with your children periodically. There will be extra copies in the narthex.

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If you have any comments and/or suggestions, you can contact me any time at 817-741-4324 or moutafis@verizon.net.

Khanh Moutafis

Ageless Wonders

The Ageless wonders will meet on Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 at 9:30 AM at the church to carpool to Granbury, Texas for a fun outing and change of scenery!!! After the stress of our foodfest, we need a break!! As a reminder, Takis and Jan Sofokidis are hosting coffee hour on Oct.26th.

Please call me for details.....Margaret Chokas.....817-917-4771.

Website

The new Parish Website is ready at <http://stjohnfw.info> with improved design and functionality. Also our Greek Fest site is up at <http://midcitiesgreekfest.info>. The sites will be continuously updated with news and information.

Your's in Christ,
Sorin Berca
Website Administrator

Usher Schedule

1st Sunday: George Moutafis, Cynthia Pursley
2nd Sunday: Takis Sofoklidis, Harry Karegeannes
3rd Sunday: Bill Wright, Tim Cline
4th Sunday: Barbara Vittas, Larry Leeders
5th Sunday: Nancy Medvic, Lou Antahades

Nursery Attendants Schedule

The Nursery is accepting children 3 years old and under.

Attendants will be ready and waiting to take care of your little ones. The attendants will leave and

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go to the service if children do not arrive by 10:30.

In His Service,
Marsha Arapis

Nursery Attendants Schedule

Oct. 5: Marsha Arapis
Oct. 12: Elizabeth Popescu
Oct. 19: To Be Announced
Oct. 26: To Be Announced

Please thoughtfully consider becoming a Nursery Attendant. Contact Marsha Arapis
marshaarapis@yahoo.com

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

Coffee Hour Schedule

1st Sun.: Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Matheson
2nd Sun: Philoptochos
3rd Sun: Parish Council
4th Sun: Ageless Wonders
5th Sun: Parish Council (If Applicable)

Pointsettias

Coming in November for the Christmas Season, Philoptochos will be selling Poinsettia plants which can be placed in Church in memory and honor of someone special.

Coffe Hour

Due to the rising cost of food and the decline in donations, the church has decided to supply only bagel's and cream cheese/jelly instead of sweets for Sunday coffee hour. Also, only coffee, juice and punch will be served instead of sodas. Groups or individuals hosting the coffee hour may supplement with additional items if they so choose.

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

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