

# 2nd Sunday of Luke - October 4, 2020

## St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church



**SYNAXARION:** Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens; Domnina the Martyr and her daughters; John the Hermit

**Resurrectional Apolytikion (Plagal 4th Mode):** From Above did You descend O Christ our God. For us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be relieved from passions in this world. You who are our Resurrection and our Life: Glory to You, O Lord.

**Apolytikion of St. John the Baptist:** The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the proph-ets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.

**Kontakion:** A protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good, your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you. Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.

**Memorial Service:** Fr. Sam Kalamaras (40 days); Melpomene Diamantides (2 years); Milton Diamantides (11 years)

# Readings for the 2nd Sunday of Luke

## Epistle Reading is from 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God

## Gospel Reading is from Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

## Check out [EngageOrthodoxy.net](http://EngageOrthodoxy.net)

Engage Orthodoxy (EO) is a Pan-Orthodox Christian community seeking to foster communion among all people. EO serves as a home for resources for orthodox and non-orthodox christians alike as we collectively pursue and inquire after the ancient faith. "Engage Orthodoxy" is not only the name of this new site, but it is also the name of a movement away from division and towards unity. Engage Orthodoxy is a movement towards community, involvement, Orthodox friendships, and relationships. EO seeks to bring the the faithful, the curious, the lost, and the searching TOWARDS their faith and Christ and in turn, towards each other. Engage Orthodoxy is a movement forward into the future of the faith. Join us as we move toward Christ, toward each other, and toward the church.

*Answer these thought provoking questions about today's Gospel Reading in the adult and teen Sunday school lesson. Click [HERE](#).*

*[Click here to Download this Week's Children's Word from MyOCN.](#)*

## Happy Birthday!

This month we will begin publishing those who are celebrating their birthdays. We will continue to do this every month. If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

Harry Koutroumanis -- October 4

Fatin Kwasny -- October 4

Olympia Stilian -- October 5

Alexander Sotiropoulos -- October 6

Emily Nicklow -- October 8

George Bedran -- October 10

Allison Kent -- October 10

Jenny Klimis -- October 10

Alexandros Korakis -- October 10

Justin Papadakis -- October 10



# Update and Announcements

**Sunday School has begun.** - Please do this with your children. There will be a video presentation for pre-school through sixth grade. There is a sheet of questions for teens and adults.

**[Click here for the video presentation!](#)**

**[Click here for the lesson and challenge for today!](#)**

**GOYA - There will be a GOYA meeting from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 4 in person. Please come on time and meet in the church.**

**GriefShare has begun** - GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each GriefShare session has three distinct elements: Video seminar with experts, support group discussion with focus and personal study and reflection. We will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. initially via zoom on Tuesdays beginning September 3, for 13 weeks, ending on Thursday, December 10. For more information please contact Donna Hambos at 813-843-8412 or [dhambos@msn.com](mailto:dhambos@msn.com). Books for the program will be provided. Donation for the book suggested but not required. Open to all family and friends. *Griefshare remains open enrollment with support towards healing and hope. You can begin at any time. If you attended last semester and missed a day or two, you can come for those days or repeat the whole thing.*

**Women's Bible Study** - We will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. via zoom. Fr. Stavros will again lead this group this year. If you would like to join our women's Bible study group, please contact Fr. Stavros at [frstav@gmail.com](mailto:frstav@gmail.com) and he will add you. Also, each participant will receive a link to purchase a book for this year. We will be studying the Epistle of James.

**Monday Night Bible Study** will continue via zoom. The Monday night Bible study with Charlie will be held October 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you are not currently part of the Monday night Bible study and would like to join in, please contact Charlie at [chambos@stjohntpa.org](mailto:chambos@stjohntpa.org) and he will add you.

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Amanda, Andrew, Colton, Miranda, Charlotte Elizabeth, Nuha, Nabeel, Michael, Amal, John, Elaine, Olga, Virginia Georgiou, Ron Myer, Toulia Tsaros, Fr. Pat Legato, Nellie Pringle, Robert Calbi, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Alex Martinez, Adriana Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Nichole Ross, Daniel Ross, Daniella Ross, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Matthew & Family, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Robert and Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Anastasia Smyrnakis, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Ana Mourer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zhana Temelkova, Stanislava Terzieva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.