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## St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

July 3, 2022

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)  
 Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)  
 Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)

(Icon of the Twelve Apostles)

**VISION:**  
Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

**MISSION:**  
The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to welcome and serve people with love, truth, joy and peace, and to create an environment that encourages all to seek salvation through Orthodox Christianity.

**CORE VALUES:**  
Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

**SYNAXARION:**  
Hyacinth the Martyr; Anatolius the Archbishop; Theodotus, Theodota, Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiades, and Golinduc the Martyrs; Mark and Mokian the Martyrs; Gerasimos the New

**Resurrectional Apolytikion (Second Mode):** Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove When You descended to the realm of death, You for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal even to those in Hades: that God was manifested blow, through Your Divine Radiance. And when in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the You, from the depths of Hades and the darkness world, and grants to us His great mercy. below, did raise the dead all the powers of heav- en did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.

**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 prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One

**Kontakion (Second Mode):**  
A protection of Christians unshamable, interces- sor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. In- stead, 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 sup- plicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.

**Welcome to all of our Visitors** “Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7 We pray that your worship experience with us today will be inspirational and uplifting. Please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Welcoming Ministry and pick-up a “welcome packet” as you exit the church. We are happy that you are with us today!

**Holy Communion** is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting. Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Please Be Reverent During Holy Communion** We’re asking everyone to refrain from speaking during Holy Communion. We are to approach the chalice “with fear of God, faith, and love” and have this time to focus our attention on the Lord and the Grace He pours out to us.

- Order for Holy Communion**—With Sunday School back in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:
1. Choir
  2. Altar boys
  3. Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
  4. Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
  5. Then the rest of the congregation

**Memorials**  
John Emon Anthousis (40 Days), Evangelia Kalogidis (15 Years), George Kalogidis (21 Years)

Upcoming Services & Events		
Sunday, July 3	Orthros 8:45 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, July 10	Orthros 8:45 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Monday, July 11	Monday Night Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 14	Thursday Night Book Study	6:30 p.m.

**Fifty- Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project**

July 3-9

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.*

*Galatians 5:1*

This week we celebrate the 4th of July, or more properly called, Independence Day. When we refer to this holiday only as “the 4th of July”, it marks it as just another day off. By calling it “Independence Day” we recall the historical event of America declaring independence 246 years ago, and also celebrate the concept of freedom. We live at a time when everyone is pro-moting their own sense of freedom, even if their expression of freedom “enslaves” someone else. True freedom is found in Christ, and when we express freedom in a Christian way, we work to make sure that others feel free. The “yoke of slavery” that St. Paul refers to is, among other things, the yoke of sin. Christ came in order to free us from sin, yet there are many people who choose live under the burdensome yoke of sin. St. Paul urges us to not yoke ourselves (get stuck in) to sinful behaviors, but to follow after Christ, so that we can feel what it truly feels like to be free.

## MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

### GriefShare to Resume in August

Thank you to Donna Hambos for finishing our fourth semester of GriefShare, our small group ministry dedicated to people who have lost loved ones. This group will resume either in later August or early September with another 13-week program. We know that there have been several people this spring who have lost loved ones. Please keep this very beneficial program in mind over the summer so that you can participate in the fall.

### St. John's Bookstore-Kid's Book Sale

Stock up for summer reading! Look for the pink dots and receive 1/2 off selected children's books when you purchase another children's book of equal or greater value at our always low bookstore pricing!



### Fr. Stavros & Vasili Away at Camp

Fr. Stavros will leave on June 30, and Vasili will leave on July 1. They will be away at the St. Stephens Camp in South Carolina, and will be back in Church on July 10.

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Fr. John Stefero by either his cell phone: (678) 637-4425, or email: [jwstefero50@hotmail.com](mailto:jwstefero50@hotmail.com). Should you need to schedule a sacrament (Baptism, Wedding, 40-Day blessing), please email Vasili at [vasili@stjohntpa.org](mailto:vasili@stjohntpa.org), and he will contact you as soon as he can when he returns.

## Readings for July 3

**Prokeimenon:** The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation. The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

### The Epistle Reading is according to Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-10)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

### The Gospel Reading according to Matthew (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Roger Zesis; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Keith Lynn & Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Constantinos & Kalotina Klimis; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toulia Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, 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, Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Koudouna, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Denise Badrane, Don Payne, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.



Liturgical Notes

Sunday, July 17 St. Marina -

St. Marina brought many people to Christ. She was tortured for her faith. And each time she was tortured, she was healed. She was martyred in the third century.



FAITH & FUN

Summer Program

JUNE 19  
JULY 10 & JULY 17

Our Faith and Fun Summer Program will be filled with fun activities and crafts to strengthen our students' faith. We are offering this program to our rising Pre-K3 through 6th graders.

Receive Communion with your pew.  
We meet following Communion.

Pre-K3 - Pre-K4 will meet in the Pre-K Room

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade will meet in the Toddler 2 Classroom - Admin Building

3rd - 6th Grade will meet in the music room.

The Chosen Summer Viewing

What: A small group viewing and study of season two of the TV show: “The Chosen,” a show that focuses on Jesus’ ministry and His chosen people.

Who: Three separate groups for girls, boys (ages 10-18), and any adult interested.

Where: Girls group: School library  
Boys group: Pre-school Classroom  
Adults: The Zaharias Room

When: July 17, 24, 31 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Light lunch provided)

See Vasili Panagopoulos or email him at [vasili@stjohntpa.org](mailto:vasili@stjohntpa.org) to register and sign up!

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

If you want to make sure we have your birthdate on file, please call the office.

Birthdays		Namedays
July 3	Gryphon Borgeas-Beach	Anatolios, Yakinthos, Zoumboulia
July 4	Maddox Gregory, Alan Hadaway	
July 5	Gregory Chiakulas, Rick Garcia, John Palios, Harry Spirides	Lampados
July 6	Dean Mitseas, Kristin Nicolaou	Lykios, Satyros
July 7		Kyriaki
July 8	Madeline Schad, Sheila Vukmer	Prokopis, Theofilos
July 9	Gennaro Scarfogliero	Pagratios

Altar Boy Schedule

Anyone attending may serve All Summer	Captains John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Yanni Trimikliniotis James Magos Demetri Passalaris	Anyone attending may serve All Summer
		