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Young Adults

Young at Heart:

Youth Protection:



St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church



September 10, 2023

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)

Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)

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Sunday before Holy Cross

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:

Sunday before Holy Cross; Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs; Poulcheria the Empress

Resurrectional Apolytikion:

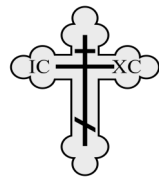
Co-eternal with the Father and Spirit is the Word Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation we the faithful both praise and worship Him. For in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the cross and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead by His all Glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Feast:

Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He destroyed the ancient curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life.

Apolytikion of St. John:

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 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.



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.

Order for Holy Communion—With Sunday School out of 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

Trisagion:

Vasili Gergi (9 days) ;Lena Bouboulis (40 days) ; Demetri Passalaris (9 years)

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday September 10

Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Dance Practice

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Monday September 11

In Remembrance of 9/11
Orthros 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday September 12

Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Ministry Heads Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 13

Paraklesis 6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice

Thursday September 14

Holy Cross
Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Young Adult Discussion 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday September 16

Community Outreach

Sunday September 17

Orthros 8:45 a.m.
Blood Drive 11a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
Dance Practice
College Student Day
GOYA 5:00 p.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Donations for those affected during Hurricane Idalia & Fires in Hawaii.
Contribution basket is located in the front at the Baptistry Area.

Religious Education at **St. John**

Monday Night
Bible Study

Leader:
Fr. John

September 11: **Monday**
at
6:30 p.m.

Women’s
Bible Study

Leader:
Fr. Stavros
September 12th :
Tuesday at
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to the Tampa Bay area or just visiting, we would love to get to know you better.

PLEASE TEXT THE WORD

"WELCOME" TO 813-790-5950

FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE US
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND FROM THERE
YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE CONNECTION CARD

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW *hospitality* TO STRANGERS.
FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED *angels* unaware.
HEBREWS 13:2

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore - Want to learn more about Orthodoxy?

Our bookstore stocks a full line of books specifically chosen to broaden your knowledge and deepen your faith. Stop in our bookstore today to browse our extensive collection.



Greek Dance Groups

Y Hara Mas (3rd-6th grades) will have Greek dance practice **today**. Please meet by the stage in the Kourmoulis Center at 12:15pm (during coffee hour). Please get your snacks before practice! We will continue practices every Sunday following the Divine Liturgy, from 12:15 to 12:45pm, until our Greek Festival in November. Please contact Maraquet Edquid (813-422-8963) with any questions.

GOYA

The GOYA Meeting for September will be Sunday, September 17, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner, as always, will be provided.

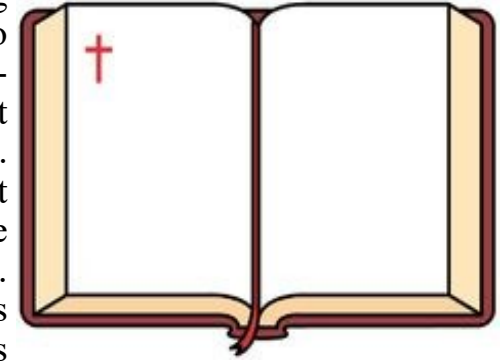


Readings for Sunday, September 10

**Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Psalm 27.9,1**

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.



The reading is from John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Donations Needed for Vasiliko for the Feast of the Holy Cross

We need Vasiliko (Basil) for the services of the Holy Cross. Please bring Vasiliko for Tuesday, September 14, and Sunday, September 17. Please bring to the welcome table by 10:00 a.m on all the days, so we will have time to make up the tray. The Procession for the Holy Cross will be held on Tuesday, September 14 and repeated on Sunday, September 18.





St. John is responsible to have 6 volunteers sign up each month.


SIGN UP! Have a heart, lend a hand, and make a difference.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2023

OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 2023 IS AS FOLLOWS:
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16,
OCTOBER 21, NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 16.
TIME: 8:00 AM - 10 AM
PLACE: TAMPA HOPE
3704 E. 3RD AVENUE
TAMPA, FL. 33605



Sign up via SIGNUP GENIUS



DONATE BLOOD

St. John's Greek Orthodox Church
Sunday, September 17
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM


All donors receive*:
- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.


Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **14583**

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Sign up here!



Service Commemorating the Anniversary of
September 11, 2001

Choir: (Evlogitos Ei Christe o Theos Imon)
Blessed are You, o Christ our God, who as All-wise the fishermen you showed forth, by sending Your Holy Spirit down upon them, and through them, the universe You drew unto Your net, O Lover of Mankind Glory to You.

Choir: (Soson Kyrie)
Save o Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Give vict'ry to those who battle evil, and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Choir: (Ti Upermacho)
Victorious lady, mighty champion defending us
We your servants, now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks
For you rescue us from suffering and tribulation
Theotokos, with your power that can never fail
Keep us safe from every danger our whole life long
That we may cry to you "rejoice o Bride unwedded."

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great love, we pray to You hear us and have mercy.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians

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Priest: Again we pray for our Archbishop Alexios and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life peace, health, salvation, visitation, protection, pardon and remission of the sins of the servants of God, all devout and Orthodox Christians living and residing in this community and city, for the members, council members, trustees and benefactors of this Holy and Sacred Church.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for our country, the United States of America, for our President, for those in civil authority, for the men and women who serve in our

armed forces and their families, and for those living in areas of conflict throughout our nation and throughout the world.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for the reconciliation of nations, the ending of hostilities and the establishment of peace in the world.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, protection, strength and healing for the servants of God, all those whose lives were affected by the terrorist attack on America on September 11, for their health and salvation, let us pray.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray for the repose of the souls of God's servants, those who fell asleep in the Lord during and after the terrorist attack on America on September 11, and for the forgiveness of their sins voluntary and involuntary; that the Lord our God will place their souls where the just repose, let us ask for the mercies of God, the kingdom of heaven and for the remission of their sins from Christ our immortal king and our God.

People: Aionia I Mnimi, Aionia I Mnimi, Aionia Auton I Mnimi
May their memory be eternal, may their memory be eternal.
Aionia I Mnimi, Aionia I Mnimi, Aionia Auton I Mnimi

Priest: Again we pray for the protection and safekeeping of this Holy Church, this city and every city and town, from wrath, famine, pestilence, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, foreign invasions, civil strife and accidental death. That our good and loving God may be merciful, gracious and favorable to us, that He may turn and keep away from us all wrath and sickness, and deliver us from His impending justified chastisement and have mercy on us.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Again we pray that the Lord our God will hear the voice of the petitions of us sinners and

Continued:

Altar Boy Schedule

September 10th

Michael Snyder
Zachary Carter
Dorian Setzer-Torres
Leo Lendaros
Niko Kyrus
Josh Roby
Michael Svintsitskiy
Michael Kwasny

Captains


Demetri Passalaris
Nicholas Akrotirianakis
Nicholas Magos
Nicholas Carter
George Xenick
PJ Zelatis

September 17th

Teddy Kafentaris
Andreas Stefanou
Kris Christopher
Vasilios Panos
Jonah Blankenbaker
Theodore Edquid

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & TOPICS


September 10th
Prayer
CLASS PHOTOS



September 17th
Sign of the Cross
9th– 12th Boys will stay in Altar

If you do not receive our weekly Sunday School Constant Contact every Friday afternoon, please e-mail Vickie Peckham to let her know. Her e-mail address is vickiepeckham@gmail.com

Liturgical Notes

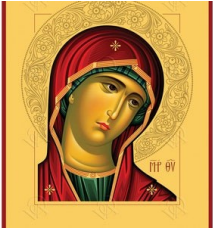


Monday, September 11 – Day of Remembrance—21 Year Anniversary of 9/11

This year marks 22 years since the terrorist attack on America on 9/11/01. Every year, we have paused to offer some service in remembrance of this day. On Monday, September 11, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy, to call the Holy Spirit down upon not only the Holy Gifts but on all of us, in Tampa and throughout the United States. We will have a memorial service of re-membrance at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. You are encouraged to pause and pray on 9/11.

Wednesday, September 13 – Paraklesis Service of Supplication to the Virgin Mary

We will offer the Paraklesis service once a month, to pray for all the members of our community, as well as any special prayer requests that you may have. We will rotate between mornings and evening. The Paraklesis service for September will be Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.



Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross -

This Major Feast Day commemorates the finding of the Precious Cross of Christ by St. Helen in the year 325. This day is equal in solemnity to Good Friday, as it draws our attention to the supreme sacrifice made by the Lord for us. Connected with September 14 is the Tradition of the Vasiliko. St. Helen went in search of the Precious Cross. In Je-rusalem, she found the hill of Golgotha. But she did not know where to search for the cross. Vasiliko (Basil), a sweet scented plant, was found growing on the hillside. She looked beneath the Basil and that's where the cross was found. It is the Tradition of the Church that a Procession is held on September 14, where Basil is placed on a tray along with a cross and it is carried above the heads of the faithful. We will hold this procession on September 14, and also repeat it on Sunday, September 17.

Community News

Young Adult Dinner/Discussion-Thursday, September 14-

Our young adult group meets once a month for dinner/discussion (and other times for fellowship and service). We will have a meeting on Thursday, September 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kourmolis Center. All young adults, ages 18-40, are invited to participate. We will be having a monthly discussion based on some set topics. This month’s topic is “Salvation: What is it & Why does it matter.” Group Members use What’s App for communication. Please contact Aris Rogers to be added to our what’s app for young adults at 813-309-5525.



JOY Tweens

Mark your calendars! Our first JOY Tweens meeting of the year, for 4th to 6th graders, will be Sunday, September 24, following Divine Liturgy at 12:15pm.

PAREA DANCE GROUP (7th-12th graders)

PAREA’s first dance practice to prepare for the festival will be held on Sunday, September 24, after church. We will have practice every Sunday after that unless there is a GOYA meeting that day (October 1, 15, 22 and 29). We are also planning to have a couple of Saturday practices given the limited time we have before the festival. Please email Marina Choundas at mchoundas@outlook.com if your child will be dancing in the Parea dance group this year and provide your child’s name, age, grade and your (the parent/guardian’s) email and cell number. Thank you!



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ST. JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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- SPEAK GREEK
- READ GREEK
- WRITE GREEK

- BASIC GRAMMAR & MORE.
- SOME GREEK HISTORY
- BOOK INCLUDED IN PRICE

PRICE PER SESSION IS \$150 FOR CHURCH MEMBERS AND \$175 FOR NON-MEMBERS. IF YOUR INTERESTED IN JOINING, PLEASE REACH OUT TO MS. MAGDALINI MYER AT ASPIS69@AOL.COM OR (813) 523-5771



Philoptochos Thanks You!

The Ladies of Philoptochos thank you for your support of our Metropolis Youth on Fanouropita Sunday. With the help of chairperson - Jeanie Nenos, decorating chairperson - Amy Kafantaris, and our many bakers and volunteers, the ladies raised a generous amount which will be used exclusively for youth programs in our Metropolis. Not yet a member of Philoptochos? Please join us in our philanthropic mission as “friends of the poor”.

LOOK FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION AND PLAN TO JOIN US AS WE AND OUR NURSING MINISTRY PARTICIPATE IN THE MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK – OCTOBER 28th



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have mercy on us.

People: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Priest: Hear us o God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and from those who live far off on the sea. Be gracious towards us, o Master, towards our many sins, and have mercy on us. For You are a merciful and loving God and to You we offer up Glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Kyrie Eleison

Priest: O Lord, our God, Creator and Sovereign ruler of all, who has blessed our country as a land of freedom and opportunity, we ask that You extend Your hand from heaven and place it upon our nation especially today, as we commemorate a dark and sad day in our history. We pray that You will grant rest to the souls of all those who died in faith on September 11, 2001. We pray that You will continue to grant healing to those who were wounded on that day, and that You will grant comfort to those who are still in grief over the loss of their loved ones. We ask that Your Holy Angels surround and protect the men and women of our armed forces, together with their families; that You will bless and guide the decisions of our President and all those in civil authority and public service. We beseech You that You will shine in our hearts and inspire us to work for peace in our nation and in our world. In places where there is violence, bring peace. In places

of spiritual darkness, bring the Light of Christ. In places of sadness, bring joy. In places of hate, bring love. In places of turmoil, bring reconciliation. And in places of despair, bring hope. As You have guided and protect our nation both in times of war and times of peace, we ask for Your continued guidance and blessings on our nation and all those living in it. And as You created the world with Your powerful arm, we ask that You guide us to refashion it according to the way You created it and to honor all people in the way that You have created us, in Your image and likeness. Hear us, O God our Savior and help us, save us, have mercy on us and protect us by Your Grace.

For You are the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls and to You we offer glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

People: God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Through the night with the Light from
Above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet
home.

God bless America, my home sweet home.

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Melissa Romero, Sandra Reyes, Miltiadis, Larry Maas; Konstantinos Triantafyllopoulos; Kostadinos Booras; Michael I, Anna Maria & Thomas Reilly; Jim Armstrong, Calliope Herman; Delaney & Alexis Johnson; Ron & Linda Ledet; Helen & Mike Mitchell; Marcelle T., Joanna & Yenay R., Carlos R., Elena, Ricky& Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; ; George Joseph; Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Christopher Labatos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toula Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, 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, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna S. Dora K., Debbie P., Mary V., David V., Don Payne, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT
ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY?
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FOUR WEEK COURSE

Orthodoxy 101

BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER & OFFERED BY
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WHY SHOULD I ATTEND ORTHODOXY 101?

· INTERFAITH COUPLES. THIS WILL
HELP THE NON-ORTHODOX PERSON
UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT WHAT IS
GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH.

· ANYONE WHO IS CONSIDERING
JOINING OUR CHURCH. GOING
FORWARD, THIS CLASS WILL BE A
REQUIREMENT FOR THOSE WHO
WISH TO JOIN OUR ORTHODOX
FAITH.

· NEW CONVERTS TO ORTHODOXY.
FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY JOINED
OUR CHURCH AND WHO WANT TO
KNOW A LITTLE BIT MORE.

· ANYONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT THE BASICS OF OUR
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REFRESHER

WHAT FORMAT CAN I EXPECT?

A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WITH PRESENTATIONS, INTERACTIVE DISCUSSIONS,
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CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 6:30-8:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY.

Please sign up with Fr. Stavros at frstav@gmail.com, so he has enough materials for everyone.
There is no charge for this class.

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WHEN WILL THE CLASSES BE HELD?

· MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
A TOUR OF THE ORTHODOX
CHURCH: WHAT WE SEE AND
WHAT IT MEANS

· MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
INTRODUCTION TO THE
SACRAMENTS—BAPTISM,
CHRISMATION, CONFESSION,
MARRIAGE, UNCTION

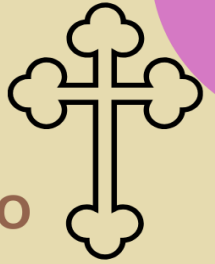
· MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
THE DIVINE LITURGY—
A "TEACHING" LITURGY

· MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
ORTHODOX TRADITIONS—
FASTING, ICONS, PRAYER AND
LIVING AN ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN LIFE

JOIN US FOR OUR

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Saturday, September 30
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Theme: Renewal of Mind and Soul: A Discussion with an
Orthodox Priest and an Orthodox Therapist

Presenters: Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis, priest of
St. John Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, FL



Mary Ann Konstas, licensed Mental Health Counselor



\$15.00 (lunch included)

Retreat to be held at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox
Church, 2418 Swann Avenue, Tampa, FL

RSVP to kim@stjohntpa.org by Monday, September 25