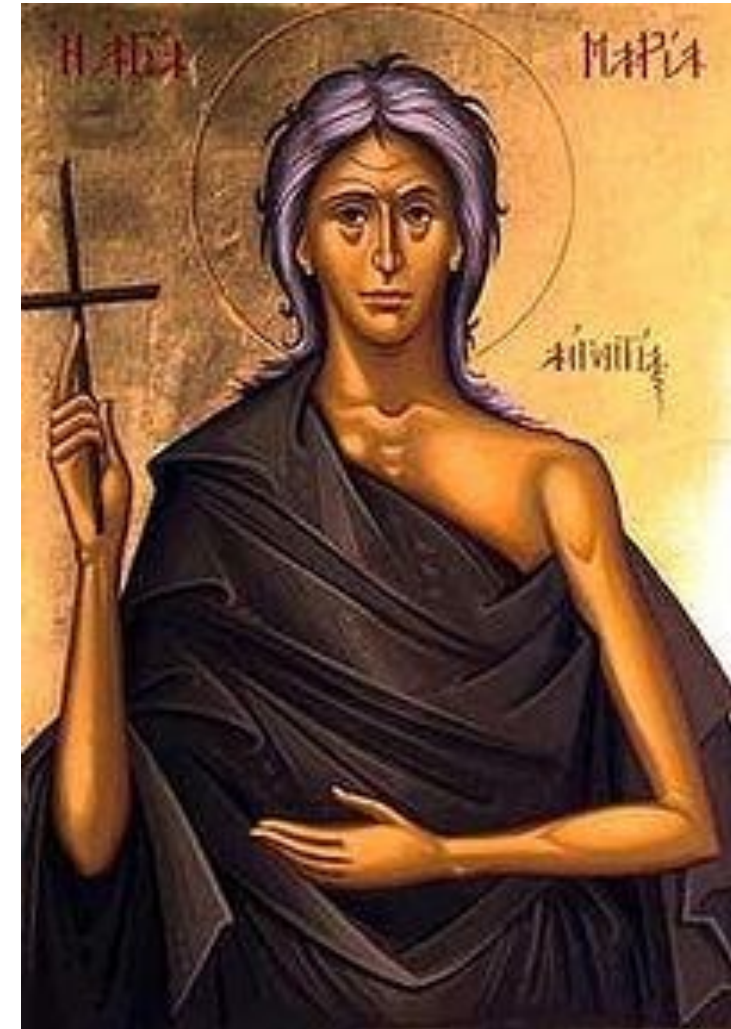


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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

April 10, 2022 - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)

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(Icon of St. Mary Egypt)

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In you, O Mother, was preserved, intact what was in
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Kontakion (Plagal Fourth Mode):
A protection of Christians unshamable, 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.

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Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday, April 10	Sunday of St. Mary Of Egypt Orthros 8:30 a.m. GOYA	Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 11	Great Compline Bible Study	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 12	Women's Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 13	9th Hour Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Lenten Dinner to follow	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 14	Adult Greek School Griefshare	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 15	9th Hour Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Registry Photography	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 16	Saturday of Lazarus Orthros 8:30 a.m. Proskomide 9:30 a.m. Registry Photography	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 17	Palm Sunday Orthros 8:30 a.m. Luncheon to follow Vespers Bridegroom	Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 18	Holy Monday 9th Hour Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Bridegroom Service	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.

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April 10-16

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Education at St. John		
<u>Fr. John's Bible Study</u> Leader: Fr. John Day: Monday 6:30 p.m.	<u>Women's Bible Study</u> Leader: Fr. Stavros Day: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.	<u>Greek School</u> Leader: Magda Myer Day: Thursday 6:00 p.m.

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MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES


Community Outreach - This Saturday!
On the 3rd Saturday of each month, we volunteer 2 1/2 hours of our time to provide for the needy and homeless of our community in East Tampa. We partner with local charity Matthew 25, Metropolitan Ministries and USF Medical School to serve breakfast, provide clothing and medical needs for our guests.

Click on our Sign Up Genius below. If you forget to sign up, you can still come!
Tampa Hope @ 3704 E. 3rd Ave. Tampa East
8:00 AM to 10:30AM

We hope to see you there!

GOYA Meeting, TODAY
Our GOYA will be meeting today at 5:00 p.m. As always, dinner will be provided. We hope to see you then!

 **St. John's Bookstore - Paschal Items now Available!!**
Items are now available for the remainder of your journey to Pascha. Holy week service books, red egg dye imported from Greece, wooden and glass eggs with display stands, Resurrection icons, and children's books are some of the many items in stock. Stop by our bookstore today to view our selection.

 **GriefShare** meets every Thursday In-Person at 6:30 p.m. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you’ve lost a spouse, child, family member, or friends you’ve probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions. “Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you’re shivering.” 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. on Thursdays. For more information please contact Donna Hambos at 813-843-8412 or 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.

New Church Directory Photo Shoot
Dear parishioners,
It's time for a new church directory! We will have two photographers at our church taking photos of our parishioners for our new church directory. Please mark down the following dates and times in your calendar to coordinate with your families.
-April 15 (Friday) & 16 (Saturday): 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
-April 29 (Friday) & 30 (Saturday): 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Everyone photographed will receive a free directory!
The sign-up link can be found here: <https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php>
Username: fl776 Password: photos

March is Θαλασσαιμία/Cooley’s Anemia Month
ST JOHN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
and AHEPA Tampa Chapter #12

Cooley’s anemia or **Θαλασσαιμία/Thalassemia** is an inherited blood disorder which mostly affects people of Mediterranean descent.

- We will be conducting a Cooley’s Anemia potential donor cheek SWAB screening this Sunday April 3rd after Liturgy on the Church Hall.
- We have an incredible opportunity to add more willing, committed and available new members to the national “Be The Match Registry”.
- If you are between ages 18-40, please consider getting screened to be a potential donor and save a life.
- Additional swabs may be available to take home for family and friends or
- Text EllasMatch to 61474 or
- Scan the QR Code

Pascha Bakesale - April 16 & 17
First come... first serve... while supplies last!
Spanakopita 2lb pan \$20
Spanakopita/Tyropita Triangles 48 pieces \$30
Tsourekis \$10
Koulourakia \$7
Paximathia \$5
South Tampa Sugar Mama Easter Cookie \$4

Palm Sunday Luncheon - April 17
Join us for a traditional Palm Sunday Luncheon
Adults \$15.00
Children \$5
*all proceeds go to Philoptochos charities

Help Needed
Many hands make light work! We need volunteers to make skorthalia and deserts. We also need help setting up, serving and cleaning up. If you can help, please contact Lisa Alsina:
(813) 728-1094 - lisaalsina@gmail.com



Readings for St. John Climacus

Prokeimenon: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You. Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

The Epistle Reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Gospel Reading is from Mark (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Felix; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Mary & 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, Ron Myer, Toulas Tsaros, Fr. Pat Legato, 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, 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, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

Sunday, April 10

Youth Sunday (7th-12th Grade Music at 11:40 a.m.)
Topic: Holy Week - Fifth Sunday of Great Lent

Sunday, April 17

Topic: Holy Week - Palm Sunday
All Students Involved in Palm Sunday Procession

Friday, April 22

Topic: Good Friday Retreat

Sunday, April 24

PASCHA - No Sunday School

Liturgical Notes

Divine Liturgy to begin at 9:45 a.m. on the Sundays of Great Lent

Since the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is offered on each Sunday of Lent, and this Divine Liturgy is slightly longer than the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:45 a.m. from March 13-April 17. The Choir will begin the Doxology at 9:40 a.m.

Sunday, April 10– Fifth Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt

St. Mary of Egypt was anything but a Saint throughout the first part of her life. From a very young age, she was a prostitute. Being from Egypt, she decided that she wanted to see the Holy Land and the Tomb of Christ (also known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre). As she went to enter the Church, a force kept her from entering. She was unable to enter, while so many others did. She realized that God had done this to have her stop her sinning. She promised to God that day she would stop. She repented with a pure heart, and she was allowed to enter. She went for Confession, received Holy Communion, and then went to the desert to live for years in repentance. Years later, she was visited by a Priest-monk, Zosimos (later a Saint in our Church). He gave her Holy Communion, and they discussed her trials and tribulations. Although she suffered much, she was so happy to be with Christ. Later that same day, she fell asleep in the Lord. Her example of repentance is SO great, we commemorate her life many centuries later.

Saturday of Lazarus—April 16

Father Stavros will do the Proskomide (service of preparation of the Holy Gifts) on the solea at 9:30 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity for those who have never seen this service, especially our children, to learn how the Holy Gifts are prepared before each Liturgy. Father Stavros will offer the service and narrate while he is doing it.

Making Palms Crosses - FREE BREAKFAST

Making Palm crosses will return this year. We haven’t done this since 2019 and we are excited to do it again. We will have a free breakfast after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday of Lazarus, April 16, and will make Palm Crosses after the breakfast. Many hands make light work, so please come for Liturgy, breakfast and making Palm Crosses.

Mondays of Lent - Great Compline

The service of the Great Compline will be read on the following Mondays of Lent—April 11. This service lasts about an hour and consists of Psalms and hymns of repentance. Service Books for this service will be available.

Wednesdays of Lent – 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (also called Pre-Sanctified Liturgy) will be held on the Wednesdays during Great Lent. This service consists of Vespers with Holy Communion that was “Pre-Sanctified” the previous Sunday. It is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion frequently during the season of fasting. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy is preceded by the reading of the 9th Hour, a short service with penitential prayers as well as the recitation of the Creed, a pre-requisite for the reception of Holy Communion. Service books for this service will be available. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be celebrated on the following Wednesdays of Great Lent: Wednesday, April 13. Each ministry is encouraged to attend one Pre-Sanctified Liturgy as follows:

Wednesday, April 13 Parish Council

Fridays of Lent - 9th Hour and Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy has Traditionally been celebrated on Wednesdays AND Fridays of Great Lent. The 9th Hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy from 10:00-11:15 a.m. The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be held on the Fridays of Lent as follows: Friday, April 15.

Holy Friday Vigil - Sign Up Is Live!

As is tradition, we will be holding vigil in reading the Psalter in front of Christ upon the Cross following Holy Thursday evening.

The sign-up genius is live for sign-up and can be accessed at the following link or QR Code:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0548a5af28a1fe3-vigil1



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9th Hour - 5:30 p.m.
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Dinner - 7:15 p.m.
Presentation offered by Fr. Stavros - 7:45 p.m.
Small Group Discussion - 8:15 p.m.
Wrap Up - 8:45 p.m.



Each Wednesday of Great Lent

LENTEN
PRESANCTIFIED
SERIES

H. Have A Plan	3/9
A. Affirm your Faith	3/16
B. Be a Friend	3/23
I. Intentionally Choose Him	3/30
T. Trust Him	4/6
S. Surrender to Him	4/13

New Instagram Page & Contest

Our church now has its own Instagram page, so be sure to go give it a follow, and also tag us in any picture you take here at the Church! Our username is: [stjohntpa](#)



To kick off our new page, we are having an Instagram contest.

Enter to win a signed copy of Fr. Stavros’ new book: “Commissioned to be Apostles.”

- 1.) Follow St. John’s on **Instagram**
- 2.) Post a picture of yourself (or with others) at the Church, about Church in general, etc. and tag St. John’s **@stjohntpa**
- 3.) Entries will be accepted until April 30, and the winner will be announced May 1

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

Birthdays

Namedays

April 10	Joshua Preston	ANAKSIMENIS, DIMOKLIS, DIMOSTHENES, DIONISIS, EPAMINONDAS, ETEOKLIS, FOKION, HERCULES, HOMER, IFESTION, ISOCRATES, MAXIMOS, MILTIADIS, PARMENION, PELOPIDAS, PERICLES, PHILOPIMIN, PIN-DAROS, POLYVIOS, PROMITHEAS, SOCRATES, SOFOCLES, THEMISTOKLIS, THEOFRASTOS, THISEAS, TIMOTHY, XENOFON, ZINON
April 11	Nicholas Kalojiannis, Harris Robinson, Brett Sandborn, Alexis Scarfogliero, Sadie Schad, Anna Thomas	ANTIPAS
April 12	Brett Mourer	AKAKIOS
April 13		GERONTIOS
April 14		ARISTARHOS, THOMAS
April 15	George Cantonis, Gabriele Molina	LEONIDAS
April 16	Liam Boomgarden, Grayson Borgeas-Beach, James Kavouklis, Alexandra Patrascoiu	GALINI, GALINOS, HIONIA, CALIS, NIKI

Altar Boy Schedule

April 10
(St. John)

Christos Nenos
Constantine Ameres
Zachary George
Alex Findlay
Gianni Matassini
Grayson Borgeas-Beech
Gryphon Borgeas-Beech
Nathan Moran

Captains

John Palios
Genaro Scarfogliero
Nicholas Akrotirianakis
Yanni Trimikliniotis
James Magos
Demetri Passalaris

April 17-24

Special Holy Week Schedule will be mailed out

