

JESUS RAISES THE WIDOW'S SON AT NAIN



St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

Third Sunday of Luke
October 10, 2021

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PROISTAMENOS

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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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE SAINTS

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

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 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 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.

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 Divine Liturgy.

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 (lined up in the middle aisle before Communion)
4. Sunday School students (lined up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
5. The rest of the congregation

Readings for the Day

Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

The Lord will give strength to his people.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Gospel Reading is from Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Liturgical Notes

Synaxarion (Saints of the Day):

Eulampius & Eulampia the Martyrs; Our Righteous Father Theophilus the Confessor; Pinytos, Bishop of Knossos; The 200 Monk-martyrs of Nicomedia; Vassianos the Righteous of Constanti-nople; The 14 Holy Elders of Optina Monastery; Paulinus, Archbishop of York

Sunday, October 17 – Special Prayer for Medical Personnel

St. Luke, Apostle, Evangelist, and also Physician, has his feast day celebrated on October 18. In conjunction with this, as he is the patron saint of doctors, we are going to offer a prayer for every-one in the medical field on Sun., Oct. 17 at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. All doctors, nurses, dentists, researchers, students, and anyone connected to the medical field is encouraged to attend.

Memorial Service: Ann (Ourania) Sakellaris (40 days)

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 10	Third Sunday of Luke	
	Orthros: 8:45am	Divine Liturgy: 10:00am
	<i>Altar Boy Captains & St. Luke: Teddy Kafentaris, Andrew Thatcher, Kris Christopher, Vasilios Panos, Jonah Blankenbaker, Lucas & Liam Elly</i>	
Tue-Sat, Oct. 12-16	National Clergy Retreat (Fr. Stavros out-of-town)	
Tuesday, Oct. 12	Women’s Bible Study 10:00am	Orthodoxy 201 6:30pm
Thursday, Oct. 14	Young At Heart 11:30am	
	Adult Greek School 6pm - 8:30pm	Bible Study 6:30pm
Sunday, Oct. 17	Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council & Prayer for Medical Workers	
	Orthros: 8:45am	Divine Liturgy: 10:00am
	<i>Altar Boy Captains & St. John: Christos Nenos, Constantine Ameres, Zachary George, Alex Findlay, Gianni Matassini, Nathan Moran, Grayson & Gryphon Borgeas-Beech</i>	
	Fall Parish Assembly (after church)	HOPE /JOY Fall Festival 4pm-6pm
Monday, Oct. 18	Luke the Evangelist	
	Orthros: 9:00am	Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Tuesday, Oct. 19	Orthodoxy 201 6:30pm	
Thursday, Oct. 20	Bible Study 6:30pm	
Friday, Oct. 22	Evening Liturgy for the Feast of St. James (Iakovos)	
	Orthros 5:00pm	Liturgy of St. James 6:00pm



Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: 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, Toulia 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, Evangelina Xeroteris, 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, 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, October 10

The Church Building & Sacred Vessels

High School students meet in Media Center w/ James

Sunday, October 17

The Ten Commandments

James visits 7th & 8th Grade

Sunday, October 24 - Youth Sunday

Liturgy / Holy Communion

7th - 12th Grade Music at 11:40am

Prophora: High School Girls

James visits 5th & 6th Grade

Sunday, October 31

Sts. Cosmas & Damian: Serving with Love

High school classes combined for costumed pizza party.

James visits 3rd & 4th Grade

BIBLE, BOOK, & ORTHODOX STUDIES

Men's Group

The Men's Group will meet today, October 10 at 5pm. We will walk to a nearby restaurant and have dinner, coming back to the church afterwards for discussion, concluding by 7:30pm. All men of the community are welcome to participate.

Bible Study with Fr. John - Now on Thursdays

Starting October 14th, Fr. John's evening Bible Study focused on "The Beatitudes" (Mat 5:1-16) will now be held on *Thursday nights* at 6:30pm. Join us in person or on Zoom!

Orthodoxy 201 (The Deep Dive) - Starting October 11 at 6:30pm

We will be kicking off Orthodoxy 201 with a deep dive into the history, symbols, meaning, and utility of iconography. We will also do a full church tour of our icons!

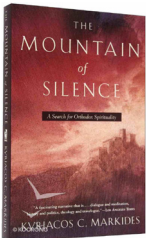
Be sure to email Alex Limberatos at alex@stjohntpa.org if you are interested

October 11: Iconography (A Church Tour)

October 18: Angels, Demons, and Saints

October 25: The Human Person

November 8: Prayer & Ritual



Book Group - The Mountain of Silence: A Search for Orthodox Spirituality

This October, our new pastoral assistant James Harritos will be leading a book group on *The Mountain of Silence* by Kyriacos Markides, in which an acclaimed expert in Christian mysticism travels to a monastery high in the Mountains of Cyprus and offers a fascinating look at the Greek Orthodox approach to spirituality. Join us weekly for a guided group reading! Starting Tuesday October 26 at 6:30pm.

Please email James Harritos at james@stjohntpa.org if you are interested.

Orthodoxy 201 (The Deep Dive)

w/ Alex Limberatos

Tuesdays 6:30pm, starting Oct 11

Men's Group

w/ Fr. Stavros

Sunday, October 10 5:00pm

Thursday Night Bible Study

w/ Fr. John Stefero

Now on Thursdays, 6:30pm



Book Group

w/ James Harritos II

Tuesdays 6:30pm, starting Oct 26

Women's Group

w/ Fr. Stavros

Tuesdays 10am

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore:

The Saints and Holy Fathers of our Orthodox Church have left us with many writings to strengthen and guide us in our faith. Books by St. John Chrysostom, St. Theophan the Recluse, St. Porphyrios, St. Ignatius of Antioch and many others are currently available in our bookstore. Stop in and browse our great selection of books this Sunday. *Look for Fr. Stavros' new book!*

HOPE & JOY Fall Harvest Celebration

Sunday, October 17 from 4-6pm in The Kourmoulis Center

All children Pre-K through 6th Grade are invited to join us for an afternoon of games, dinner, crafts, and fellowship!

Come in Costume (no witches or devils, please)

Please bring an item to stock our St. John's Food Pantry, which supports those most in need.

Items most in need are: socks, hats, and single-serve food items (cereal bars, granola bars, nuts or trail mix, individual tuna)

Kindly RSVP by TODAY, October 10

Zackie (text 813-245-3813 or email zackiec@yahoo.com)

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer during the event.

GOYAns, parents, and grandparents are all welcome.

YAH Bus Trip to Greek Orthodox Monasteries in Ocala, FL

Saturday, November 13.

Everyone is invited to join the Young-at-Heart Bus Trip to the Greek Orthodox Monasteries in Ocala.

Panagia Vlahernon Greek Orthodox Ladies Monastery

Annunciation of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Men's Monastery

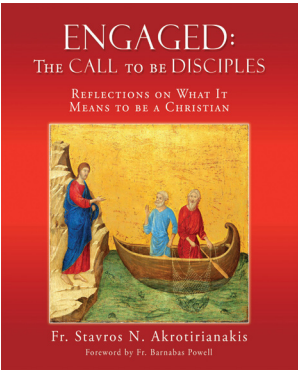
Join us on Saturday, November 13. We will depart from the St. John parking lot at 10:30 am sharp. Sign up as soon as possible to determine the size bus. We already have 21 of the maximum of 56 seats signed up. Contact Mike Trimis, YAH President at 813-784-4872 or TrimisM@gmail.com.

The Parish Assistance Program (PAP) Continues

Since May 1, 2020, we have been offering a Parish Assistance Program (PAP) with BayCare Behavioral Health. The PAP program provides our parishioners access to free and confidential counseling services, offering additional support when life's challenges become overwhelming. The PAP utilizes a network of faith-based providers who are sensitive to the values and beliefs of those they serve and provide compassionate care to children, adults, parents, and seniors. Parishioners can contact BayCare to request up to three free and confidential counseling sessions from a licensed mental health professional. The BayCare helpline (800) 878-5470 is answered 24/7 by mental health professionals.

Stewardship 2021 Update

As of Tuesday, October 5, we have received 352 stewardship forms, with a pledged amount of \$472,793 for 2021.



Engaged: The Call to Be Disciples
Fr. Stavros' new book now available!

Fr. Stavros has been writing daily reflections as part of his Prayer-Team365 initiative, which has resulted in five books. This new book is a series of reflections on what it means to be a Christian. It includes a lot of the basics of Christianity and offers 130 short reflections giving practical instruction on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Available online and at our church bookstore!



Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project
October 10 - 16

O Lord, open Thou my lips and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise (Psalm 51:15)

Anger is the predominant emotion in the world today. It's not just the pandemic that has brought this on. It's actually been going on for years. Anger has become almost virtuous. It's become virtuous to argue for or against a cause or an issue. One of the dangers in life is that we only have one mouth. The same mouth that praises and encourages people can also tear people down. The saying goes, "We have one mouth and two ears." So we all need to focus on talking less and listening more. And when we talk, may it be words that build people up and encourage them. Psalm 51:15 reminds us to praise God with our lips. Let's make it a goal that we offer more words of praise to God and to other people, rather than words of anger and destruction.

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

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	Birthdays	Namedays
OCT 10	Ester Bannach, George Bedran, Allison Kent, Jenny Klimis, Alexandros Korakis, Justin Papadakis	Evlambios
OCT 11	Mason Horack, Sheena Karoutsos, Emily Nicklow	Phillip (St. Phillip of the Seventy)
OCT 12	Manuel Klimis, Daniella Ross	Andromahi, Andromahos, Valantios
OCT 13	Zoe Katsaros	Agathoniki, Chrysi, Florentia (Florence, Dia), Florentios, Karpos
OCT 14	Carole Fotopoulos, Evan Kalojiannis, Lucy A. Malacos, Lauren Papadakis, Toulas Trakas	Gervasios, Ignatios, Nazarios
OCT 15	Yiorgos Boulteris, Joey Johnston	Loukianos (Lucian)

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Retired Priest in Residence:	Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski	813-876-8830
Retired Priest in Residence:	Rev. Fr. John Stefero	813-876-8830
Pastoral Assistants:	Alex Limberatos	262-370-0586
	James D. Harritos II	401-527-8203
Bookkeeper:	Debbie Bowe	813-876-8830
Parish Council:	Jim Armstrong, <i>President</i>	954-295-6665
	Euripides Panos, <i>Vice President</i>	813-352-3972
	John Zelatis, <i>Secretary</i>	813-727-2271
	Gary Ward, <i>Treasurer</i>	813-846-3898
	George Chagaris	727-420-1920
	Amin Hanhan	813-846-2957
	Nick Katzaras	863-581-2430
	Jimmy Konstas	813-220-7352
	Marilyn Sandborn	813-855-8678
	Mike Xenick	813-340-8737
12 Disciples:	Matthew Balasis	727-421-7376
AHEPA:	Thomas Sakaris, <i>President</i>	201-819-2319
Altar Angels:	Engie Halkias	813-932-5859
	Kalliope Chagaris	813-789-4134
Bookstore:	Pres. Denise Stefero	678-464-4833
Choir:	Pauline Spencer, <i>Director</i>	813-390-1782
	Ruth Losovitz, <i>Organist</i>	727-688-2782
Community Outreach:	Greg Melton	813-967-2074
Dance Groups:	<u>H XAPA MAΣ</u> : Alexandra De Maio,	813-340-9668
	Bessie Palios,	813-523-0347
	Maraquet Edquid	813-422-8963
	<u>ΠΑΡΕΑ</u> : Marina Choundas	813-877-6136
	<u>ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ</u> : Alexandra De Maio	813-340-9668
Daughters of Penelope:	Diane Trimis	813-220-3389
Finance Committee:	Gary Ward	813-846-3898
Food Pantry:	Sheila Vukmer	412-719-1005
GriefShare:	Donna Hambos	813-843-8412
GOYA:	Michael & Bessie Palios	813-523-0346
Hope/JOY:	George & Zackie Ameres	813-245-3813
Men's Fellowship:	Fr. Stavros N. Akrotirianakis	813-876-8830
MOMS:	Mary Ann Konstas	813-215-9862
Nursing Ministry:	Marcelle Triantafilou	612-396-5026
Oratorical Festival:	Peggy Bradshaw	727-244-1374
Photography Ministry:	Karina Findlay	813-476-9632
Philoptochos:	Melissa Krinos	813-716-9975
Stewardship:	Chris Kyrus	757-672-1920
	George Mitseas	813-748-1220
Sunday School:	Vickie Peckham	813-758-3102
Welcoming Ministry:	Maria Xenick	813-765-3587
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