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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
February 13, 2022 - Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)
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(Icon of the Publican & Pharisee Above)

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:

Martinian of Palestine, Aquila and Priscilla the Apostles, Eulogios the Patriarch of Alexandria

Apolytikion of the Week (First Mode):

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Judeans and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body. O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the Giver of Life: Glory unto our Resurrected Christ; Glory unto Your Kingdom; Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who alone loves all.

Apolytikion for 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.

Kontakion (Fourth Mode):

From the proud speaking* of the Pharisee* let us flee, and let us learn* the Publican's humility by crying out,* with deep sighs, to our Savior:* Grant us Your mercy, O only forgiving One.

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 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:

Andrew Voykin (30 Years), Helen (Eleni) Kyriakis (1 Year), Nikolas Rogers (1 Year)

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday, February 13	Publican & Pharisee Orthros 8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
	Luncheon - Philoptochos Souper Bowl of Caring	
Monday, February 14	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15	Women's Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, February 10	Adult Greek School GriefShare	6:00-8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 20	Prodigal Son Orthros 8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

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

February 13-19

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.
Psalm 103:17

No one is perfect. To one degree or another, we are all broken. On a given day, we may feel more put together or more broken, but we live in a state of brokenness. This is manifested chiefly by sin, so at some point every day, when we sin, we are again expressing our brokenness. The beautiful words of Psalm 103:17 remind us that God's love is steadfast, it is from everlasting to everlasting. God understands our brokenness and still loves us despite it. No matter who we are or what we've done, nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Education at St. John

Monday Night Bible Study

Leader: Fr. John

Day: Monday 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Leader: Fr. Stavros

Day: Monday 10:00 a.m.

Greek School

Leader: Magda Myer

Day: Thursday 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore— Looking for a beautiful and meaningful gift for a family member or friend? By special order, family icons are now available in our bookstore. The icons portray the Theotokos along with icons of the patron saints of your children, grandchildren, etc. A sample is on display in the bookstore. Allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Monday Night Bible Study - Fr. John's Bible Study meets on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. Join us in person or via Zoom to share your insights as we deepen our relationship with Christ.

Let Us Know You're Competing in This Year's Oratorical Competition :

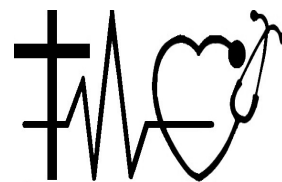
It's that time of year where we are recruiting our youth to compete in this year's oratorical competition. We are asking all 7-12 graders to consider enlisting in the Oratorical Competition. If you are interested in participating, please contact Peggy Bradshaw via e-mail or phone (pbradshaw@vandykmortgage.com / 727-244-1374).

This year's topics can be found here: <https://www.goarch.org/-/st-john-chrysostom-oratorical-festival>

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Sunday, Feb 13th is not only the BIG game we cheer for our favorite football team, it is also "SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" Sunday a nation-wide, youth-led initiative to TACKLY hunger! Pick your favorite team and join our HOPE & Hoy Youth ministry collect donations to benefit Hope Children's Home- a Christian home that takes orphaned children and is entirely supported by churches, private individuals, clubs and organizations.

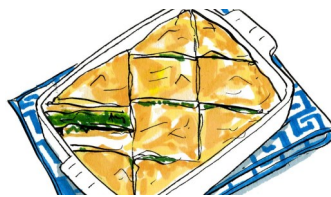
Our Sunday School children will be near the side doors on Sunday, Feb 13th holding pots to collect your cash donation or food item. Pick your favorite team's pot to donate to! The BIG winner: Hope Children's Home.



Starting this Sunday: Blood Pressure Screening in February

- YOUR nursing ministry will be doing FREE blood pressure checks February 13, 20, and 27. Come get your blood pressure checked and know your numbers!

Philoptochos Selling Spanakopita, Tyropita, and Trays of Baklava - The Philoptochos will continue selling Spanakopita, Tyropita, and Baklava after Divine Liturgy! You can ask a Philoptochos board member or call Lisa Alsina (813-728-1094) if you're interested in purchasing one!



Readings for the 17th Sunday of Matthew

Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

Prokeimenon: Verse: 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.

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading is from Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Elaine Daniels; Mary & Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; Keith Lynn & Patrick Carroll; Daniel Hoss, 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, 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, Evangeline 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, Felix and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

Sunday, February 13

Topic: Publican & Pharisee
Prospora: Kindergarten - Grade 1

Sunday, February 20

Topic: Prodigal Son
Prospora: 7-8 Grades
Confessions: 4-6 Grades

Sunday, February 27

Topic: Last Judgement
Confessions: 1-3 Grades

Sunday, March 6

Youth Sunday
Pre-Lenten Retreat - Forgiveness Sunday

Liturgical Notes

Sunday, February 13 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee - The focus this Sunday is on the Gospel of Luke 18:10-14, in which two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, an externally decent and righteous man of religion, and the other was a publican, a sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. Though the Pharisee was genuinely righteous under the Law, he boasted before God and was condemned. The publican, although he was truly sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God. There is NO fasting this week, in preparation for our great journey.)

Sunday, February 20 - Sunday of the Prodigal Son - On this Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent, Orthodox Christians are to read Christ's parable about God's loving forgiveness (Luke 15:11-24). They are to see themselves as being in a foreign country far from the Father's house and to make the movement of return to God, where we truly belong. The parable gives assurance that the Father will receive them with joy and gladness in their journey through Great Lent, their journey home.

Wednesday, February 23 – Paraklesis

Service of Supplication to the Virgin Mary - We will continue to offer Paraklesis once a month, so that we can pray for all the members of our community by name, out loud. We will alternate some in the evening and some in the morning. For February, the Paraklesis will be offered on Wednesday Evening, February 23, from 6:00--7:00 p.m.

Altar Boy Schedule

February 13 (St. Matthew)

George Xenick
Nicholas Magos
Michael Galin
Leo Sengsouvana
Kenny Kane
Philip Kane
James Betza

Captains

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

February 20 (St. Mark)

Nicholas Carter
Zachary Carter
Harry Robinson
Prometheus Koutouzi
Leo Lenardos
PJ Zelatis
Niko Kyrus

Happy Birthday and Happy NAMEDAY!

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

Birthdays

	<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Namedays</u>
February 13	Thomas Phillips	Priscilla
February 14	Michael Ibrahim	Chole, Valentini
February 15	Wren Robinson	Efsevios
February 16		Pamfillie, Pamfillos, Selefkos
February 17		Theodoros
February 18	Lambros Papaconomou	Agapitos, Leon
February 19	Charles Katsaros	Filothei



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, starting January 21, for 13 weeks, ending on Thursday, April 22. For February, GriefShare will meet February 3, 10 17 and 24. 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.

GO RED SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - February is healthy heart month. We celebrate Valentine's Day. We get our hearts ready for Great Lent. And we recognize the need to live healthier lives. As a show of support for our hearts and an opportunity to do something together, everyone is asked to wear RED on Sunday, February 13, for Valentine's Day and for healthy hearts. We did this last year and it was great. See you in red on February 13.

OCMC Super Bowl Luncheon Sponsored by Philoptochos - Today, February 13, Philoptochos is hosting the annual Super Bowl Chili Dog luncheon to benefit Orthodox Christian Mission Center. O.C.M.C's mission is to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church. We hope you will join us in the Koulouris Center and help support the Mission Center.



Our Food Pantry is very active helping people near and far in the Tampa Community

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