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MOMS:	Mary Ann Konstas	813-215-9862
Nursing Ministry:	Marcelle Triantafilou	612-396-5026
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Photography Ministry:	Karina Findlay	813-476-9632
Philoptochos:	Melissa Krinos	813-716-9975
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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

March 13, 2022 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

(Icon of the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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 of Orthodoxy, Removal of the relics of Nicephorus the Patriarch of Alexandria, Pouplios the Martyr, Christina the Martyr

Apolytikion of the Week (Plagal First Mode):

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 for the Feast (Second Mode):

Before Your pure Icon we worship O Good one, entreating forgiveness of our many sins, O Christ our God. In the flesh by Your own will You ascended the Cross to rescue us from the enemy; therefore, with thanks we cry out to You: You have filled all things with joy O Savior, having come to save the world.

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 (Plagal Fourth Mode):

Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants, now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued 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.

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

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday, March 13	Sunday of Orthodoxy Orthros 8:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Monday, March 14	9th Hour 8:30 a.m. Great Compline Bible Study	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15	Women’s Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 16	9th Hour 5:30 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. (Lenten Dinner/Discussion to follow)
Thursday, March 17	Greek School Griefshare	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 18	9th Hour 9:30 a.m. Salutations	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 20	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Orthros 8:30 a.m. GOYA	Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m. 5 p.m.
Monday, March 21	Great Compline Man of God Film	4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.

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

March 13-19

*Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Proverbs 3:3*

Each morning when we get dressed, we put on clothes that will keep us warm or cool, depending on the season. We put on clothes that will keep us comfortable in whatever we are doing on a given day. And sometimes we put on clothes that make a statement about us—we advertise a product or display a cute slogan, or we dress “up” for a special occasion or “down” for a leisure experience. Metaphorically, as we are getting dressed each day and making our preparations to leave our homes and go out into the world, we should “put on” “loyalty and faithfulness.” We never forget to leave our homes without a shirt over our heads or shoes on our feet. No matter how busy or stressed we are, we never forget these basics. In the same way, no matter how busy we might be, no matter what the day has in store for us, we should put on loyalty and faithfulness, remembering that we are Christians who are supposed to demonstrate love and charity to God and to the least of His children. Ideally, this becomes automatic preparation to leave our homes, so that it become an automatic and important part of our lives. The theme for this week is “affirm the faith.” Putting on loyalty to God and faithfulness to Him affirms this.

Education at St. John

Fr. John’s Bible Study

Leader: Fr. John
Day: Monday 6:30 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study

Leader: Fr. Stavros
Day: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Greek School

Leader: Magda Myer
Day: Thursday 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore - Now available, "Pilgrimage to Pascha" a Daily Devotional for Great Lent"

Fr. Stephen Belonick writes, "So how is it I have come to live my life as if I am the center of everything, while I have shoved God away from His place of prominence and preeminence? Why do I prefer my own desires, thoughts, words, motives, and deeds above God's? When and how did I become my own God? Something to think about as we set off on our journey of Great Lent."



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.

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!

A sign-up link will be forthcoming.

For any questions, please reach out to Alex Limberatos, Jim Armstrong, or Marilyn Sandborn.



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.

How can you help?

- Get tested since it affects people of Mediterranean descent
 - Educate others to be tested and understand the need for financial support
 - Register to be a prospective marrow donor
 - Please Donate
1. Please make checks payable to "AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation" with "Cooley's Anemia" in the "Note" section of the check and send check to:
AHEPA Treas, Tom Georgas, 506 Lantern Circle, Tampa, FL 33617
 2. Or by Credit Card; Call Tom Georgas (813) 985-0236 or Mike Trimis (813) 784-4872

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 Forgiveness Sunday

Prokeimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, for You are praiseworthy and exalted beyond measure unto the ages. For You are righteous in all You did for us, all You brought on us and on Jerusalem, the holy city of our fathers.

The Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading is from John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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, 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, 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, March 13

Topic: Icons/Sunday of Orthodoxy
Procession of Icons

Sunday, March 20

Topic: Being a Good Friend
Second Sunday of Lent – Paralytic

Sunday, March 27

Topic: Holy Cross - Third Sunday of Great Lent
Prospora: Pre-K, 3 & 4

Sunday, April 3

Topic: Faith - Fourth Sunday of Great Lent - St. John the Ladder
Prospora: High School Boys

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.

Mondays of Lent - Great Compline

The service of the Great Compline will be read on the following Mondays of Lent—March 14, March 21 (4:30 p.m.), March 28, April 4 and 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, March 16; Wednesday, March 23; Wednesday, March 30; Wednesday, April 6; and Wednesday, April 13. Each ministry is encouraged to attend one Pre-Sanctified Liturgy as follows:

Wednesday, March 16 AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope
Wednesday, March 23 Nursing/Welcome Ministry
Wednesday, March 30 Philoptochos
Wednesday, April 6 Sunday School
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, March 18; Friday, April 1; Friday, April 8; and Friday, April 15. ***Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will also be held on Monday, March 14, with the 9th Hour at 9:30 a.m. and the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.***

Fridays of Lent - The Salutations to the Virgin Mary (Heretismo)

This service also lasts about an hour and is a series of prayers and devotions that invoke the intercessions of the Virgin Mary for our salvation. It will be held on March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8. Service Books for this service will be available.

Sunday, March 13 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

A grand procession with icons took place on March 11, 843 A.D., marking the permanent triumph of icons and their return to the churches after a 150-year absence. From this time, icons were defined as objects to be venerated and not worshipped. They are spiritual mirrors through which we see the heavenly saints. Their restoration in our churches is a rue victory for Orthodoxy. Thus, on the first Sunday of Lent each year, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Triumph of Orthodoxy with a procession of icons, together with the reading of a Synodal Statement, authored in 843, marking their return to the church.



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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

2022 Lenten & Holy Week Donations

If you would like to donate something for Great Lent or Holy Week, please call the office and let us know. Things needed still such as: Flowers for icons and the Epitaphios, candles, palm branches and much more!



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Flours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Body Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato sauce/chopped tomatoes etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All kinds of white flour | <input type="checkbox"/> Whole wheat rice and pasta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's and Women's razors and shaving cream (travel size) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruits and vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> Granola & Protein Bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free Foods and | |

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

Birthdays

Namedays

March 13	Noah Menendez, Katerina Soteriou	Leandros, Marios, Orthodoxia
March 14	Aspasia Panos, Marcelle Triantafilou	Benedict, Efrasios, Mathilde
March 15	John Mekras	Agapios
March 16	Stacie Milonas, Christos Nicolaou	Christodoulos, Ioulianos
March 17	Christina Diniaco, Tia L'Hommedieu	Alexios, Gertrude, Lazarus, Patrick
March 18		Edward
March 19	Alex Peckham	Chrysanthis, Dareia, Hrysanthos, Claudia

Altar Boy Schedule

March 13 (St. Matthew)

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

Captains

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

March 20 (St. Mark)

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