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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

July 17, 2022

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(Icon of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council)

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Resurrectional Apolytikion (Fourth Mode): When the tidings of the Resurrection from the angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the apostles, with boasting did they proclaim: that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God is risen from the dead, granting to the world His great mercy.

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
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To the Word being espoused, Marina glorious, you abandoned all connection with the earthly things, and as fair virgin you contended brilliantly; for the unseen enemy, you most harshly trampled down, when he appeared to you, O victor. And now you cause to flow, the gifts of healing to all the world.

For St. Marina (Fourth Mode):
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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.

Please Be Reverent During Holy Communion We’re asking everyone to refrain from speaking during Holy Communion. We are to approach the chalice “with fear of God, faith, and love” and have this time to focus our attention on the Lord and the Grace He pours out to us.

Order for Holy Communion—With Sunday School back in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

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MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore - For our Moms-to-be and new Moms

We currently offer a new icon of *The Theotokos - Helper in Childbirth* specifically written for Moms-to-be and new Moms. Two different versions of the icon are available and it can be ordered in various sizes. These icons are on display in our bookstore today.



Fr. Stavros Leaving next Week

Fr. Stavros will be leaving tomorrow, Monday, July 18, and will return on Sunday, July 31.

In the event of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Fr. John Stefero by either his cell phone: (678) 637-4425, or email: jwstefero50@hotmail.com

Should you need to schedule a sacrament (Baptism, Wedding, 40-Day blessing), please email Vasili at vasili@stjohntpa.org.

GriefShare to Resume in August

Thank you to Donna Hambos for finishing our fourth semester of GriefShare, our small group ministry dedicated to people who have lost loved ones. This group will resume either in later August or early September with another 13-week program. We know that there have been several people this spring who have lost loved ones. Please keep this very beneficial program in mind over the summer so that you can participate in the fall.

Readings for July 17

Prokeimenon: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly, O righteous ones. Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

The Epistle Reading is according to Paul's Letter to Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Gospel Reading according to Matthew (8:5-13)

The Lord said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Roger Zesis; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; 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, Toulia Tsaros, 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, Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, 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.

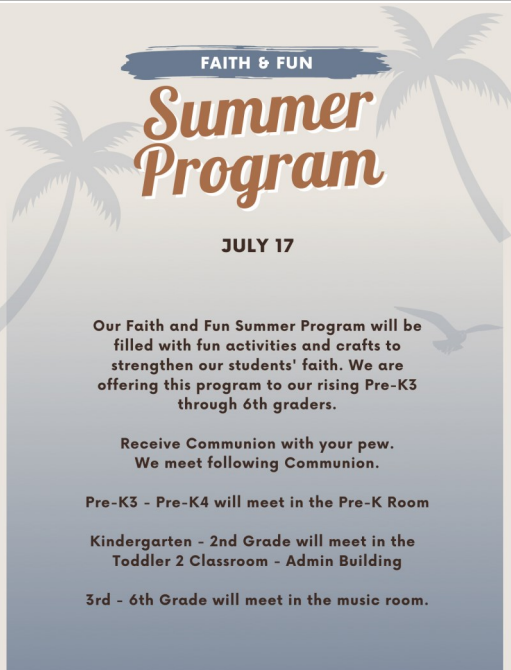
Liturgical Notes

Sunday, July 17 - Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council -
On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches. In the Slavic tradition, on this Sunday, the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils are all commemorated. (GOA)

Sunday, July 17 - St. Marina -
St. Marina brought many people to Christ. She was tortured for her faith. And each time she was tortured, she was healed. She was martyred in the third century.

Wednesday, July 20 - Elias the Prophet -
The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God. According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world. In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather. (OCA)

Wednesday, July 27 - St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer
This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs. (GOA)



The Chosen Summer Viewing

What: A small group viewing and study of season two of the TV show: “The Chosen,” a show that focuses on Jesus’ ministry and His chosen people.

Who: Three separate groups for girls, boys (ages 10-18), and any adult interested.

Where: Girls group: School library
Boys group: Pre-school Classroom
Adults: The Zaharias Room

When: July 17, 24, 31 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.
(Light lunch provided)

See Vasili Panagopoulos or email him at vasili@stjohntpa.org to register and sign up!

Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

| Birthdays | | Namedays |
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| July 17 | Lauren Falliereas, Julia Pierroutsakos, George Voulgaris, Jackie Voulgaris | Alexandra, Alik, Marina |
| July 18 | Elizabeth Serbanos | Emilianos |
| July 19 | Theresa Heilman, Elizabeth Xanthopoulos, Alexander Zaharis | Dias, Garyfallia, Makrina |
| July 20 | Demet Anagnos, Jeanie Nenos, Margaret Xanthopoulos | Elias |
| July 21 | Michael Chiakulas, Jenny Sotiropoulos | |
| July 22 | Raissa Jewtushenko, Evangelia Karounos, Sarah Sengsouvana | Magdalini, Markella, Marylena, Menelaos |
| July 23 | James Blankenbaker, Niko Kyrus, Marilyn Sandborn, Roger Zessis | |

Altar Boy Schedule

Anyone attending may serve
All Summer



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

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