

## St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

July 18, 2021 - **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council**

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(Above, Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council)

**SYNAXARION:** Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council; Holy Martyr Emilian; Holy Martyrs Paul, Thea, and Valentine; Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople; Our Holy Father John, Archbishop of Constantinople; Holy New Martyrs Elizabeth the Grand Duchess and the Novice Barbara; Theneva of Glasgow;

**Apolytikion of the Week (3 Mode):** Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great mercy.

**Apolytikion For The Fathers (Pl 4 Mode):** Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

**Apolytikion of 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 (Mode 2):** 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.

# Readings for Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

## Epistle Reading is from St. 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.

## Gospel Reading is from Matthew 5:14-19

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."

sailing away soon...

JOIN US FOR A FAREWELL LUNCHEON  
HONORING CHARLIE HAMBOS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY, KOURMOLIS CENTER

A SPECIAL BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE TO OFFER CHARLIE NOTES OF THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT,  
AS WELL AS DONATIONS FOR HIS FUTURE VESTMENTS

## Contact Fr. John Stefero for Pastoral Emergencies

From June 28 to July 24, Fr. Stavros will be away—For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. John Stefero



## Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

### Birthdays

Elizabeth Serbanos—July 18  
Theresa Heilman - July 19  
Elizabeth Xanthopoulos - July 19  
Alexander Zaharis - July 19  
Jeanie Nenos - July 20  
Margaret Xanthopoulos - July 20  
Jenny Sotiropoulos - July 21  
Raissa Jewtushenko - July 22  
Evangelia Karounos - July 22  
Sarah Sengsouvanha - July 22  
Xavier Anderson - July 23  
Niko Kyrus - July 23  
Marilyn Sandobrn - July 23  
Roger Zessis - July 23  
Gabrielle Malatin - July 24

### Namedays

Emilianos - July 18  
Dias, Garyfallia, Makrina - July 19  
Elias - July 20  
Magdalini, Markella, Marylena, Menelaos - July 22  
Athinagoras, Boris, Christina - July 24

### Upcoming Services & Events

**Sunday, July 18**

**3rd Sunday of Matthew**

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 19

Bible Study

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20

Book Study

6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, July 25**

**Dormition of St. Anna**

Orthros 8:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

## **Stewardship 2021 Update**

As of Tuesday, July 13, we have received 311 stewardship forms, with a pledged amount of \$472,668.00 for 2021.

Don't forget to fill out your form and send it into the office!

### **Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project July 18 - 24**

*Moses said, "I pray Thee, show me Thy glory."  
Exodus 33:18*

Many of us reach the period of our yearly vacation exhaust-ed. We're tired, perhaps frustrated. No doubt Moses was frustrated leading the children of Israel for forty years through the wilderness. The conditions were treacherous. The people were not always cooperative and spent most of the time complaining. One day, God asked Moses what He could offer to Moses. Can you imagine if God asked you specifically what He could do for you? What would you ask Him for? And Moses had a simple answer "Show me Thy glory." Because Moses believed that experiencing the glory of God would sustain him through whatever challenges he was facing. God granted his wish. He didn't let Moses see the face of God, but He let Moses see the backside of God. When Moses came down from the mountain, he was so bright people couldn't stand to look at him, so he put on a veil to cover his face. God's glory changed Moses. And people could see that he was changed for the better. God's glory can change us, if we are open to it, and if we ask for it, as Moses did.

## Update and Announcements

**St. John's Bookstore-** Have you set up an icon corner in your home as a place for family worship? Our bookstore has a wide variety of appropriate items including censers, incense, charcoal, oil lamps and wicks, and of course, icons. St. John Chrysostom spoke about how we are to make our homes "little churches". Setting up a designated area in your home for prayer and meditation is a great start.

**Looking for Ushers** — We are looking for more ushers to help at the Divine Services of our church. If you are interested, please email Fr. Stavros at [frstav@gmail.com](mailto:frstav@gmail.com).

**Monday Night Bible Study with Charlie** — will conclude on July 19.

**Women's Bible Study**—We will be on hiatus until late August/early September.

**Tuesday Book Study** — RESUMES with one more sessions on July 20.

**Mark Your Calendars for Community Outreach**—Our Community Outreach would love for you to help out! Mark your Calendars for July 17. As we read the Acts of the Apostles and remember the ministry of the early Christians "serving tables", let us become as the early Church and feed those hurting in our city! This ministry meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at First Presbyterian Church from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Be sure to contact Greg Melton for details (813-967-2074 or [gmelt12@gmail.com](mailto:gmelt12@gmail.com))

**Sunday, July 25, Dormition of St. Anna** — St. Anna is the mother of the Virgin Mary. She was granted by God to have the Virgin Mary as her daughter at a very old age. She reposed when the Virgin Mary was about three.

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Constantinos & Kalotina Klimis; Christine Alex, June; Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Amanda, Andrew, Colton, Miranda, Charlotte Elizabeth, Nuha, Nabeel, Michael, Amal, John, Elaine, Olga, 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, Alex Martinez, Adriana Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Nichole Ross, Daniel Ross, Daniella Ross, 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, Ana Mourer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zhana Temelkova, Stanislava Terzieva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.



# SUMMER SMALL GROUPS

*what:*

A SMALL GROUP VIEWING AND STUDY OF THE TV SHOW, "THE CHOSEN," A SHOW THAT FOCUSES ON JESUS'S MINISTRY AND HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE

*who:*

THREE SEPARATE GROUPS FOR GOYA-AGED GIRLS, GOYA-AGED BOYS, AND ANY ADULT INTERESTED!

*where:*

GIRL'S GROUP: MEDIA CENTER

LED BY ARTEMIS XENICK

BOY'S GROUP: PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOM

LED BY GEORGE HAMBOS AND JOE HAMBOS

ADULT GROUP: ZAHARIAS ROOM

LED BY FR. STAVROS

*when:*

JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27, AND JULY 18, 25

12 PM-2 PM \*LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED



THE CHOSEN IS THE FIRST-EVER MULTI-SEASON TV SHOW ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS. CREATED OUTSIDE OF THE HOLLYWOOD SYSTEM, THE CHOSEN ALLOWS US TO SEE HIM THROUGH THE EYES OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SUMMER SERIES, PLEASE CONTACT ALEX AT [ALEX@STJOHNTPA.ORG](mailto:ALEX@STJOHNTPA.ORG) WITH YOUR CELL NUMBER AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT GROUP YOU'D LIKE TO BE IN AND YOU WILL BE ADDED TO A "GROUPME" CHAT.



# St. John Greek Orthodox Church Adult Greek School

## *Want to Learn Modern Greek?*



Teacher born, raised, and educated in Greece with 22 years of experience teaching the Greek language. Adult classes for beginners taught @ St. John Greek Orthodox Church (2418 W. Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 33609). Classes are held at 6-8:30pm on Thursday evenings, starting on September 30, 2021. This will be the first of three sessions, with each session lasting three months.

- Speak Greek
- Read Greek
- Write Greek
- Basic Grammar & more.
- Some Greek History
- BOOK INCLUDED IN PRICE

Price per session is \$100 for church members and \$125 for non-members

Contact Ms. Magdalini Myer: at (813) 523-5771, [aspis69@aol.com](mailto:aspis69@aol.com) or the church office at (813) 876-8830