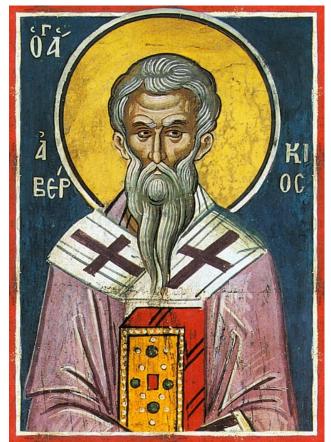
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October 22, 2023

Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos) Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence) Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)





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:

6th Sunday of Luke; Seven Holy Martyred Youths of Ephesus; Averkios, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Wonderworker, Bishop of Hierapolis

Resurrectional Apolytikion:

Apolytikion of the Feast:

A rule of faith are you, and an icon of gentleness, cy. and a teacher of self-control. And to your flock this was evident, by the truth of your life and deeds. You Kontakion: were humble and therefore you acquired exalted A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor gifts, treasure in heaven for being poor. Father holy to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not, the hierarch Abercius, intercede with Christ our God, prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, and entreat Him to save our souls.



Apolytikion of St. John:

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all The memory of the just is observed with hymns of things below on earth be glad. With all the might praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venperform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down erable than the prophets. Since you were granted to death by death, and first born of the dead has He baptize in the river, the One Whom they probecome. From the womb of Hades has He delivered claimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaimus, and to all the world has granted His great mercy. ing 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 mer-

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 vou.

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 out of session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

- 1. Choir
- Altar boys
- Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle before Communion)
- Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle before Communion behind the teachers)
- Then the rest of the congregation

Upcoming Services & Events				
Sunday October 22	Orthros 8:45 a.m. Youth Sunday Parish Assembly Fall Festival 4:30 p.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		
Monday October 23	St. James Orthros 5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. James 6:00 p.m.		
Tuesday October 24	Women's Bible Study 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	ı.m.		
Wednesday October 25	Choir Practice Veterans/ 1st Responders 6:30 p.m.			
Thursday October 26	St. Demetrios Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		
Friday October 27	JOY Tweens Movie Night 6:30 p.m.			
Saturday October 28	Holy Protection of Virgin Mary Orthros 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Making Strides with Breast Cancer Walk			
Sunday October 29	Orthros 8:45 a.m. AHEPA Founder's Day	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.		

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Religious Education at St. John

Tuesday October 31

Monday Night	Women's
Bible Study	Bible Study
Leader:	Leader:
Fr. John	Fr. Stavros
October 24 : Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	October 24: Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to the Tampa Bay area or just visiting, we would love to get to know you better.

> PLEASE TEXT THE WORD "WELCOME" TO 813-790-5950

FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE US YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND FROM THERE YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE CONNECTION CARD

FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED angels unawares.

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

St. John's Bookstore - Greek cookbooks

Have any gently used Greek cookbooks that you no longer need? Our Bookstore can use them! Please drop them off next Sunday. Thank you.



PARISH ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD TODAY AFTER LITURGY IN THE HALL. PLEASE JOIN US!!

Greek Dance Groups

Y Hara Mas (3rd-6th grades) will have Greek dance practice today for 45 minutes, from 12:15 to 1:00pm. We only have two more practices until the Greek Festival! We will have a second costume

fitting today for dancers who still need costumes. If you need a costume, please meet by val. Please meet after church in the hall by the stage promptly at 12:15pm. Due to the Part the side of the stage closest to the kitchen. ish Assembly meeting today, we will hold Please be sure to write your names (parent dance practice right afterward, outside the dou- and child) and email/phone on the paperble doors between the church and the work provided on the stage. Kourmolis Center. If your dancer plans to per-You can purchase a costume online or borform at the Greek Festival on Saturday, November 4, and you have not yet received an email please email your dancer's name and grade lev- See you Sunday for dancing and cookies! el to

Maraquet Edquid at maraquet@gmail.com. Alexandra DeMaio 813-340-9668 Thank you!

Greetings Parents and Hara Mas dancers K-2 (ages 5-7)

Reminder:

We will continue to have dance practice every Sunday until the festi-

row a costume. If the latter please see me. Any questions:

PAREA DANCE GROUP (7th-12th graders)

We will have practice, October 22 and 29. We are also planning to have a practice on Saturday October 28 from 5p.m.- 8:30p.m. Please email Marina Choundas at mchoundas@outlook.com if your child will be dancing in the Parea dance group this year and provide your child's name, age, grade and your (the parent/guardian's) email and cell number. Thank you!

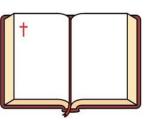


Readings for Sunday, October 22

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Psalm 46.6,1

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was



born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The reading is from The Gospel According to Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 22ND

OCTOBER 29TH

YAH– (volunteers are welcomed)

AHEPA

Daughter's of Penelope & AHEPA

Dear Parishioners.

As we do each year the Daughter's of Penelope with the support of AHEPA are participating in a community service project - WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S in Tampa. It will be held on **November 11th at Amalie Arena at 8AM**. Everyone is welcome! It provides an opportunity to raise funds by asking your friends and relatives to sponsor you in your walk or just to donate to you to meet the goal you set for yourself this year. We hope you will join us in the fight to find a cure for this disease. Join us or reach out to Maria Zabetakis at 813-748-7709 or visit our team site to register or simply to donate at:



https://act.alz.org/site/TR?team_id=843963&pg=team&fr_id=16469

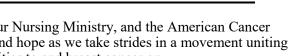
Here are some facts on why it's so important to find a cure.

Alzheimer's disease is a devastating brain disorder that slowly destroys a person's memory and thinking skills. It's the 6th leading cause of death in the United States¹ and affects over 6 million Americans.² One in three older adults dies with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia—killing more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.² The impact of Alzheimer's is felt by everyone who is touched by the disease, including the person with the diagnosis, their family, friends, and caregivers. Many loved ones will bear the weight of this disease, facing significant challenges along the way. Witnessing someone you love gradually lose their memory and abilities takes an undeniable emotional and physical toll. The ripple effect of Alzheimer's disease is a reminder that its reach goes far beyond those living with the disease.



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk- October 28

Join the ladies of Philoptochos, our Nursing Ministry, and the American Cancer Society in a celebration of courage and hope as we take strides in a movement uniting communities to end breast cancer on



Saturday. October 28th- Raymond James Stadium-7:30 a.m.

For three decades, these 3 to 5 mile non-competitive walks have grown into the nation's largest and most impactful breast cancer movement providing a supportive community for courageous breast cancer survivors, caregivers, and families alike.

Under the direction of Chairpersons Georgia Kane and Vivian Samuels, we will be enlisting volunteers of all ages to form teams, raise funds, and participate in the walk.

To join our team go to: https://bit.ly/3tlugNh or scan the QR code (attached)



Altar Boy Schedule

October 22nd

Christos Nenos **Constantine Ameres** Zachary George Louis Mantzanas Gianni Matassini Nathan Moran Michael Meadows

Captains

Demetri Passalaris Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Magos Nicholas Carter George Xenick PJ Zelatis

October 29th

Gabriel Gonzalez Michael Galin Philip Kane Leo Sengsouvanna Kenny Kane Peter Konstas Matthew Barba

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & TOPICS

October 22nd The Light of Christ- Making Faith Personal YOUTH SUNDAY



October 29th St. Cosmas & St. Damian

If you do not receive our weekly Sunday School Constant Contact every Friday afternoon, please e-mail Vickie Peckham to let her know.

Her e-mail address is vickiepeckham@gmail.com

Liturgical Notes

Monday, October 23 - Liturgy of St. James - Evening Liturgy

The Divine Liturgy of St. James is celebrated only once a year, on his feastday, which is October 23. The Divine Liturgy of St. James is the oldest of the Divine Liturgies and is also the longest.

Thursday, October 26 - Feast of St. Demetrios

St. Demetrios was born into a wealthy and distinguished Christian family in the Greek City of Thessaloniki in the late 3rd century. Demetrios was noted for his wisdom, and was a good speaker and polished orator. St. Demetrios was also a distinguished soldier. Thessaloniki was known for popular gladiatorial games which attracted the local pagans. Travelling with the Emperor Galerius after a military victory, Demetrios stopped in Thessaloniki, where many pagans, who were jealous of his successful life, denounced him as a Christian before the emperor, who ordered Demetrios be put in prison. A man named Nestor befriended Demetrios in prison. The Emperor went to the arena to see his favorite gladiator, Lyaios and offered a reward to whomever could defeat him. Nestor accepted the challenge, and through the prayers of St. Demetrios, defeated the giant. When Nestor refused to kill Lyaios, because he had been helped by the "God of Demetrios," the Emperor ordered that both be killed. This occurred in the year 306. We commemorate St. Demetrios on October 26 and St. Nestor on October 27. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for St. Demetrios on Thursday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 28 – Feast of the Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary (Oxi Day)

(Mostly) GREEK Liturgy October 1 has been celebrated for many centuries as the feastday of the Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary. October 28, 1940, is observed in Greece as Oxi Day, the day the Greeks said "no" to the Axis powers who were trying to invade Greece. In trying to serve the many and di-verse needs of our parish, we get requests periodically to do more Greek in the ser-vices. Our use of Greek in worship reflects a congregation that by and large does not speak Greek. Making an effort to accommodate these requests, occasionally a weekday Divine Liturgy will be scheduled that will be celebrated mostly in Greek. October 28 will be one of these. Based on the turnout, we can schedule more in the months to come.

Community News



JOY Tweens
Today we have
our annual
HOPE/JOY Fall
Festival at
4:30pm. On Friday, October 27,
we will have a

movie night for just our tweens in the Kourmolis Center from 6:30pm to 9pm. Father Stavros will lead us in a short discussion, followed by dinner and a movie! More details to follow by email and Sunday school flyers.





Ladies Philoptochos Society

It's never too early to plan. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Brunch to be held at 717 South on Sunday, December 3rd. Look for a flyer in your email next month.



Young at Heart News

Thank you to all who made our October gathering a tremendous and delicious success.



Orthodoxy was an eye-opener to many. Mark your calendars for our next get together on *November 11th.* We're planning a presentation on *The Ranks of Angels* - as well as an early Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner. Regulars, look for a flyer in your email. If you've never joined us. This is a perfect time to start. See Dora Morgan, Diane Trimis, or Presvytera Denise for details.





Join the ladies of Philoptochos, our Nursing Ministry, and the American Cancer Society in a celebration of courage and hope as we take strides in a movement uniting communities to end breast cancer.

USE THE LINK BELOW OR USE THE

QR CODE TO WALK OR DONATE!

https://bit.ly/3tlugNh

See Georgia Kane or Vivian Samuel for more info





Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Melissa Romero, Sandra Reyes, Miltiadis, Larry Maas; Konstantinos Triantafyllopoulos; Kostadinos Booras; Michael I, Anna Maria & Thomas Reilly; Jim Armstrong, Calliope Herman; Delaney & Alexis Johnson; Ron & Linda Ledet; Helen & Mike Mitchell; Marcelle T., Joanna & Yenay R., Carlos R., Elena, Ricky& Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; George Joseph; Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Christopher Labatos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Patrick Carroll; Ourania Tziotis, Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Dora Kallas, Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toula Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteres, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, 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, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna S. Dora K., Debbie P., Mary V., David V., Don Payne, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.



~November 3-4, 2023~

~ Festival Countdown ~11 Days until our OPA Kickoff Weekend ~

<u>Volunteer</u> - This is our single largest fundraiser and HELP IS NEEDED FROM EVERY-BODY. We have only reached a little over 35% of our total Volunteer Needs for the weekend. Please go to the Signup Genius and select a shift or two or three.

Encourage your friends and family to volunteer TODAY!

Scan Here to Volunteer



<u>Promote</u> – Pick up a Yard Sign and Poster Today. Please share with your Businesses, Family, Friends, Social Media Accounts. & local NextDoor Site -

<u>Areas of Need</u> – Critical NEED - We need somebody, or a team to oversee the Kids Area. Or we can break this up into Shifts. We promise it will bring lots of smiles and everything will be provided. Please contact Mike Xenick #813-340-8737 or mxenick@gmail.com if you're able to help.

Admission & Parking: There is no fee for Admission and parking, however we will accept donations at the door and throughout the weekend. If you're unable to attend the festival this year, please consider making a donation of support.

Help Needed on the Following Dates:

- Friday, October 27, Gyro Booth Pork & Chicken Souvalki 6 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, October 28 Dolmades Rolling 11:30 a.m. (After Liturgy)
- ◆ Coming Soon More Dates/Times for Pastitsio & other Kitchen Prep
 - ♦ Decorating / Setup Festival Week 10/30 11/2

(morning and late afternoon 10/30 & 10/31/evening on 11/1 & 11/2) – Details on SignUp

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody (Help Us Avoid this Situation)

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

www.TampaGreekFestival.com



SPONSORSHIP ORDER FORM

Overview:

With thousands of visitors during the weekend, we offer many opportunities to not only contribute to the church, but also receive a great value in exchange for your sponsored ads. Not only do the proceeds help support the church, but they also help support our affiliate charities. Below are the details for our packages. Each package includes an online bundle.

Order Qty	Description	Available Spots	Unit Price USD
	Banner Ads - Inside and Outside	25	250
	Booth Sponsor	10	500
	Festival Handouts Front Cover	1	1500
	Festival Handouts Back Cover	1	1000
	Festival Handouts Inside the Folds	6	250
	1 Social Media Mention & Logo Added to Website	TBD	150
	5 Social Media Mentions & Logo Added to Website	TBD	500
	Mentions on All Social Media Posts & Added to Website	Limited	1000

Questions:

Call Theo at 248-867-3697, or send an email to TGFads@gmail.com

Payments

Payments via check can be made payable to St. John Greek Orthodox Church (include "Greek Festival" in the memo line) and mailed to Tampa Greek Festival Album, 2418 Swann Ave Tampa, FL 33609. Credit card payments can be made online at TampaGreekFestival.com or by calling the church at 813-876-8830.

Artwork for Ads:

The <u>deadline</u> for submitting artwork is <u>October 20 or 1 week prior to your online ad run date, whichever is sooner</u>. All artwork MUST BE HIGH RESOLUTION, CAMERA-READY artwork, or it will NOT be included. Email a high-resolution image of your business card or ad to TGFads@gmail.com. Please send JPGs or PDFs. All banners must be dropped to the church no later than the Monday prior to the festival. We must receive your check AND ad by the deadline (above) or your ad will not run.

Reserve your Ad Now.

The undersigned agrees to pay the Total Amount Due for their Greek Festival advertisement(s), subject to the terms of this agreement.

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