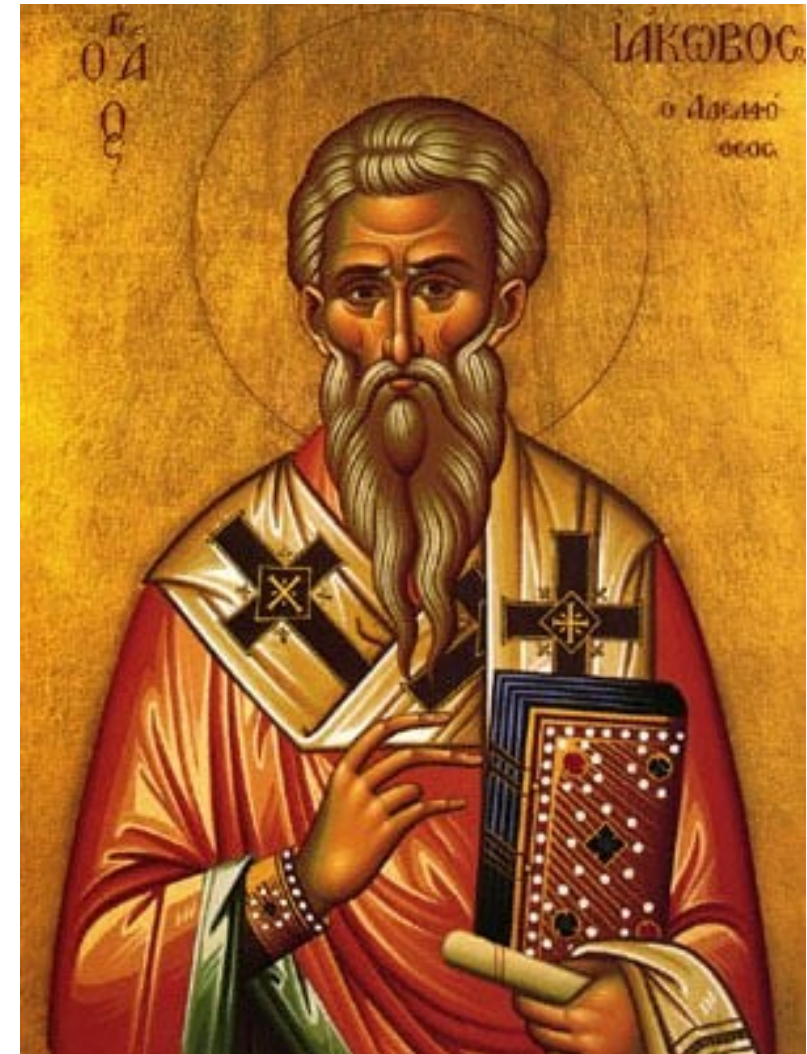


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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

October 23, 2022 - Holy Apostle James, brother of Our Lord

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)

Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)

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(Icon of St. James, brother of Our Lord - October 23)

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:
Holy Apostle James (Iakovos), brother of Our Lord, Our Righteous Father Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Second Mode):
When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow, through Your Divine Radiance. And when You, from the depths of Hades and the darkness below, did raise the dead all the powers of heaven did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God we give glory.

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 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.

Apolytikion for the Holy Apostle (4th Mode):
As a disciple of the Lord, you accepted the Gospel, O James the Just. As a Martyr you have unchangeability; as the Brother of the Lord you have confidence; and you can intercede as a hierarch. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

Kontakion (Second Mode):
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.

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:

Peter Hreish (40 Days)

Upcoming Services & Events

Sunday, October 23	Orthros 8:45 a.m. Parish Assembly Meeting - Following Divine Liturgy HOPE/JOY Fall Fest	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
Monday, October 24	St. James Orthros 5:00 p.m.	Liturgy of St. James 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesday Night Bible Study	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 26	St. Demetrios Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 27	Adult Greek School	6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 28	Holy Protection Orthros 9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 29	GOYA Church Clean Up	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 30	Orthros 8:45 a.m. Men’s Group	Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Monday, October 31	Monday Morning Bible Study	10:00 a.m.

Education at St. John

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u> <i>Leader: Fr. Stavros</i> <i>Day: Tuesday</i> 10:00 a.m.	<u>Tuesday Night Bible Study</u> <i>Leader: Fr. John</i> <i>Day: Tuesday</i> 6:30 p.m.
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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

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW *hospitality* TO STRANGERS.
FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED *angels unaware.*
HEBREWS 13:2

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

Welcome Back Fr. Stratton - We are pleased to welcome back Fr. Stratton & Pres. Denise Dorozenski after their summer away from us. We look forward to them being with us for the next several months.

Welcome Visiting Clergy this morning - We are blessed to welcome back Fr. Milton Magos (St. John the Divine in Jacksonville), who is visiting with us this weekend, and also Fr. John Mamangakis (St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Pierce) and Deacon John Christakis (St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church in Boca Raton).

Parish Assembly Meeting - Following Divine Liturgy

We will have our Fall 2022 General Assembly meeting today following the Divine Liturgy. Please come next door to our Kourmolis Center for coffee hour, and sign in for the assembly.

St. John’s Bookstore - Books in Greek Language Now Available!

We have had a few requests for books in Greek and these are now available in our bookstore. Included are books on Achieving Virtues, Tales of Visions, Miracles and the End Times, Excerpts from the Writings of St. Simeon the New Theologian, The Presence of God in the Universe, The Beauty and Uniqueness of the Orthodox Faith, Interesting Topics concerning the Orthodox Faith, and The Resurrection of the Dead according to the Holy Fathers. Sincere appreciation goes out to Dora Morgan for her assistance in translating and advising me on these selections.



Photo Ministry - Love to take photos? Come join our Photo Ministry!

It’s a fun and creative way to serve and to show the community all of the beautiful services and wonderful activities we have here at St. John. All abilities are welcome! Please call or text at Karina Findlay at (813) 476-9632.

Community Outreach - Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Volunteering

Below, find the dates, times, address, and sign up website for St John Greek Orthodox Church volunteers. Anyone from our parish can volunteer by registering on the Metropolitan Ministries website below. First come, first served as the sign up slots fill up fast and our slots will be given to other people if we do not sign up.

Thanksgiving Holiday - November 22	2:00 - 5:30 PM
Christmas Holiday - December 22	3:00 - 6:30 PM



Philoptochos - Collecting donations for our troops through the end of November

We will be collecting items and sending them to our troops that need our thoughts and prayers. We will provide cards in the hall, please feel free to write them a note.

Food items such as: beef jerky, canned tuna/chicken, trail mix, granola bars, fruit snacks

Hygiene items such as travel size body wash and shampoo, deodorant, lip balm, wet wipes

Miscellaneous items such as: pens, pencils, travel games, cards, pads of paper, earbuds, footballs

Prohibited items such as: pork, tobacco, alcohol, bars of soap, aerosol sprays, nail polish, perfume

Prayer for Medical Personnel following Divine Liturgy

Following Divine Liturgy today, Fr. Stavros will invite all medical personnel on to the solea. He will offer a blessing and prayer for all those involved in the medical field in anyway.

Thank you from Nancy Manikas

Nancy Manikas would like to extend her thanks to everyone who assisted her in her recent operation and recovery.

3-Day Vigil Candles

In order to preserve our icons and prevent the emission of soot from going up and harming them, we have new 3-Day vigil candles. The ushers will place them in the windowsills along the isles in front of the icon of your choice. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the candles will be blown out, and you can bring it home to relight and use. This practice of placing candles in front of the saints is quite ancient, and one that is still practiced throughout the Orthodox world. Use this prayerful and devout practice here at St. John’s to ask for the intercessions of a saint of your choice.

Readings for the Sunday, October 23

Prokeimenon: His proclamation went forth into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God.

The Epistle Reading according to Paul’s Letter to the Galatians (Gal. 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.

Gospel Reading according to the St. 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.

Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants:

Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Roger Zesis; Christopher Labatos; Sylvia Michos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Tony Ekonomou; 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, Toulas 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 Zelatidis, 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, Vasili, Moriah, Andoni, and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATE

October 23

Topic: The Light of Christ - Making Faith Personal

October 30

Topic: Sts. Cosmas & Damian
Serving with Love

Liturgical Notes

Monday, October 24 - Liturgy of St. James - The Divine Liturgy of St. James is the oldest of the Divine Liturgies and is also the longest. It was written around 70 A.D. making it the oldest Eucharistic service in the entire Christian world. This the only Divine Liturgy that has become the custom for the faithful to receive Holy Communion in separate elements, in similar fashion with how the clergy commune. The communicants first receive the Holy Body of Christ in their hands and consume it, and then drink from the Holy Chalice. This is a special beautiful tradition which will be continued at St. John the Baptist, and it is encouraged that all who attend this service fast beforehand and prepare to receive Holy Communion at this Divine Liturgy.

Wednesday, October 26 - 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. We commemorate St. Demetrios on October 26. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy for St. Demetrios on Wednesday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Friday, 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. Since 1940, the church of Greece moved the feast of the Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary (Agia Skepi) to October 28, to coincide with Oxi Day. In other jurisdictions, it is still celebrated on October 1. Because many of us have our roots in Greece, celebrating the Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary on October is something that has great meaning. In trying to serve the many and diverse needs of our parish, we get requests periodically to do more Greek in the services. 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.*

Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project
October 23-29

And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.
Luke 8:15

This is the conclusion of the Parable of the Sower. Jesus explains to the disciples that the seed sown by the sower is the Word of God. Some fell on the path, it never took root. Some fell on rocks, meaning the devil came and took the seed away from the one who believe. What fell on the thorns represents those who receive the Word of God with joy but in time of temptation they fall away. Finally, what fell into the good soil represents those who hear the Word of God, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bring forth fruit with patience. It takes patience for people to grow a tree that will bear fruit. The soil must be cared for, the fruit must be nurtured. To grow the seed of God in us also requires patience and honesty. It requires us to hold fast to the word, to not let it slip from our minds and hearts in times of temptation. However, the first thing we need to do is actually hear the word, proclaimed in worship, and read in the Scriptures. We must first hear the word of God, then hold onto it with patience, honesty and goodness, and then it will bring forth fruit.

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 4th
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 5th
11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Let's get excited to share our faith and our culture with the Tampa Bay area!

We are proud to be donating 100% of the profits to benefit LifePath Hospice, Love, INC, and relief efforts for Hurricane Ian

FOR 2022 GREEK FESTIVAL UPDATES, TEXT @TPAGRKFEST TO 81010

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER EACH SUNDAY AFTER LITURGY

contact mike xenick at mxenick@gmail.com or 813-340-8737 to find out how you can get involved!

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Altar Boy Schedule

<p>October 16 St. Luke Teddy Kafentaris Andrew Thatcher Kris Christopher Vasilios Panos Jonah Blankenbaker Lucas Elly Liam Elly</p>	<p>Captains John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Carter James Magos Demetri Passalaris George Xenick Nicholas Magos PJ Zelatis</p>	<p>October 30 St. Matthew Thanos Kantaras Michael Galin Leo Sengsouvana Kenny Kane Philip Kane Gabriel Gonzalez</p>
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