

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

June 27, 2021 - Sunday of All Saints

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)
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(Above, All Saints Icon)

SYNAXARION: All Saints; Samson the Hospitable; Joanna the Myrrhbearer; Anektos the Martyr; Luke the Hermit;

Apolytikion of the Week (Pl 4 Mode): From Above did You descend O Christ our God. For us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be relieved from passions in this world. You who are our Resurrection and our Life: Glory to You, O Lord.

Apolytikion of the Feast (4 Mode): Your Church having bedecked herself, with the blood of all Your Martyrs in the world, as with the finest linen and purple robe, through them cries out to You, O Christ our God: Send down Your compassion upon Your people, grant peace to Your community, and to our souls Your great mercy.

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 (Pl. 4 Mode): Unto You, O Lord, the Author of Creation, the universe does offer the God-bearing Martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By whose prayers, through the Theotokos, do You preserve in profound peace Your Church, O most Merciful One.

Memorial Service: DeeAnn Athan (40 Days)

Readings for Sunday of All Saints

Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints 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 armies 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 tempted, 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. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Gospel Reading is from Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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Welcome Fr. Milton Magos!

Fr. Milton Magos, the father of one our parishioners, Tony Magos, is visiting with us this morning and will be co-celebrating Divine Liturgy with Fr. Stavros. Welcome Fr. Milton!



Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

Birthdays

Deme Capitano - June 27
Clipper Salmon - June 27
Sophia Blankenbaker - June 29
Robert Passavanti - June 29
Adriana Catrone - June 30
Valerie Hampers - June 30
Michael James - June 30
John Krinos - June 30
Carmen Pliego - June 30
Say Sengsouvanha - June 30
Gryphon Borgeas-Beach - July 3

Namedays

Pierre - June 27
Anargyros, Germanos - June 28
Pavlos, Peter - June 29
Apostolos, Meliton - June 30
Anargyros, Cosmas, Damianos, Mavrikios - July 1
Anatolios, Yakinthos, Zoumboulia - July 3

Upcoming Services & Events

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| Sunday, June 27 | Sunday of All Saints Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. |
| Monday, June 28 | Bible Study | 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, June 29 | Sts. Peter & Paul Orthros 9:00 a.m. Suffering Book Study | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, June 30 | Holy Apostles Orthros 9:00 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, July 4 | 2nd Sunday of Matthew Orthros 8:45 a.m. | Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. |



Stewardship 2021 Update

As of Tuesday, June 22, we have received 308 stewardship forms, with a pledged amount of \$469,718.00 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 June 27 - July 3

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always to the close of the age.”
Matthew 28:18-20

A commission in the military is an assignment, an order. Everyone in the military received a commission. They are sent to some place, and assigned to some duty, and they obediently follow. Christ gives each of us the same commission He gave the Apostles—to go, make disciples, baptize and teach. These are four specific actions that we are to do. We aren't to keep the information to ourselves but to share it. This Gospel passage is read at each Baptism. It is a commission for each person who enters the church through baptism. It is a reminder that Baptism isn't an achievement, or an end, but rather a beginning. Through baptism we enlist in God's army, with the same commission to make disciples of all nations. Each person will fulfill their commission in a different way—some as priests, some as parents, teachers, mentors, etc. There is room for variety here. However, each of us is commissioned and commanded to spread the Word of God and grow the church. This is a duty not just for the priests, but for all of us.

Update and Announcements

St. John's Bookstore Reopens — We are excited to announce the reopening of our bookstore TODAY, Sunday, June 27th following Divine Liturgy. With new merchandise, new pricing and a new look, you will be certain to find something you'll treasure. In particular, we offer a new and diverse selection of publications for adults and children as well as a large selection of icons and gifts. Mark your calendars for this special event. *Please note that volunteers are needed to help man the bookstore on Sundays. If you can help, please see Presvytera Denise.*

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.

Monday Night Bible Study with Charlie — CONTINUES on Mondays June 28. Bible study is held via Zoom AND IN PERSON. If you are not currently part of the Monday Night Bible study and would like to join in, please contact Charlie at chambos@stjohntpa.org and he will add you.

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

Tuesday Book Study — RESUMES with three more sessions: June 29, July 6 & 13.

Tuesday, June 29, Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the Paramounts of the Apostles—Sts. Peter and Paul are the two greatest of the Apostles who were at one time two of the greatest sinners. St. Peter denied Christ and St. Paul was persecuting and killing Christians. God used these men for good despite their sins, a lesson for all of us.

Wednesday, June 30, Synaxis of the Holy Apostles—On the day following Sts. Peter and Paul, June 30, the Church commemorates the Twelve Apostles.

Young At Heart Meeting—St. John's Young At Heart Ministry will be meeting Thursday, July 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Kourmolis Center. YAH will be ordering from [Acropolis Restaurant](#). Please make sure to come to the meeting with your order selection as we order on that day.

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)

June 28 to July 24, Fr. Stavros will be away—For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. John Stefero at 678-637-4425

Sunday, July 4, Independence Day—While July 4 is not a day that is usually commemorated with a Divine Liturgy, it is a great day to have one, and wonderful that it falls on a Sunday this year. At a time when our country has had so much unrest, first with the Coronavirus and then with the civil unrest, it is a great day to pray for our country, for our citizens, for our first responders, and for our freedom.

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

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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.

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