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St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

August 28, 2022 - 11th Sunday of Matthew

Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)

Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)

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(Icon of St. Moses the Ethiopian - August 28)

Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

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.

Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

Moses the Ethiopian; Martyr Akakius the New; Peter & Paul, and Diomides, Laurence and the Forty Martyrs; Hezekiah the King; Anna, daughter of Phanuel; Holy Thirty-Three Martyrs of Heracleia

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.

O-te ka-til-thes pros ton tha-na-ton i Zo-i i a-tha-na-tos to-te ton A-din e-ne-kro-sas ti a-stra-pi tis The-o-ti-tos. O-te de ke tous teth-ne-o-tas ek ton ka-tach-tho-ni-on a-ne-sti-sas pa-se e dy-namis ton e-pou-ra-ni-on e-krav-ga-zon, Zo-o-do-ta Chris-te o The-os i-mon do-xa Si.

Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἀχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐφορᾷ καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

• **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.

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

Athanasia Giannaros (40 Days)

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Day: Thursday 6:30 p.m.

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

Hierarchical Visit from His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela on September 18

On Sunday, September 18, we will be blessed with the presence of His Grace Bishop Sevastianos of Zela who will celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Please note that Orthros and Divine Liturgy will start fifteen minutes earlier. Orthros will begin at 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:45 a.m.

St. John's Bookstore - Monastery Incense Now Available

Four new varieties of incense - Myrrh, Jerusalem, Byzantium, and Frankincense - are now available in the bookstore. All previously existing incense is offered at half-price. Incense burners in various sizes, charcoal, and brass tongs are also in stock. Stop in today!



Orthodoxy 101 Class will Begin in September

Fr. Stavros offers this class two times per year, in the spring and in the fall. This will be a Four-week course of study on Monday nights 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m to make people aware of the basics of being an Orthodox Christian. The classes will be part lecture, part discussion, with lots of time for questions and answers.

Mark your calendars for September 19, 26, October 3, and 10.

Please sign up with Fr. Stavros at frstav@gmail.com, so he has enough materials for everyone. There is no charge for this class.

JOY/HOPE Big Announcement!

We're excited to announce that our Holy Orthodox Primary Education (HOPE) and our Junior Orthodox Youth (JOY) ministries will be having lots of fun activities throughout the 2022-2023 school year! In addition to the HOPE and JOY combined events that we've enjoyed every year in the past, this year, we will be starting something new, just for our tweenaged JOY children (4th-6th grade)! We will have planned meetings and fun events scheduled for all our tweens at least once a month, with our first welcome meeting on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 1:00pm. We pray that the JOY Ministry will be a vehicle in which our children, at a pivotal age, can develop their lives, faith and morals through age-appropriate activities centered around worship, fellowship, service and witness.

Please mark your calendars and join us. We can't wait to see you!

Adult Greek School - Starting at the end of September

Interested in learning Greek?

Learn how to speak, read, and write Greek as well as basic grammar, and Greek history!

Classes are held on Thursday's at St. John's from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. starting September 29!

There are a total of three sessions, each session lasting three months.

Contact Ms. Magdalini Myer: (813) 523-5771 | aspis69@aol.com

Greek Afternoon School - Starting at the end of August

Open registration to all children between 5 and 15 years old!

Learn greek, history, mythology, and dance.

Every Saturday beginning the last week of August from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Interested? Contact our teachers!

Ioannis Giavaras | (718) 419 - 4413 | igiavaras@gmail.com

Chrisa Giavaras | (727) 612 - 7049

Readings for the Sunday, August 28

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation. The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

The Epistle Reading according to Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 9:2-12)

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Reading according to the Evangelist Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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 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

August 28

Topic: The Lord’s Prayer

September 4

No Sunday School
(Labor Day Weekend)

Liturgical Notes

Monday, August 29 - Beheading of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist, according to the Gospel accounts, was beheaded in prison. St. John had spoken out against Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas, the King of Arabia. Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6:21 - 29). We commemorate this event each year on August 29, which is also a strict fast day. As St. John the Baptist is the patron saint of our parish, we honor this feast day, and we pray for his intercessions over each of us and our parish.

Thursday, September 1 - New Ecclesiastical Year/Day of the Environment

His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, declared many years ago that September 1, the day on which we begin the New Ecclesiastical (Church) Year, also be set aside to pray for our environment. Not only do we thank God for His blessings of the past church year, and ask for Him to bless us in the new year, but we also offer prayers for our environment, which are needed more and more in the world where our environment is threatened as time passes.



Our Food Pantry is very active helping people near and far in the Tampa Community

- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Spaghetti Sauce
- ☐ Tomato sauce/chopped tomatoes etc.
- ☐ All kinds of white flour
- ☐ Canned Tuna
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Canned fruits and vegetables
- ☐ Gluten Free Foods and Flours
- ☐ Body Wash
- ☐ Cereal
- ☐ Whole wheat rice and pasta
- ☐ Men's and Women's razors and shaving cream (travel size)
- ☐ Toothbrushes
- ☐ Granola & Protein Bars

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St. John’s has a social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



Find us on by searching the following:

Facebook: St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church Tampa



Instagram: @stjohntpa

Twitter: @stjohntpa

Be sure to tag us in any posts or pictures that are here at the Church!



Happy Birthday and Happy Nameday!

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

Birthdays		Namedays
August 28	Robbie Gabel, Thomas Georgas, PJ Zelatis	Damon
August 29		Arkadios
August 30	Alex Delashaw, Kathryn MacLaury, Stephnie Sandborn, Chase Wernke	Alexander, Evalios, Filakas
August 31	Luke Santana, Zacharias Sarantos	Cyprian, Gennadius, Aidan, Eanswythe, Cuthburga
September 1	Thomas Karoutsos, James Katzaras	Symeon, Joshua, Meletius
September 2	Sophia Diniaco, Moriah Panagopoulos, Jacob Rodriguez	Mamas
September 3	Theodora Clipp, Andrew Demas, Demetrios Panopoulos	Anthimos, Arhontia, Arhontion, Aristeia, Aristion, Phevos, Polydoros

Altar Boy Schedule

August 28 St. Matthew	Captains	August 28
Thanos Kantaras Michael Galin Leo Sengsouvana Kenny Kane Philip Kane Gabriel Gonzalez	John Palios Genaro Scarfogliero Nicholas Akrotirianakis Nicholas Carter James Magos Demetri Passalaris George Xenick Nicholas Magos PJ Zelatis	Anyone attending may serve

