

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Sunday of St. John Climacus

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ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 6:13-20

Αδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὤμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἴη μὴν εὐλογῶν εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὁμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσότερο βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεύσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρόδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσήλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Epistle Reader: Ariana Selberis

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Mark 9:17-31

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ λέγων, διδάσκαλε, ἤνεγκα τὸν υἱόν μου πρὸς σε, ἔχοντα πνεῦμα ἄλαλον. καὶ ὅπου ἂν αὐτὸν καταλάβῃ, ρήσσει αὐτόν, καὶ ἀφρίζει καὶ τρίζει τοὺς ὀδόντας αὐτοῦ, καὶ ξηραίνεται· καὶ εἶπον τοῖς μαθηταῖς σου ἵνα αὐτὸ ἐκβάλωσι, καὶ οὐκ ἴσχυσαν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς αὐτῷ λέγει· ὦ γενεὰ ἄπιστος, ἕως πότε πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔσομαι; ἕως πότε ἀνέξομαι ὑμῶν; φέρετε αὐτὸν πρὸς με. καὶ ἤνεγκαν αὐτὸν πρὸς αὐτόν. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν εὐθέως τὸ πνεῦμα ἐσπάραξεν αὐτόν, καὶ πεσὼν ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐκυλίετο ἀφρίζων. καὶ ἐπηρώτησε τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ· πόσος χρόνος ἐστὶν ὡς τοῦτο γέγονεν αὐτῷ; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· παιδιόθεν. καὶ πολλάκις αὐτόν καὶ εἰς πῦρ ἔβαλε καὶ εἰς ὕδατα, ἵνα ἀπολέσῃ αὐτόν· ἀλλ' εἴ τι δύνασαι, βοήθησον ἡμῖν σπλαγχνισθεὶς ἐφ' ἡμᾶς. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ τὸ εἰ δύνασαι πιστεῦσαι, πάντα δυνατὰ τῷ πιστεύοντι. καὶ εὐθέως κράξας ὁ πατὴρ τοῦ παιδιοῦ μετὰ δακρύων ἔλεγε· πιστεύω, κύριε· βοήθει μου τῇ ἀπιστίᾳ. ἰδὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι ἐπισυντρέχει ὄχλος, ἐπετίμησε τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ λέγων αὐτῷ· τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἄλαλον καὶ κωφόν, ἐγὼ σοι ἐπιτάσσω, ἔξελθε ἐξ αὐτοῦ καὶ μηκέτι εἰσέλθῃς εἰς αὐτόν. καὶ κράξαν καὶ πολλὰ σπαράξαν αὐτόν ἐξῆλθε, καὶ ἐγένετο ὡσεὶ νεκρός, ὥστε πολλοὺς λέγειν ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς κρατήσας αὐτόν τῆς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἰσελθόντα αὐτόν εἰς οἶκον οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτων αὐτόν κατ' ἰδίαν, ὅτι ἡμεῖς οὐκ ἠδυνήθημεν ἐκβαλεῖν αὐτό. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· τοῦτο τὸ γένος ἐν οὐδενὶ δύναται ἐξελθεῖν εἰ μὴ ἐν προσευχῇ καὶ νηστείᾳ. Καὶ ἐκεῖθεν ἐξελθόντες παρεπορεύοντο διὰ τῆς Γαλιλαίας, καὶ οὐκ ἤθελεν ἵνα τις γνῷ· ἐδίδασκε γὰρ τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου παραδίδοται εἰς χεῖρας ἀνθρώπων, καὶ ἀποκτενοῦσιν αὐτόν, καὶ ἀποκτανθεὶς τῇ τρίτῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἀναστήσεται.

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM A

RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS


FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2016

Sun. April 10, 2016
 Sunday of St. John Climacus
 Orthros 9am & Divine Liturgy 10am

TODAY
General Assembly Meeting
in Fellowship Hall
Following Divine Liturgy

+ MEMORIAL - +
 Rev. Nicholas Harbatis 40 Days
 Pres. Mary Harbatis 2 Years
 + May their memory be eternal +

Tues. April 12, 2016
 - Greek Language School, 4pm
 - AHEPA MEETING, 7PM

 **TODAY**
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The annual Kids-n-Cancer Reception will be
TODAY, April 10th at 4pm at the Big
Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach.
Contact Cindy Kezos for additional
information (714) 392-1329.

Wed. April 13, 2016
 PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, 6PM
Light Lenten meal & Studies in the Faith
to follow

Fri. April 15, 2016
 AKATHIST HYMN, 7PM

PROSFORO

April	10	Maria Tambouris
April	13	Voula Kitsigianis
April	17	Elefteria Konstantarakis
April	23	Kathy Tseheridis
April	23	Fotini Poulpoulos

Father George Hadjis
Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available on the Church website or you can contact Christine Pappas at 734-422-40 or pappascg1@gmail.com. Applications will be due on Sunday, May 8, 2016

WELCOME VISITORS

Orthodox and are interested in learning who we are and what our beliefs and practices are, we invite you to any of our Bible Study classes and of course the Class on the Orthodox Faith. On the other hand if you are an Orthodox Christian and are not a member in another Orthodox Church we invite you (and your family) to join our Parish. While all may receive the Andidoron, the bread which is given at the conclusion of services which of course is not consecrated, only Orthodox Christians in good standing can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)

OUR APOLOGIES

The office wishes to apologize to all faithful stewards whose name was not listed in the stewardship list in the March Vineyard. The list will be updated and published promptly.

**ITEMS IN NEED OF DONORS FOR LENT,
HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER**

FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE ICON OF THE VIRGIN (DURING FIVE FRIDAYS)
Patricia Gauvain

ANNUNCIATION ICON FLOWERS

FLOWERS FOR FEAST OF THE CROSS
Freda Chrest

PALM SUNDAY PALMS
Mr. Dukas Contos

BANNER OF RESURRECTION
Fofa Panagakis
Tony & Demetra Natsis

LARGE PASCHAL CANDLE USED BY PRIEST FOR EASTER SEASON
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ
Anonymous
Foula Vanikiotis
Fofa Panagakis

WREATH FOR HOLY CROSS
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian
Mrs. Calliopi Lambros
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Manos
Mrs. Vivian Christian

FLOWERS FOR THE RESURRECTION (ICON- ICONOSTASIS)
Dr. & Mrs. Constantine Glezakos

EASTER POTTED LILIES
Penelope Contos

FLOWERS TO DECORATE ICON OF CHRIST FOR HOLY MONDAY
Foula Vanikiotis
Fofa Panagakis

SPECIAL INCENSE FOR HOLY WEEK
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mellas
Catherine Christ
Anonymous
Fofa Panagakis

SPECIAL 100% BEESWAX CANDLES FOR CROSS AND ALTAR TABLE
Maria Massouris in memory of George Massouris

PORTABLE ICON OF THE RESURRECTION
Mr. & Mrs. Leon Gabrielian
Mrs. Calliopi Lambros
Anonymous

**Please note that in the spirit of Christian inclusiveness the church will
exclude or to deny anyone the opportunity to participate.**

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All Students are invited to attend the
Annual Saturday of Lazarus Retreat
 Saturday, April 23, 2016

Immediately following church services in the church hall
 The morning begins with Church Service followed by a light Lenten Lunch
 Activities will include Palm making for the Palm Sunday service. Students will have an opportunity to make an Anastasi Candle to light and hold during the Resurrection Service on Saturday night.
 The Sacrament of Holy Confession will also be offered to the students.



GOYA
PALM SUNDAY
Annual Luncheon on April 24, 2016



We will be pre-selling tickets in the hall after church on Sundays. Please make plans with your family and friends and support your youth and celebrate Palm Sunday k] h \ ' m c i f ' G U] b GOYA would like to wish everyone a blessed and spiritual Palm Sunday.



LUMINARY CANDLES
FOR HOLY FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY

Philoptochos will be offering Luminary Bags with Candles to be displayed around the church on Good Friday & Holy Saturday. There is a \$5.00 donation for each Luminary Bag and two names may be displayed on each bag.

Please fill out the Luminary form in the April Vineyard and bring it to the Philoptochos table on Sundays. Thanks!



ADOPT-A-BUS IS BACK!

The 2016 OC Greekfest will be advertised on the back of the ART buses the travel through Anaheim and surrounding cities. If you would like to Adopt-a-Bus for \$300, please stop by the Festival Table in the Fellowship Hall.



2016 DC Greek Fest

ADOPT-A-BOOTH UPDATE

We're kicking off the 2016 OC Greek Fest Adopt-a-Booth program. This year's Festival will take place on, May 20th, 21st and 22nd. We need your support to ensure a successful festival. Please complete this form and drop it off at the Church Office or give it to a Parish Council member. For additional information, please contact either Spiro Rados (714-319-6431) or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi (greekstacy@sbcglobal.net; 714-473-3726).

400 lbs Ground Beef	\$800	Wine	\$1,200	Pastry – Honey	\$700
600 lbs Salad	\$600	Cappuccino	\$300	Pastry – Kourambiethes	\$400
Tiropita	\$600	Soft Drinks	\$1,800	Religious Booth	\$2,000
Spanakopita	\$600	Ice	\$1,000	Printing – Postcards	\$1,000
Mega Booth – Gyro	\$2,400	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Band – Friday Night	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Feta Fries	\$1,200	Pastry – Baklava	\$500	Band – Saturday	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Produce	\$1,000	Pastry – Marble Koulourakia	\$500	Band – Sunday	\$1,500
Tzatziki Sauce	\$300	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Friday	\$1,500
Calamari	\$1,250	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Saturday	\$2,500
Kitchen Oil	\$400	Pastry – Bougatsa	\$400	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	\$2,500
Kid's Hot Dogs	\$400	Pastry – Kataifi	\$300	Volunteer T-shirts	\$600
Greek Beer	\$800	Pastry – Kataifi	\$300	Website/Social Media	\$700
Margaritas	\$600			Photography	\$500
ADOPT-A-BUS			\$300		

Donor Name(s): _____

How name(s) to appear on booth: _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Booth / Expense Adopted: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

* Donation amounts are suggestions only. In many cases, the actual booth expense exceeds the suggested donation amount. PARTIAL DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED! In-kind (product) donations gladly accepted with advance approval by the Festival Committee.

Join our Growing List of Adopt-a-Booth Donors!

Baklava – The Culp Family	Dolmathes - Leon & Elly Gabrielian	Hall Produce – Billy Boy's Café Inc.
Greek Beer – Stephen Kallaos DDS	Outside Tavern - George & Eva Gatsinaris	Baklava - Richard & Katherine Cote
Hall Bar – Dawn Alexander Davis	Loukoumades – Connie Perakis	Rice – In Memory of Peter L. Attard
Melomakarona – Friend of OC GreekFest	Water – Nick & Sophia Begakis	YiaYia's Cookies–Angelo & Vasiliki Bernardis
Koulourakia–George & Ekaterina Chatzis	Pasta Flora – John Koliias	Melomakarona – Tim & Julie Sarres
Beer Truck – AHEPA	Onions – Ted & Stella Triantos	Hall-Feta Cheese – Dean & Bessie Marinos
Lamb Taverna – Chris & Eva Sigas	Chicken– Spyridon & Patricia Rados	General Donation – Frank & Dimitra Kiriakos
Pastitio – Bill & Marcel Lambropoulos	Olive Oil – Angelopoulos Family	Galactobouriko – Maria & Chris Bonorris
Moussaka – George Zonos	Pasta Flora – Ann Arvanitis & Maria Nicolau	Mega-Feta – Andreas & Niky Syrengelas
Ravani – Chris & Susan Mellas	Kataifi – Alice Antoniou	Printing-Flyers – Harry's Cafe
Chocolate Trigona – Kosta & Dimitra Kapogianis	Greek Coffee – In memory of Georgia Stavrakes	
General Donation – Anne Cantonis	Microbrewery – Left Coast Brewing – John, George & Dora Hadjis	
Poutinga – Ann Lewis, Mary Sargologos, Georgia Soles, Foula Vanikiotis, Helen Vest & Alexandra Lambropoulos		
Diples – Freda Chrest, Sophia Christian, Marcia Melanitis, Soula Thomas		
Pork & Chicken Souvlakia – Perry & Christy Valaskantjis, Nikiforos & Konstantinos		



Join our Growing List of Adopt-a-Bus Donors!

Harry & Georgia Manos Pennie Contos In Memory of George C. Kezos

Thank you very much for your generosity!

April 10

Baking Schedule for 2016 OC Greek Fest

April 12th, Tuesday - Kourambiethes - 9am

April 21st, Thursday - Pasta Flora

May 10th, Tuesday - Melomakarona

May 12th, Thursday - Diples

May 18th, Wednesday - Honey Diples and Melomakarona

May 19th, Thursday - Gift Boxes

Call Julie Sarres at (714) 522-7737 if you have any questions. Thank you!!!