

# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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7th Sunday of Matthew  
Dometios of Persia & Disciples  
Nikanor the Wonderworker

## ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Romans 15:1-7

**Α**δελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκαστος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδίζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως δόξη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

**B**RETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

## **EΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Matthew 9:27-35**

**Τ**ῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κρίζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ. ἔλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνέφχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξεληθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῆ ἐκείνῃ. Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

**A**t that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### **FR. JOHN ABSENT FROM JULY 11TH TO AUGUST 11TH**

During Fr. John's annual vacation, Fr. Nicholas Milatos has agreed to handle Divine Services and emergencies. If you are in need for a Priest's services during this time please call the Church Office during office hours, or after office hours please call Ms. Pennie Contos at (714) 507-6868. We will do our best to accommodate you.

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2016

- Sun. August 7, 2015  
7th Sunday of Matthew  
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am
- Mon. August 8, 2015  
Paraclesis, 7pm
- Wed. August 10 2015  
Paraclesis, 7pm
- Fri. August 12, 2015  
Paraclesis, 7pm

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY - TEAM B

### PROSFORO

- August 7 Fofa Panagakis  
August 14 Maria Tambouris  
August 15 Lela Bonorris  
August 15 Fofa Panagakis

### WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors to St. John's. If you are non-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. (Note: 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.)

+ MEMORIAL - +

**Mercina Vatakis - 9 Months  
Georgia Stavrakes - 3 Years**

*\*Coffee hour will be sponsored by  
the Vatakis/Sourias Families*

**+May their memory be eternal+**



*Memorials at conclusion of  
Divine Liturgy*

*Fellowship in Church Hall  
following Divine Liturgy*



**THE ORTHODOX  
BOOKMOBILE**

**IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY**

after service! We have beautiful icons,  
and a variety of religious articles and  
Christian books, as well as books and Bibles.

*BE BLESSED!*





ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL  
2016-2017

**First Day of Class - Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**Register anytime online at:**

**[www.stjohnanaheim.org/ministries/sunday\\_school/registration.php](http://www.stjohnanaheim.org/ministries/sunday_school/registration.php)**



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
GREEK DANCE GROUPS

**Our next Greek Dance year starts on Sunday, September 11, 2016**

**Once again, parents will be able to register their child/children on the Church Website or fill out the packet and mail it back to us.**

**If you have any questions please call Sperry Pappas (714)745-3148**

*We look forward to seeing you all in September!*



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
GREEK LANGUAGE SCHOOL

**First Day of Class - Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

**The registration packet will be available in the church office the beginning of September, or on the Church Website.**

**Classes will meet on Tuesdays. Timely registration ensures that**

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## **BAKING SCHEDULE FOR STREET FAIR 2016**



**August 31st - Wednesday - Galactobouriko - 9am**

**We need help in the Booth. Please help!  
even for a few hours.**

**Any help would be appreciated.**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STREET FAIR**

**Friday, September 2nd thru  
Sunday, September 4th**

**To volunteer please call**

**Spyros Rados (714) 319-6431 Chris Minoudis (714) 815-7030  
Maria Minoudis (714) 356-1585**



**Join Philoptochos on Sunday, September 25th for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Newport Fashion Island. The Komen Race for the Cure raises funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, celebrates breast cancer survivorship, and honors those who have lost their battle with the disease. All Southern California Philoptochos members, their family and friends are invited to participate in the "Race for the Cure". Imagine being part of one of the largest groups of participants walking and raising funds for this important cause.**

**Direct Link for our Team Page - Use Firefox or Google Chrome**

**[http://orangecounty.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/  
CSM\\_OrangeCountyAffiliate/2140784634?  
am&fr\\_id=6413&team\\_id=362533](http://orangecounty.info-komen.org/site/TR/RacefortheCure/CSM_OrangeCountyAffiliate/2140784634?am&fr_id=6413&team_id=362533)**

## Community Fundraising Programs



Are you a member of eScrip yet! eScrip is an Online Shopping Mall where you can earn money for St. John the Baptist. How does it work? Register with eScrip (see below), shop online via eScrip.com and their 1000s of online retailers and the retailers will send a percentage of your purchases to St. John the Baptist. How easy is that!!! Retailers include Amazon.com, Avis.com, Hertz.com, Hilton.com, FTD.com, Nordstrom.com, Jetblue.com, iTunes, Orbitz.com, Sephora.com, Nike.com, Hotels.com, Petco.com, Petsmart.com, Drugstore.com and the list goes on and on. These merchants will send a percentage of your purchases ranging from 1% to 15%.

To sign up for eScrip—Go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and click on the "Sign up" link. Our Group ID is #166448589.



Ralphs Grocery Stores also have a Community Reward Program. Information on how to sign-up is below.

Ralphs—Go to [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com). You will need to register your Ralphs Card or sign-in if you already have registered your Ralphs Card. Once registered, you can link your card to our organization. Search for St. John the Baptist or our NPO # is 90693.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR THE NEW TERM STARTING SEPT. 1, 2016. AS OF SEPT. 1, 2016 THE SCAN BAR LETTERS ARE NO LONGER VALID.**

**This is a great way to help earn money for your Church!**