

ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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March 5, 2017
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Konon the Gardener
Mark the Ascetic

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Αδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἡρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἠγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὄνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπεν γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυὶδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν· οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμpanίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίστησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who 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 enemies 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 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.

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - John 1:43-51

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὕρισκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὕρισκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναήλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλίτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἰδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγμένον, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



Memorials at Conclusion of Divine Liturgy

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following Divine Liturgy



THE SYNODIKON

The passage from the Synodikon of the Seventh Ecumenical Council is read in unison by all.

As the Prophets beheld, As the Apostles taught,
As the Church received, As the Teachers dogmatized,
As the Universe agreed, As Grace illumined,
As the Truth revealed, As falsehood passed away,
As Wisdom presented, As Christ awarded,

Thus we declare, Thus we assert,
Thus we proclaim Christ our true God and honor
His saints, In words, In writings, In thoughts,
In sacrifices, In churches, In holy icons.

On the one hand, worshiping and reverencing
Christ as God and Lord.

And on the other hand, honoring and venerating
His Saints as true servants of the same Lord.

LOUDER

This is the Faith of the Apostles.

This is the Faith of the Fathers.

This is the Faith of the Orthodox.

This is the Faith which has established the Universe.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2017

Sun. March 5, 2017
Sunday of Orthodoxy
Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10 am

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY
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Tues. March 7, 2017
 - Greek Language School, 4pm
 - Philoptochos General Mtg., 6:30pm

Wed. March 8, 2017
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, 6PM
Light Lenten meal & Studies in the Faith to follow

Fri. March 10, 2017
SALUTATIONS TO THE THEOTOKOS
7PM

PROSFORO

March	5	Fotini Pouloupoulos
March	5	Fofa Panagakis
March	8	Voula Kitsigianis

WELCOME VISITORS

Young people 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 - +
 Father Nicholas Harbatis 1 Year
 Presvytera Mary Harbatis 3 Years
 +May their memory be eternal+

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 MARCH 19, 2017
 FOLLOWING
 DIVINE LITURGY

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 hosting the Parish Level
St. John Chrysostom
Oratorical Festival

THE 2017 DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

The Oratorical Festival is a program sponsored by the Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Elementary, Middle and High school students are invited to speak about their faith, their church and their heritage.

We hope you will encourage your child to participate in this wonderful program. For more information please call Sam Konugres (310) 204-0605



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Rev. Father John Kariotakis



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

To all Fellow Parishioners:

We will hold a General Assembly meeting in the Community Center on Sunday, March 19th, 2017 immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please join us as we look forward to presenting you our committee updates, but most importantly to hear your thoughts and opinions on all the topics of the Agenda. Your participation is very important to the future of our Community.

AGENDA:

1. Invocation
2. Introduction of Parish Council
3. Selection of General Assembly Parliamentarian
4. Nomination and election of General Assembly Chairperson
5. Minutes of previous General Assembly Meeting dated November 6, 2016
6. Clergy Comments
7. President Report
8. Stewardship Update
9. Treasurer's Report – 2016 year end results & 2017 year-to-date financials

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Proposed Hall Expansion and Possible Vote for Acceptance of Proposal
2. Audit report for 2016

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual OC Greek Festival - Volunteers Needed
2. Adjacent Property Development Update
3. Property Fence and Gate Proposal and Vote
4. Open to the floor for the good of the Parish

Members of the Parish are eligible to vote if they have completed their 2016 financial stewardship obligation and have submitted a pledge card along with an initial payment for 2017.

Respectfully,

Kostas Kapogianis
President – Parish Council

Cynthia Kezos
Secretary - Parish Council



2017 OC Greek Fest

It's that time again! This year's Festival will take place on, May 19, 20 & 21. We are kicking off the **2017 OC Greek Fest Adopt-a-Booth** program. 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 either Spiro Rados or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi. **PARTIAL DONATIONS ACCEPTED!** In-kind (product) donations gladly accepted. Please contact Spiro Rados (714-319-6431) or Stacy Sotos-Lanyi (714-473-3726).

250 – 3 lb Chickens	\$750	Mega Booth – Feta Fries	\$1,200	Pastry – Marble Koulourakia	\$500
250 – 3 lb Chickens	\$750	Mega Booth – Produce	\$1,000	Pastry – Baklava	\$500
350 lbs Ground Beef	\$450	Mega Booth – Gyro	\$1,200	Pastry – Baklava	\$500
350 lbs Ground Beef	\$450	Calamari	\$1,250	Pastry – Kataifi	\$500
Tiropita	\$600	Greek Market (NEW)	\$500	Pastry – Kataifi	\$500
Spanakopita	\$600	Kitchen Oil	\$400	Pastry – Karidopita	\$400
Moussaka	\$750	Ice	\$1,000	Pastry - Chocolate Flogeres	\$300
Moussaka	\$750	Kid's Hot Dogs	\$400	Religious Booth	\$500
Pastitsio	\$750	Beer Wagon	\$2,000	Band – Friday Night	\$1,500
Pastitsio	\$750	Greek Beer	\$800	Band – Saturday	\$1,500
Dolmathes	\$300	Greek Beer	\$800	Band – Sunday	\$1,500
Dolmathes	\$300	Margaritas	\$600	Printing – Postcards	\$1,000
Dolmathes	\$300	Wine	\$1200	Shuttle Bus – Friday	\$1,500
Souvlakia - Pork	\$750	Soft Drinks	\$900	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	\$2,500
Souvlakia - Chicken	\$750	Soft Drinks	\$900	Volunteer T-shirts	\$600
Souvlakia - Chicken	\$750	Pastry – Amygdalota	\$500	Website/Social Media	\$700

Join our Growing List of Donors!

Hall Bar – Dawn Alexandra Davis	Kourambiethes – Vlachos & Company	Loukoumades – George & Eva Gatsinaris
Mega Booth-Gyro – Stephen Kallaos DDS	Revani – Vlachos & Company	Galactobouriko - Richard & Katherine Cote
Lamb Taverna – Chris & Eva Sigas	Hall Feta – BMWG, Inc.	Lamb Taverna – Chris & Maria Bonorris
Pastry-Baklava – Frank & Demetra Kyriakos	Printer-Flyers – Harry & Georgia Manos	Pastry-Chocolate Flogeres – Alice Antoniou
Honey – Spyridon & Pat Rados	Bottled Water – Nick & Sophia Begakis	Greek Coffee – Friends of OC Greek Fest
Tzatziki Sauce – The Pilafas Family	Feta Cheese – Dean & Bessie Marinos	Beer Wagon – AHEPA
Rice – In Memory of Peter L. Attard	Bougatsa – Spyridon & Pat Rados	Outside Taverna – George Zonos
Pork Souvlaki – In Memory of Dimitrios Stavropoulos		Pastry – Melomakaronia – Tim & Julie Sarres
Pastry – Koulourakia – George & Katina Chatzis		Pastry-Revani – Chris & Susan Mellas
Pastry – Galactobouriko – Chris & Maria Bonorris		Pastry-Pasta Flora – John & Terry Koliass
Shuttle Buses – Saturday – Kostas & John Kapogianis Families		Greek Market – Harry's Cafe
Loukoumades – We love our Yiayia - John, Marianna and Dino		Pastry – Galactobouriko – Kostas & Dimitra Kapogianis
	Pastry-Poutinga – Ann Lewis, Mary Sargologis, Helen Vest, Foula Vanikiotis	
	Pastry-Diples – Freda Chrest, Sophia Christian, Marcia Melanitis, Soula Thomas	
	Microbrewery – Left Coast Brewing – The Hadjis Family - John, George, Dora, Tommy, Estella and Shawn	

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.

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literary legacy, commemorating 60 years of his death

Sunday, March 12, 2017 - 5pm

William Bristol Civic Auditorium

16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA

Reservations: (562) 305-2356 or info@hellenic-library.org