

# ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## **NATIVITY OF THE FORERUNNER JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Elizabeth, Mother of the Forerunner**

### **ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ -EPISTLE READING - Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4**

**Α**δελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἢ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νύξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσχημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κόμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελγείαις, μὴ ἔριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἀλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιῆσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὅς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἀλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γάρ ἐστιν ὁ θεὸς στηῆσαι αὐτόν.

**B**rethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

## ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - GOSPEL READING - Luke 1:1-24, 57-68, 76-80

Ἐπειδήπερ πολλοὶ ἐπεχείρησαν ἀνατάξασθαι διήγησιν περὶ τῶν πεπληροφορημένων ἐν ἡμῖν πραγμάτων καθὼς παρέδοσαν ἡμῖν οἱ ἀπ' ἀρχῆς αὐτόπται καὶ ὑπηρέται γενόμενοι τοῦ λόγου, ἔδοξε καμοί, παρηκολουθηκῶτι ἄνωθεν πᾶσιν ἀκριβῶς, καθεξῆς σοὶ γράψαι, κράτιστε Θεόφιλε, ἵνα ἐπιγνῶς περὶ ὧν κατηχήθης λόγων τὴν ἀσφάλειαν.

Ἐγένετο ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις Ἡρώδου τοῦ βασιλέως τῆς Ἰουδαίας ἱερεὺς τις ὀνόματι Ζαχαρίας ἐξ ἑφημερίας Ἀβιά, καὶ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ ἐκ τῶν θυγατέρων Ἀαρῶν, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτῆς Ἐλισάβετ. ἦσαν δὲ δίκαιοι ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ, πορευόμενοι ἐν πάσαις ταῖς ἐντολαῖς καὶ δικαιώμασι τοῦ Κυρίου ἀμεμπτοί. καὶ οὐκ ἦν αὐτοῖς τέκνον, καθότι ἡ Ἐλισάβετ ἦν στείρα, καὶ ἀμφοτέρωθεν προβεβηκότες ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις αὐτῶν ἦσαν. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἱερατεύειν αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ τάξει τῆς ἑφημερίας αὐτοῦ ἐναντι τοῦ Θεοῦ, κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἱερατείας ἔλαχε τοῦ θυμιᾶσαι εἰσελθὼν εἰς τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Κυρίου· καὶ πᾶν τὸ πλῆθος ἦν τοῦ λαοῦ προσευχόμενον ἔξω τῆς ὥρας τοῦ θυμιάματος. ὤφθη δὲ αὐτῷ ἄγγελος Κυρίου ἐστῶς ἐκ δεξιῶν τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου τοῦ θυμιάματος, καὶ ἐταράχθη Ζαχαρίας ἰδὼν, καὶ φόβος ἐπέπεσεν ἐπ' αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ ἄγγελος· μὴ φοβοῦ, Ζαχαρία· διότι εἰσηκούσθη ἡ δέησίς σου, καὶ ἡ γυνὴ σου Ἐλισάβετ γεννήσει υἱόν σοι, καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰωάννην· καὶ ἔσται χαρὰ σοὶ καὶ ἀγαλλίασις, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπὶ τῇ γεννήσει αὐτοῦ χαρήσονται. ἔσται γὰρ μέγας ἐνώπιον τοῦ Κυρίου, καὶ οἶνον καὶ σίκερα οὐ μὴ πῖη καὶ Πνεύματος Ἁγίου πλησθήσεται ἔτι ἐκ κοιλίας μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ πολλοὺς τῶν υἱῶν Ἰσραὴλ ἐπιστρέψει ἐπὶ Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν αὐτῶν· καὶ αὐτὸς προελεύσεται ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ ἐν πνεύματι καὶ δυνάμει Ἡλιοῦ, ἐπιστρέψαι καρδίας πατέρων ἐπὶ τέκνα καὶ ἀπειθεῖς ἐν φρονήσει δικαίων, ἐτοιμάσαι Κυρίῳ λαὸν κατεσκευασμένον. καὶ εἶπε Ζαχαρίας πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον· κατὰ τί γνώσομαι τοῦτο; ἐγὼ γὰρ εἰμι πρεσβύτης καὶ ἡ γυνὴ μου προβεβηκυῖα ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις αὐτῆς. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἄγγελος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐγὼ εἰμι Γαβριὴλ ὁ παρεστηκὼς ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ ἀπεστάλην λαλῆσαι πρὸς σε καὶ εὐαγγελίσασθαι σοὶ ταῦτα. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἔση σιωπῶν καὶ μὴ δυνάμενος λαλῆσαι ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας γένηται ταῦτα, ἀνθ' ὧν οὐκ ἐπίστευσας τοῖς λόγοις μου, οἵτινες πληρωθήσονται εἰς τὸν καιρὸν αὐτῶν. καὶ ἦν ὁ λαὸς προσδοκῶν τὸν Ζαχαρίαν, καὶ ἐθαύμαζον ἐν τῷ χρονίζειν αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ναῷ. ἐξελθὼν δὲ οὐκ ἠδύνατο λαλῆσαι αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐπέγνωσαν ὅτι ὀπτασίαν ἐώρακεν ἐν τῷ ναῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν διανεύων αὐτοῖς, καὶ διέμενε κωφός. καὶ ἐγένετο ὡς ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι τῆς λειτουργίας αὐτοῦ, ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. Μετὰ δὲ ταύτας τὰς ἡμέρας συνέλαβεν Ἐλισάβετ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ, καὶ περιέκρυβεν ἑαυτὴν μῆνας πέντε, λέγουσα ὅτι οὕτω μοι

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Τῇ δὲ Ἐλισάβετ ἐπλήσθη ὁ χρόνος τοῦ τεκεῖν αὐτήν, καὶ ἐγέννησεν υἱόν. καὶ ἤκουσαν οἱ περίοικοι καὶ οἱ συγγενεῖς αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐμεγάλυνε Κύριος τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ μετ' αὐτῆς, καὶ συνέχαιρον αὐτῇ. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῇ ὀγδῶντῃ ἡμέρᾳ ἦλθον περιτεμεῖν τὸ παιδίον, καὶ ἐκάλουν αὐτὸ ἐπὶ τῷ ὀνόματι τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ Ζαχαρίαν. καὶ ἀποκριθεῖσα ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ εἶπεν· οὐχί, ἀλλὰ κληθήσεται Ἰωάννης. καὶ εἶπον πρὸς αὐτήν ὅτι οὐδεὶς ἐστὶν ἐν τῇ συγγενείᾳ σου ὃς καλεῖται τῷ ὀνόματι τούτῳ· ἐνένευον δὲ τῷ πατρὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ τί ἂν θέλοι καλεῖσθαι αὐτόν. καὶ αἰτήσας πινακίδιον ἔγραψε λέγων· Ἰωάννης ἐστὶ τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐθαύμασαν πάντες. ἀνεψόχθη δὲ τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ παραχρῆμα καὶ ἡ γλῶσσα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐλάλει εὐλογῶν τὸν Θεόν. καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ πάντας φόβος τοὺς περιοικοῦντας αὐτούς, καὶ ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ ὄρεινῃ τῆς Ἰουδαίας διελαλεῖτο πάντα τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα, καὶ ἔθεντο πάντες οἱ ἀκούσαντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῶν λέγοντες· τί ἄρα τὸ παιδίον τοῦτο ἔσται; καὶ χεὶρ Κυρίου ἦν μετ' αὐτοῦ. Καὶ Ζαχαρίας ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐπλήσθη Πνεύματος Ἁγίου καὶ προεφήτευσεν λέγων· Εὐλογητὸς Κύριος, ὁ Θεὸς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ, ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο καὶ ἐποίησεν λύτρωσιν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ, Καὶ σύ, παιδίον, προφήτης ὑψίστου κληθήσῃ· προπορεύσῃ γὰρ πρὸ προσώπου Κυρίου ἐτοιμάσαι ὁδοὺς αὐτοῦ, τοῦ δοῦναι γινῶσιν σωτηρίας τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ, ἐν ἀφέσει ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν διὰ σπλάγχνα ἐλέους Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἐν οἷς ἐπεσκέψατο ἡμᾶς ἀνατολὴ ἐξ ὕψους ἐπιφᾶναι τοῖς ἐν σκότει καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου καθημένοις, τοῦ κατευθῆναι τοὺς πόδας ἡμῶν εἰς ὁδὸν εἰρήνης. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον

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**I**nasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilos, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying out-

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him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men."

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zacharias after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.

### Ἦχος γ'.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω  
τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι  
αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ  
τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν  
ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς,  
καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### Τοῦ Προδρόμου.

Τοῦ Μηναιίου ---

### Ἦχος δ'. Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.

Προφήτα καὶ Προδρόμε, τῆς παρουσίας  
Χριστοῦ, ἀξίως εὐφημησαί σε οὐκ  
εὐποροῦμεν ἡμεῖς, οἱ πόθῳ τιμῶντές  
σε· στεῖρωσις γὰρ τεκούσης, καὶ πατρὸς  
ἄφωνία, λέλυνται τῇ ἐνδόξῳ, καὶ σεπτῇ  
σου γεννήσει, καὶ σάρκωσις Υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ,  
κόσμῳ κηρύττεται.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον.

### Ἦχος β'.

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ  
ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου Προδρόμε·  
ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν  
σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν ῥείθροις  
βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον.  
Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας ὑπεραθλήσας,  
χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Ἄιδῃ, Θεὸν  
φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί, τὸν αἵροντα τὴν  
ἀμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν  
τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος β'.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν  
ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν  
ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν  
δειξέων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς  
ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς  
κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν,  
καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα  
ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion.

### Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let  
everything on earth be glad. For with  
His Arm the Lord has worked power. He  
trampled death under foot by means of death;  
and He became the firstborn from the dead.  
From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and  
He granted the world His great mercy. <sup>(SD)</sup>

From Menaion ---

### Mode 4. Come quickly.

O Prophet and Forerunner of the  
appearance of Christ, \* with longing we honor  
you, although we have not the means \* of  
extolling you worthily. \* Your birth, which  
was exalted \* and most glorious, ended  
\* the barrenness of your mother and the  
muteness of your father; \* and unto the world  
it announced \* the Incarnation of God the

## Apolytikion.

### Mode 2.

The memory of the just is observed  
with hymns of praise; for you suffices the  
testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You  
have proved to be truly more ven'erable  
than the Prophets, since you were granted  
to baptize in the river the One whom they  
proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth  
you had contested, rejoicing, to those in  
Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was  
manifested in the flesh, and takes away the  
sin of the world, and grants to us the great  
mercy. <sup>(SD)</sup>

## Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians that never fails,  
intercession with the Creator that never fails,  
we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices  
of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore  
you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry  
out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession,  
and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who  
protect now and ever those who honor you.

# RELIGIOUS SERVICES, MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24, 2018

**Sun. June 24, 2018**  
 Nativity of the Forerunner  
 John the Baptist  
 Orthros 9am, Divine Liturgy 10am

ACOLYTES SERVING TODAY  
TEAM A

PARISH COUNCIL NARTHEX  
TEAM 4

**Tues. June 25, 2018**  
 Studies in the Faith, 11am

**Sat. June 30, 2018**  
 The Synaxis of the 12 Apostles  
 Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9am

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Greek Street is back!  
 Save the dates—  
 August 31,  
 September 1 & 2



Planning has started and volunteers are needed. Please feel free to contact Kostas Kapogianis or Pennie Contos at the Church Office at 714-827-0181.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL



August 14 thru 17  
 10:00 am to 12 noon

To register, contact  
 Fr. Constantine at 714-827-0181  
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### PROSFORO

June 17	Evanthia Sigas
June 24	Fotini Pouloupoulos
June 24	Katerina Tseheridis
July 1	Fofo Panagakis
July 8	Elefteria Konstantarakis

## Father John Summer Sabbatical

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, Father John will take his three month sabbatical from June 20th through September 20th. Father Constantine will handle priestly affairs during this time. In case of an emergency, contact Father Constantine on his cell phone at 503-929-0911.



*The Church Office will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 3rd and will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.*

### 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.)**