

The Vineyard

“I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES” (John 15:51)

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PROISTAMENOS MESSAGE

PREPARING FOR PASCHA

After participating in the glorious Paschal service in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem, an Orthodox Bishop was moved to pen the following words.

“Coming out of the service at dawn we began to regard everything in the light of the glory of Christ’s Resurrection and all appeared different from what it had been yesterday; everything seemed better, more expressive, more glorious. Only in the light of the Resurrection does life receive meaning.”

How true indeed!

Dear friends, as we prepare to celebrate this truly awesome and most-holy event of the Lord’s triumph over death, we are reminded that our precious Orthodox Christian faith is rooted above all in the triumphant Resurrection of Christ.

The Risen Lord of Glory is the very foundation of our faith. This great victory of Christ is the *“one and only basis of our Christian life and hope.”*



Yet, many remain unmoved and blase by the implications of Christ’s supreme triumph over death. As a result they do not fully experience the profound joy which Pascha offers us. Why is that?

One reason is because they fail to embrace completely a necessary time of preparation. The period preceding the feast of Pascha, serves us admirably and prepares us for this most sacred feast—if only we live its requirements.

For without an *“expectant preparation”* the deeper meaning of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord will be lost to the extraneous trappings of the feast.

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Orthros & Divine Liturgy.....9:00 A.M.

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Fellowship in Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy

WEEKDAY/HOLY DAY SERVICES.....9:00 A.M.

Parish Programs

ADULT GREEK CLASS - Thursdays 5:30 & 7:00 P.M.

ALTAR BOYS - Each boy serves in the Altar once every four weeks.

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CHILDREN'S GREEK CLASS - Tuesdays - 4:00 P.M.

CLASS FOR THOSE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED - As scheduled.

CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH - Wednesdays - 7:00 P.M.

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J.O.Y & H.O.P.E - 3rd Thursday of the Month

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G.O.Y.A - 1st Sunday and 3rd Friday of the Month

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How then can we adequately prepare for Pascha? Consider the possibilities.

1. Maintain faithfully the requirements of Lent such as FASTING, PRAYER and GOOD WORKS.(Assisting those in need)

2. Attend faithfully the Sunday liturgies, the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday and the Salutations in honor of the Panaghia on Friday evenings.

3. By frequent Holy Communion after participating in the Sacrament of Penance. (Holy Confession)

4. By cutting back on social gatherings, television, movies and other activities and use the time to reflect on the spiritual aspects of this period of Lent which is a time to also atone for our many sins even as we mourn for our wrong thoughts, words or deeds.

5. By offering assistance to those in need. The funds can come by foregoing one meal per week during the seven weeks of Great Lent.

Finally, I invite you to struggle against the temptation to leave the Anastasis Liturgy before its conclusion. To do so is to cheat yourselves of the joy which the entire service offers us who faithfully remain to its conclusion.

May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with His love and grace. I wish you all a Joyous and Holy Pascha.

“Fill the Jars With Water”

(John 2:7)

In the second chapter of the Gospel of John, the Evangelist tells us about the first public miracle which Jesus performed. Jesus and His mother, the Theotokos, were attending a wedding at Cana. When the groom’s family ran out of wine, Mary told Jesus, knowing that he would care about the embarrassment to the newlywed couple, and would do something about it.

We do not know what Jesus was doing at the feast. In the Gospels, Jesus’ followers refer to him as “Rabbi” and “Rabboni”. These titles indicate that he was recognized as a respected Teacher of the Law (Rabban is Hebrew for Teacher and the title Rabboni, “Our Teacher”) was considered the highest rank among teachers in Israel. Perhaps Jesus was the one who performed the wedding. Therefore His mother went to Him when she realized in the kitchen that there was a problem at the festival.

We do know something about Jewish customs of that time. It was customary for the father of the groom to provide the feast. The father also provided a home for the couple. When the house was ready, the father announced that it was time for the wedding. No one would know this date in advance-not even the son-because it was a closely guarded secret, intended to surprise the young people. On the wedding day, the groom’s friends would go to the bride’s house and blow the shofar (ram’s horn) to let her know that the wedding day had come. Then the men would lift her up on her their shoulders and carry her to to the father’s house for the wedding. She wore a veil during the parade, so that many people would come out into the street and try to guess who was getting married. They were all invited to the party, because the more people who came, the more honor would fall to the father who was giving the party. When everyone was inside, the door would be shut and a count taken of the people who were there. This allowed the cooks to know how many meals to make. Just as today it would be embarrassing if the host ran out of food and drinks. This is why Mary was anxious for Jesus to do something quickly. Mary may not have known, however, that Jesus was going to turn ordinary water into wine-the best wine that had ever been served at the wedding feast.

St. John tells us an important detail about the miracle. Jesus told the servants to fill nearby jars for purification with water. These clay jars are very large and are intended to provide water for washing hands and feet, part of the Jewish ritual when entering a house and for eating. They were filled to the brim, each one holding 20-30 gallons. Therefore, Jesus created 120 and 180 gallons of wine-enough wine to provide drinks for the entire city! This would have brought tremendous honor to the father of the groom.

This miracle is an important lesson to us at this time of year. Jesus said that He is the Bridegroom, and we, the Church, are the Bride. Our Father has prepared a place for us, but we do not know the day of the wedding. While we are waiting, we should prepare ourselves for the great feast which is to come.

We should not miss the detail about the amount of wine which Jesus prepared. In our Father’s house, are many dwelling places. (John 14:2); in other words, there is room for everyone in Paradise. The question is whether we want to be there. Finally, we see the miracle that we ourselves are like the water which was turned into wine. Salvation is the miracle in which our lives are changed from something ordinary into something wonderful. Water is a necessity, but wine represents a transformation as well as a celebration. In the preparation period preceding the Great Feast of Pasha, we are given ample opportunity in order to prepare ourselves for spiritual transformation, so that, through the Resurrection, our lives may be actively, not simply symbolically, transformed in order that we may no longer feel sorrow, hopelessness and fear, but rather joy, gladness, hope and courage.

Fr. Nicholas Andrews

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April 3

Our Holy Father Nicetas the Confessor (824)

He was born in Caesarea of Bithynia. His widowed father became a monk, leaving Nicetas to the care of his grandmother. Nicetas himself, when he was grown, entered a monastery in Midikion, on the Sea of Marmara. After seven years of monastic life he was ordained hieromonk by Patriarch Tarasios. When Nikephoros, the abbot of the monastery, died, the brethren chose Nicetas as their new abbot.

When Leo the Armenian became Emperor, he revived the iconoclast heresy, even though it had been put down under the Empress Irene and condemned by an Ecumenical Council. The Emperor deposed and exiled the holy Patriarch Nicephoros, putting a heretic in his place. Nicetas, because he was known for his holiness and steadfast reverence for the holy icons, was imprisoned and tortured, but did not waver in his defense of Orthodoxy. Nicetas was taken from prison to prison, torture to torture, and exiled twice, until at last Leo the Armenian died and the Orthodox Emperor Michael came to the throne and freed all those imprisoned for Orthodoxy.

Once freed, Nicetas retired to a secluded hermitage near Constantinople, where he passed the remainder of his life in prayer and thanksgiving. When he died, his body was taken back to his monastery; during the journey, many of the sick who touched his holy body were healed.

Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (886)

"Saint Joseph was from Sicily, the son of Plotinus and Agatha. Because Sicily had been subjugated by the Moslems, he departed thence and, passing from place to place, came with Saint Gregory of Decapolis (see Nov. 20) to Constantinople, where he endured bitter afflictions because of his pious zeal. Travelling to Rome, he was captured by Arab pirates and taken to Crete, whence he later returned to Constantinople. He became an excellent hymnographer and reposed in holiness shortly after 886 (according to some, it was in 883). The melismatic canons of the Menaion are primarily the work of this Joseph; they bear his name in the acrostic of the Ninth Ode. He also composed most of the sacred book known as the Paracletike, which complements the Octoechos. For this reason, Joseph is called par excellence the Hymnographer." (Great Horologion)

The "bitter afflictions" which St Joseph suffered were probably due (judging from his dates) to his veneration of the holy icons.

Note: In the Slavic calendar he is commemorated on April 4.

April 7

Saint Savvas the New of Kalymnos (1948) (March 25 OC)

He was born in Thrace to a poor family. Early in life he desired to become a monk and, failing to get his parents' consent, left secretly for Mt Athos. After several years there, he traveled to Palestine, where he entered the Monastery of St George the Chozebite. In 1903 he was ordained to the priesthood. From 1907–1916 he lived in severe asceticism as a hermit on the banks of the Jordan. After living in several monasteries in Greece, he served with St Nektarios of Aegina for the last year of the Saint's life (he reposed in 1920). After six more years on Aegina, Fr Savvas moved to the island of Kalymnos, where he spent the remainder of his life. He lived in quietness and asceticism, acquiring a reputation throughout the island as a confessor and spiritual father. He slept only a few hours each night, and gave away any money that came to him the same day, since he believed that it was wrong for a monk to have money in his cell after nightfall.

Saint Savvas reposed on the Old Calendar feast of the Annunciation in 1948. Innumerable miracles and healings have been wrought through his intercession. A striking example occurred in 1957: A group of young islanders were talking about the Saint, and one of them, who doubted his sanctity, said 'If this lamp breaks I'll

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believe.' At that moment the lamp shattered spontaneously.

The following account is from Mother Nectaria McLees' *Evlogeite!* A pilgrim's guide to Greece: 'His last words of counsel to his nuns were, "...love... is the bond of perfection," and to the abbess he said, "Love, love, love (Agapa, agapa, agapa)." Then he clapped his hands six times, saying "The Lord, the Lord, the Lord..."

In 1957 his relics were uncovered in the presence of Metropolitan Isidoros of Kalymnos, who described them as "the bones being perfectly joined, and the vestments intact." When the sepulchre was opened a divine and otherworldly fragrance covered the area, even to the outskirts of town far below. In 1961, an iconographer of the Skete of Kapsokalyvia on Mount Athos painted an icon of St. Savvas at Abbess Philothei's request. The icon arrived by ferry, and as it was being transferred from the post office to the customs house where the nuns would pick it up, the convent bell began ringing by itself and continued until the icon was brought to the monastery.'

April 10

New Hieromartyr Gregory, Patriarch of Constantinople (1821)

He was born on the Peloponnese, and became Archbishop of Smyrna in 1785. He served at a time when revolutionary feeling and activity was increasing among the Greek people, and witnessed the cruel retribution that the Ottoman Turks visited on any evidence of rebellion among their subject people.

Once in Smyrna, seeing that an action he had taken was causing discord in his dioceses, he came down from the hierarchical throne during a service, prostrated himself before the faithful and asked their forgiveness.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 1797. Under the *Turkokratia*, the Patriarch was not only the head of the Greek churches but the secular ruler of the Greek people, bound by oath to respect the authority of the Sultan. This, combined with Gregory's personal experience of the treatment of Greek rebels, made him a staunch opponent of revolutionary activity among his people. Still, when revolutionaries on the Peloponnese declared Greek independence from Turkey on March 25, 1821, Turkish retribution was harsh: On Pascha, April 10, after serving the Paschal Liturgy, the aged Patriarch was arrested by the Turkish authorities. He was tortured in an effort to have him reveal the names of those heading the revolution, then was offered his freedom if he would convert to Islam. Gregory answered, 'You ask in vain: the Patriarch of Christians dies a Christian.' He (along with other clergy and hierarchs) was hanged as a traitor on the gate of the patriarchal compound. An eyewitness, a British clergyman visiting Constantinople, wrote: 'His body, attenuated by abstinence and emaciated by age, had not sufficient weight to cause immediate death. He continued for a long time in pain which no friendly hand dared abridge, and the darkness of night came on before his final convulsions were over.' His body was left hanging for three days, then sold by the Turkish authorities to a Jewish mob, who mutilated the body, then weighted it about the neck with a stone and threw it into the sea. Despite this, the body was found floating at sea by a Greek merchant ship captain. When the body was identified as that of the martyred Patriarch, it was secretly taken to Odessa, where Orthodox church leaders took it under their care. Tsar Alexander I ordered a state funeral for the holy hierarch, which was celebrated on June 17 1821 in Odessa.

In 1871 the relics were returned to Greece by Tsar Alexander III. They were incorrupt, though fifty years had passed since his death. Saint Gregory was officially glorified in 1921. His relics may be venerated at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Athens.

April 23

† Holy Glorious Great-martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George (303)

"George, this truly great and glorious martyr of Christ, was born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was



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illustrious in battle and highly honored for his courage. When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia." (Great Horologion) The Empress Alexandra, along with a pagan priest who confessed Christ due to George's witness, were executed together with the Great Martyr. St Alexandra is commemorated on April 21/May 4.

Neither the Great Horologion nor the Prologue, nor the Church's services to St George, mention the most popular story of St George, his slaying of a dragon. Though many icons of the Saint show him mounted on horseback, slaying a dragon with a spear, the story is thought by many to be legendary, and the dragon in the icon symbolic.

April 29

Apostles Jason and Sosipater

Both were disciples of the Apostle Paul, who mentions them in his Epistle to the Romans: "Jason and Sosipater my kinsmen greet you" (16:21). Jason was born in Tarsus of Cilicia (as was the Apostle Paul), and became bishop of that town. Sosipater was from Patras of Achaia (now Greece), and became bishop of Iconium. After serving their flocks for many years, these two travelled together to Corfu, where they were the first to preach the Gospel. They were furiously opposed by the ruler of that island, but when he died, the new king came to faith in Christ and was baptised with the name Sebastian. Jason and Sosipater remained on Corfu, freely preaching the Gospel and building up the Church until they reposed in great old age. An ancient church in the city of Corfu, dating from the first centuries, bears inscriptions that mention the Saints by name.

They are commemorated April 28 on the Slavic calendar.

April 30

† Holy Apostle James, the brother of St John the Theologian (45)

"The son of Zebedee and brother of John, he was one of the Twelve. At the call of the Lord Jesus, he left his fishing nets and his father and, together with John, immediately followed Christ. He was one of the three apostles to whom the Lord revealed the greatest mysteries: before whom He was transfigured on Tabor and before whom He was in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion. After receiving the Holy Spirit, he preached the Gospel in various places, going as far as Spain. On his return from Spain, a violent quarrel broke out between the Jews and himself on the Holy Scriptures, and, being unable to withstand him, they hired a magician, Hermogenes. But Hermogenes and Philip his pupil were overcome by the power and truth that James preached, and were baptised. Then the Jews denounced him to Herod, and persuaded one Josias to slander the Apostle. This Josias, seeing James's manly bearing and hearing his clear preaching of the truth, repented and came to faith in Christ. When James was condemned to death, this Josias was also condemned. Mounting the scaffold, Josias begged James's forgiveness for the sin of slander, and James embraced him, kissing him and saying: 'peace be to thee, and forgiveness.' And they both laid their heads under the sword and were beheaded for the sake of the Lord whom they had loved and served. St James suffered in Jerusalem in the year 45. His body was taken to Spain, where to this day miracles of healing are performed at his tomb." (Prologue)

His relics are venerated at his shrine in Compostela, Spain.



President's Message

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On Sunday, March 16, 2008 the Parish Council called for a special General Assembly meeting to discuss certain issues of vital importance which needed immediate addressing and resolution.

The first item on the agenda addressed the issue of the air conditioning units in the Church as well as the office. We do have a donor for the funds, but since the warm weather is coming and we have Lenten and Holy Week services, we need to replace the air conditioning and Heating units immediately. The council asked permission to borrow the money from the Building fund until the donor's funds are received. The motion was passed and the units will be replaced as soon as possible.

The second item on the agenda was the "Parish Council Recommendation for Approval of Expenditures for Building of a (348 foot) Block Wall on Expansion Property and a 90-100 foot Block Wall on Property bordering 519 Dale Street". Second Vice-President, Andrew Hatzis made a thorough presentation followed by a question and answer session. The motion was overwhelmingly passed. The Parish Council will now proceed to obtain city permits and will choose the best contractor for the job. We will make every effort to insure that the job is completed by the annual May festival.

The third item on the agenda was the "Parish Council Recommendation for Demolition of the Three Rental Houses" (immediately to the North of the Church). Council member, Chris Gallanes made an excellent presentation explaining why the houses should be demolished so we can proceed with the expansion program. After all the questions by the General Assembly were answered by the Council, the motion was pass by a strong majority.

The above authorizations by the General Assembly allow the Parish Council to proceed with our expansion program. This was a very positive General Assembly meeting. The membership truly expressed themselves how it is time to move forward with our previously approved plans. We encourage all our members to participate in the growth and progress of St. John's. As promised, we will always keep you informed.

Harry Benetatos,
Parish Council President

Philoptochos News

"Today, more than ever, we need to pray for the light to know the will of God...For the love to accept the will of God...For the way to do the will of God." -Mother Teresa

The invitations and brochures to the Annual Kids "n" Cancer Reception will be mailed very soon. It will be held on Sunday, May 4th from 1 to 5 o'clock, at the home of Sophie & Tony Mastors in Bel-Air. Dolly Peponides, Co-Chair and Jeannie Ranglas, Chair of Kids "n" Cancer, have been working on the database to make sure that all of our Philoptochos members receive their mailings. Please advise Kiki Chryssegelos, Membership Chairman, if you have not received your invitation. Kids "n" Cancer continually updates its database to ensure that it is accurate and correct.

Every year the custom has been for the Philoptochos Board to host the coffee and Lenten refreshments immediately following Friday night church service. I want to thank Jerry Kallaos for making all the arrangements with the Philoptochos board and our ladies of the community for preparing the delicious Lenten cakes and hosting the Friday night Salutations. We would like very much if ANYONE is interested in sponsoring one of the Friday nights or would like to host. It would give us great pleasure to share the Friday nights. The Philoptochos Board does a great job and I want to say Thank You again for hosting and preparing.

Lenten Retreat & Conference: Sponsored by the Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos to be held at St. Nicholas Ranch, Dunlap, Ca on April 11,12, and 13, 2008. Registration, food and lodging are \$145 per person. Guest speakers Kathy Lingus, C.O.M.E. & Pennies and Prayers; Father Earl Cantos, Chancellor of the Metropolis of San Francisco; Father James Pappas and Presvytera Donna, Marriage, Family & Society; Eve Tibbs, Christian Education Chair, "Busy Women, Prayer and the example of our Saints". Contact the ranch at (559) 338-2103 or San Francisco Philoptochos, Agatha Felactu at (415) 431-2600 for registration and information.

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

FOR PHILOPTOCHOS FIRST & VERY EXCITING "ART AUCTION"

Philoptochos cordially invites you to attend an evening of ART, conducted by STATE OF THE ART CO. This will be held in our Cultural Hall, Saturday, May 31, 2008. This ART AUCTION will be elegant, cultural and fun. The ART is stunning and there will be works for every taste and budge in the room. An important *Collectors Corner* will be included for the season buyers as well as an extensive affordable collection. The auctioneers are warm, knowledgeable and energetic and will entertain and educate from the minute people walk in the room. We will have lithographs; engravings, etchings, watercolors, silk-screens, original oils and various mixed media, all magnificently framed. Some of the artist will include Dali, Changall, Scott, Erte, Rockwell, Kinkade, Picasso, Delacroix, Buckles, Neiman and many others. More information soon. Save the Date!

The Philoptochos Board has been a great job in bringing new and fun programs to our General Philoptochos meetings for your enjoyment. Get ready for another huge General Meeting on April 2nd. We will have a wonderful YOGA instructor teaching us breathing, stretches and light exercises. Pam Fraser is an accomplished Yoga instructor who has taught Yoga for many years, she brings fun, light and learning to her students. We will meet in the large hall. Bring comfy clothes, a mat or large beach towel and socks. For those who cannot do the floor exercise, Pam will have a chair exercise for you. Cindy Kezos will send out a notice with more information. **DO NOT MISS THIS FUN EVENING. IT WILL BE OUTSTANDING!**

Mary Ohanian,

Philoptochos President

AT LAST

The long awaited complete Orthodox Study Bible which comprises the Old Testament and the New Testament has arrived.

This is the first time, in the English language, that we are privileged to have such a Bible. The Old Testament is from the authoritative Septuagint which is the official version accepted by the Orthodox Church of the Hebrew text created in Alexandria, Egypt before the coming of Christ by approximately 70 biblical scholars. (Hence the name-Septuagint)

Copies are now available at our Book-mobile found in our Community center. Regular Hard-bound Editions are \$35.00 each. Leather-bound Editions are also available for pre-order at \$60 each.

BAKING SCHEDULE FOR FESTIVAL 2008

Mon., Apr. 7@9AM
Thurs., Apr. 10@9AM
Weds., Apr. 16@9AM

SPANIKOPITA & TIROPITA

Sat., Apr. 5@9AM
Tues., Apr. 8@3:30PM
Weds., Apr. 9@9AM

More dates to come.
Ladies **WE NEED
YOUR HELP!** Please
come and help us.
Thank You.

Community Calendar

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 1, 2008

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

April 2, 2008

Philoptochos Meeting
7PM

April 6, 2008

G.O.Y.A Meeting
12:15PM

April 15, 2008

Parish Council Meeting
7PM

April 17, 2008

Little Angels & H.O.P.E Meeting
4PM

April 20, 2008

Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon and Lamb Drawing
following Liturgy

April 27, 2008

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

On Saturday, March 19 following Liturgy, the G.O.Y.A will be making crosses for Palm Sunday. All parents are also encouraged to attend in order to help. We will be making 1000 crosses, so we need all the help that we can get!!!

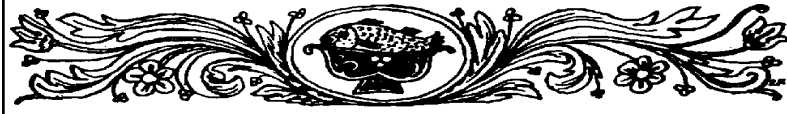
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St. John's Monthly Calendar

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<p>20</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM</p> <p>Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon and Lamb Drawing</p>	<p>21</p> <p>HOLY MONDAY</p> <p>Service of the Bridegroom, 7PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>HOLY TUESDAY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HOLY WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Presanctified Liturgy, 9AM</p> <p>Sacrament of Unction (for children) 3:30PM</p> <p>Sacrament of Unction, 7PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>HOLY THURSDAY</p> <p>Liturgy of St. Basil, 6:30AM</p> <p>Service of the 12 Gospels of the Passion & Crucifixion, 7PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HOLY FRIDAY</p> <p>Service of Royal Hours, 9AM</p> <p>Vespers of Descent from Cross, 3:30PM</p> <p>Service of Lamentation, 7:30PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HOLY SATURDAY</p> <p>Liturgy of St. Basil, 9AM</p> <p><i>Matins of the Resurrection, 11PM</i></p> <p>RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, 12 MIDNIGHT</p>																																																	
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<p>27</p> <p>GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA, Agape Vesper Service 1PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Feast of St. George, 9AM</p> <p>Greek Dance Class, 4PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*NO Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>*NO Orthodox Faith Class</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td colspan="7">May</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>			May							S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Worship Services

APRIL 2008



Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 2008
Small Compline Service (in english),
6:30PM

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2008
Presanctified Liturgy,
9AM

Friday, April 4 2008
Salutations of the Theotokos,
9AM

Sunday, April 6 2008
Sunday of John Climacus,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,
9AM

Friday, April 11, 2008
Akathist Hymn,
6:30PM

Sunday, April 13 2008
Sunday of Mary of Egypt,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy,
9AM

Saturday, April 19, 2008
Lazarus Saturday,
9AM

Sunday, April 20, 2008
PALM SUNDAY,
Orthros & Liturgy,
9AM

Monday, April 21, 2008
Service of the Bridegroom
7PM

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Service of the Bridegroom
7PM

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Presanctified Liturgy,
9AM
Sacrament of Unction (for children),
3:30PM
Sacrament of Unction,
7PM

Thursday, April 24, 2008
Liturgy of St. Basil,
6:30AM
Service of the 12 Gospels of the
Passion & Crucifixion,
7PM

Friday, April 25, 2008
Service of Royal Hours
9AM
Vespers of Descent from the Cross
3:30PM
Service of Lamentation
7:30PM

Saturday, April 26, 2008
Liturgy of St. Basil,
9AM
Matins of the Resurrection,
11PM
Resurrection of Our Lord,
12 Midnight

Sunday, April 27, 2008
Great and Holy Pascha,
Agape Vesper Service
1PM

Monday, April 28, 2008
Feast of St. George,
9AM

Church Registry

APRIL 2008

BAPTISMS

FEBRUARY 23, 2008

Nicole Karanastasis

Proud Parents: Hristos Karanastasis

God Parent: Vasili/Sara Gatsinaris

MARCH 8, 2008

Elias Smith

Proud Parents: Jonathan & Alkatepinh Smith

God Parent: Angeliki Fournaris

MEMORIALS

MARCH 2, 2008

Andreas Lambropoulos - 9 Year

MARCH 9, 2008

Mary Anas - 40 Day

MARCH 23, 2008

Thrassivoulos Moysidis - 6 Year

Dioghenis Saridis - 48 Year

Evanthia Saridis - 34 Year

Achilleas Moysidis - 65 Year

Aghathoniki Moysidis - 24 Year

Elli Yorgiadis - 40 Day

Penny Gallanes - 1 Year

Ekaterini Kountouris - 40 Day

SLEEPING IN THE LORD

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Emanuel Vlachos

March 5, 2008

Despina Sourias

+ *May their memory be eternal* +

PROSFORO SCHEDULE

APRIL

Wednesday, April 2 - Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos

Friday, April 4 - Mrs. Joanne Kalogeropoulos

Sunday, April 6 - Mrs. Gail Mitchell

Wednesday, April 9 - Mrs. Eleni Kousoulas

Friday, April 11 - Mrs. Eleni Kousoulas

Sunday, April 13 - Mrs. Katherine Glavas

Wednesday, April 16 - Mrs. Maria Masouris

Saturday, April 19 - Mrs. Voula Kitsigiannis

Sunday, April 20 - Mrs. Anastasia Mandas

Wednesday, April 23 - Mrs. Alexandra Margias

Thursday, April 24 - Mrs. Alexandra Margias

Saturday, April 26 - Mrs. Mercina Vatakis
Mrs. Maria Nikolau

Sunday, April 27 - Mrs. Maria Frousakis

Monday, April 28 - Mrs. Maria Frousakis

NOTE: If you are unable to bring the Prosforo on your designated date, please call Joanne Kalogeropoulos at (714) 991-8126, or (714) 848-1422.

WANTED!

WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE!

We are looking for additional volunteers to help in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, and are willing to offer the Prosforo for Communion, please call the church office at (714) 827-0181, or Joanne Kalogeropoulos at the numbers listed above.

ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2008



TEAM 1	TEAM 2
Armondios Vestakis Nick Basdakis George Dalis Nicholas Foutris Sotirios Eliopoulos Richard Rosentrater Kosta Dalis	Dimitri Pappas Bradley Jung Kyriakos Alyousef Michael Bangos Kyriakos Psaras Dimitri Hondrogiannis Stephen Stylianides
May 4, 2008 June 1, 2008	May 11, 2008 June 8, 2008
TEAM 3	TEAM 4
John Hourigan Pano Nikolaou Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Antonio Georgakopoulos Carl Cantonis Aleko Culp	George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Speros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens Brandon Deralis
May 18, 2008 June 15, 2008	May 25, 2008 June 22, 2008

- 1.) The Divine Liturgy begins promptly at 10:00 AM. Please be vested no later than 10:05 AM.
- 2.) Clothing preference is white (or light) shirt and tie with dark shoes. NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.

Stewardship 2008

The following have submitted their 2008 pledge cards.
We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

Rev. & Mrs. James Diavatis
Mrs. Arlene Agalos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman
Mr. & Mrs. George Alavizos
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Alexopoulos
Ms. Mary Amandos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amerine
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Anas
Mr. & Mrs. Conatantine Anasis
Mrs. Loula Anderson
Mrs Connie Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Angelatakis
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anton
Mrs. Maria E. Antonaras
Mrs. Alice Antoniou
Mrs. Joyce Attard
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Attard
Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Attard
Mr. & Mrs. Louie Attard
Mr. & Mrs. Chris August
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baglin
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Badounas
Mrs. Kiki Ballas
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Barouxis
Mr. & Mrs. Dino Basdakias
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Begakis
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Begakis
Mr. Peter Bernardis
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Benetatos
Mrs. Venetta Birakos
Mrs. Maria Bizakis
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bogris
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Bogris
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Bonorris
Mr. & Mrs. George Borovilos
Mr. & Mrs. Costa Bostinelos
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Boussiacos
Mr. & Mrs. Aleksander Bozovic
Mr. Mihale Brailas
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buelna
Mr. & Mrs. Nikki Burns
Mr. & Mrs. James Callas
Mr. Andrew Canellos
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cantonis
Mr. & Mrs. George Cantonis
Mr. & Mrs. William Carkagis
Mr. & Mrs. John Chakos
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chapralis
Mr. & Mrs. Nicolas Charalambous
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Chatzipetrou
Mr. & Mrs. George Chatzis
Mrs. Freda Chrest
Miss Catherine Christ
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ
Mrs. Vivian Christian

Mr. & Mrs. William Christian
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chryssogelos
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Cokas
Mr. & Mrs. Dukas Contos
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cote
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Culp
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dalis
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dallas
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Derales
Mr. & Mrs. William Deralas
Ms. Janet Diamant
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Diamant
Mr. & Mrs. Argirios Dimopoulos
Mr. John Dimopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Dodge
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dorlis
Mr. & Mrs. Spiro Doukos
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Dourbetas
Mr. & Mrs. Nico Dourbetas
Nicholas & Lillian Dovalis
Mr. & Mrs. Angelos Dritsopoulos
Mrs. Joanne Drulias
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Duvall
Mr. & Mrs. George Eleopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Xenophon Eliopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Fields
Mr. Athanasios Foskaris
Miss Maria Foskaris
Mrs. Mina Fourtounis
Mr. & Mrs. George Frousiakis
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Futris
Mr. George Futris
Mr. & Mrs. Flynn
Mr. & Mrs. Spiros Gabriel
Mr. & Mrs Leon Gabrielian
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gallanes
Mr. Harry Gallanes
Mr. & Mrs. Nicos Ganis
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia
Mrs. Sophia Garrity
Mr. & Mrs. George Gatsinaris
Dr. & Mrs. Vasili Gatsinaris
Ms. Patricia Gauvain
Mrs. Magdalen Genkos
Miss Constance George
Mr. & Mrs. Peter George
Mrs. Demetra Georgouses
Mr. Fred Gerth
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Gialamas
Mr. Emmanuel Giannetakis
Ms. Giota Glavas
Dr. & Dr. Constantine Glezakos
Miss Bessie Gonos
Mrs. Mary Goode
Dr. & Mrs. Dimitri Grammas

Mr. & Mrs. George Hadjis
Mr. & Mrs. John Hadjis
Mr. & Mrs. Christ Hadzoglon
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Halfhill
Mrs. Shirley Picoulas Hallock
Mr. & Mrs. Christos Harbilas
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Harbilas
Mr. Harris G. Harisis
Mrs. Demetra G. Harvalos
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Hashtroudi
Mr. George Hassapis
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hassapis
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hatzis
Mr. John Hatzis
Mr. & Mrs. James Hill
Miss Christina Hioureas
Miss Eleni Hioureas
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hourigan
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Jung
Mr. & Mrs. H. Kalogeropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Savas Kallaos
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Kallaos
Mr. John Kandara
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kapogianis
Mr. John Kapogianis
Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Kapogianis
Miss Ann Karagines
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Karagines
Mrs. Thelma Karagines
Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Karambelas
Mr. & Mrs. Hristos Karanastasis
Mrs. Alberta Keffalas
Mr. & Mrs. John Kesoglou
Ms. Cynthia Kezos
Mr. & Mrs. James Kezos
Mrs. Nickey Kezos
Mr. John Kiouisis
Mr. Nick Kitakis
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Kitsigianis
Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Kitsios
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Klentos
Ms. Jean Koclanakis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kokkinos
Mr. & Mrs. John Koliais
Mr. & Mrs. George Konstantarakis
Mr. & Mrs. George A. Kosebas
Mr. & Mrs. Dino Koukladas
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Koukladas
Mr. & Mrs. Yanni Kouloumbis
Mr. & Mrs. James Kousoulas
Mrs. Anna Koutzoukis
Mr. & Mrs. John Koutzoukis
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Kritikos

Stewardship 2008

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We thank them and we invite the others to make their gift to their church.

Mrs. Angelike Lambides
Miss Sophia Lambides
Mrs. Alexandra Lambropoulos
Mr. Basilios Lambropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. George Lambros
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lanyi
Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Lattin
Mr. & Mrs. James Learakos
Ms. Anna Les
Mrs. Koula Les
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Libowitz
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Linn
Mrs. Katherine Livieratos
Mr. Earnest Love
Dr. & Mrs. Bjorn Malmlund
Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos Mandas
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mandas
Mr. & Mrs. Christ Manes
Mr. & Mrs. Rouso Manos
Mr. & Mrs. Aristos Mantas
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Mantas
Mrs. Nada Margaretis
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Marincovich
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Marinos
Mr. & Mrs. John Maris
Mr. & Mrs. Milton Maris
Mr. & Mrs. George Massouris
Mr. & Mrs. Michael McFann
Mr. & Mrs. George Medenas
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mellas
Mrs. Marie Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell
Mrs. Mary Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. William Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. G. Mousmoules
Mrs. Sofia Moysidis
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Mull
Mrs. Mary Naylor
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Nichols
Mr. Pete Nichols
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nikolau
Ms. Zia Nisani
Miss Barbara Nonis
Mr. & Mrs. John Ohanian
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Pafilas
Mrs. Eugenia Pagalides
Mrs. Belia Palas
Mr. & Mrs. Costa Panagiotou
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Pandeles
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Panos
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Pappas
Mrs. Georgia Pappas
Mr. & Mrs. James Pappas

Mr. & Mrs. Kostas Pappas
Mr. & Mrs. Pano Pappas
Mr. Timothy Pappas
Mr. Anthony Pashalides
Mrs. Argie Pastis
Mr. & Mrs. Vasili Paxos
Ms. Connie Perakis
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Persakis
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Petropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. John Petropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Petros
Mr. & Mrs. George Petsas
Mrs. Shirley Picoulas Hallock
Dr. & Mrs. Denis Pieratos
Mr. & Mrs. James Pierce
Dr. & Mrs. James Pilafas
Mr. & Mrs. Stavro Pilafas
Mr. & Mrs. Georgios Rigas
Ms. Mary N. Riley
Miss Sophia Rinos
Mr. & Mrs. Cristo Ristas
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Roumpos
Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rusinek
Mr. & Mrs. John Russell
Mr. & Mrs. Theofilos Russos
Mr. Paul Sarandos
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sarantos
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sargologos
Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Sarres
Mr. & Mrs. Randal Schoeman
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Sdrales
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sigas
Mr. & Mrs. Nickolas Siokos
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Siouris
Mr. Alexander Soles
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Soles
Mr. & Mrs. Petros Sourias
Mrs. Bess Stavrides
Mrs. Georgia Stavrides
Mr. & Mrs. James Stavropoulos
Mr. Stephanos Stavropoulos
Mr. & Mrs. George Stephens
Miss Athena Stump
Mr. & Mrs. John Sutch
Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Syrengelas
Mr. & Mrs. K. Syrengelas
Miss Maria Tambouris
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Mr. Ioannis Xilikakis
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Mr. Marcus T. Zambounis
Mr. & Mrs. George Zonos
Ms. Josephine Zorzy
Mr. & Mrs. A. Zounatiotis

As of March 18, 2008

Total Pledges: 305

Goal: 600

To Go: 295

Total Pledged:

\$220,182.00

Budgeted Goal: \$330,000.00

Amount left to reach Goal:

\$109,818.00

NOTE: There are pledging members that prefer to not have their names listed, but are still members in good standing. If you prefer to not have your name listed, please contact the church office. Thank You.

As of February 18, 2008, the total number and amount of

Parish Programs

2008

ADULT BIBLE STUDY (1)

Tuesday Mornings

11:30AM-1PM

***NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY (2)**

Monday Afternoon

4:30PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION(SUN. SCHOOL)

Every Sunday through June.

ADULT CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

GREEK FOLK DANCING MONDAYS

Training Group 4 - 5PM

Ta Pedakia 4 - 6PM

YOUTH ADULT LEAGUE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Contact George Futris at St.JohnYAL.org

GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH OF AMERICA (G.O.Y.A)

For all teenagers ages 12 - 17.

1st Sunday & 3rd Friday of the Month

G.O.Y.A BASKETBALL

Practice on Sundays has started

LITTLE ANGELS YOUTH PROGRAM & H.O.P.E YOUTH PROGRAM

3rd Thursday of the Month, 4PM

JUNIOR ORTHODOX YOUTH (J.O.Y.) &

3rd Sunday of the Month, 12:15PM

PROSFORO MINISTRY

Bread for Holy Communion

Please consider making and offering the
prosfora on Sundays.

Contact: Joanne Kalogeropoulos

ACOLYTES

Young men ages 9 & up are invited to
participate in this sacred ministry. Each group
serves once every four weeks. Contact Fr.

PHILOTOCHOS SOCIETY

Meets the first Wednesday of
every month at 7PM.

PRE-MARITAL CLASS

This is a diocese requirement for all persons
wishing to marry in the Church.

CHOIR (ADULT)

Practice is held Thursdays 7-9PM

All are invited to join and offer praise to
God through the gift of singing.

Contact Elsa Libowitz

ST. JOHN'S GOLDEN STARS

For retired parishioners.

Meets informally as announced.

GREEK SCHOOL

Children - Tues. & Thurs. 4 - 7PM

Adults - Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30PM

Contact the office for schedules.

JR. CHOIR

First Sunday - Practice

Second Sunday - Sing in the Choir Loft 9:45AM

Youth Corner

2008

Because of the overwhelming positive response by the children as well as the advisors and parents with regard to our community project last month at the Fullerton Armory, it was decided that this project would be repeated in the near future. Sixteen children participated. Additionally, six parents and three advisors were in attendance. Good Job Everybody! You did a wonderful job. You have every reason to be proud of yourselves.

GOYA

Sun., April 4, 2008

A general business meeting will be held.

Fri.-Sun., April 11-13, 2008

Lenten retreat at Valley Trails Ranch in Castaic, CA

LITTLE ANGELS AND HOPE

Thurs., April 17, 2008

The symbolism of red dyed Easter eggs will be presented, followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

Thurs., April 15, 2008

The children will participate in a short prayer service in the church.

JOY

Thurs., April 10, 2008

There will be a scheduled activity which will be announced at a later time.

Sat., April 26, 2008

The children will assist with the making of palm crosses.

Thurs., April 8, 2008

The children will view a movie.

BASKETBALL

Sat., April 5, 2008

QUARTER FINALS will be played at John Muir High School in Pasadena.

Sun., April 6, 2008

SEMI FINALS will be played at John Muir High School in Pasadena.

Sun., April 13, 2008

FINALS/BANQUET will be held at Bishop Conaty/ St. Sophia Hall.

SUMMER CAMP

The dates of this year's camp sessions are as follows:

SAINT SOPHIA'S CAMP:

Week One - Saturday, July 26 - Saturday, August 2

Week Two - Saturday, August 3 - Friday, August 9

SAINT NICHOLAS RANCH:

Week One - Sunday, July 6 - Saturday, July 19

Week Two - Sunday, July 13 - Saturday, July 19

Week Three - Sunday, July 20 - Saturday, July 26

TRIP TO GREECE (THEO)

ADOPT A BOOTH

2008 GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL

ADOPT-A-BOOTH There are many more opportunities for you to support this year's Festival. Please fill out this form and drop it off at the Church Office or contact Cindy Kezos at 714-738-5890.

Souvlakia Booth	\$4,000	Labor Expense – Hall Kitchen	\$1,000	Pastry – Baklava	\$1,500
300 lbs Ground Beef	\$500	Labor Expense – Electrical	\$1,600	Pastry – Kataifi	\$250
400 lbs Souvlakia Meat	\$1,000	Labor Expense – Tear Down	\$1,000	Pastry – Trigona	\$500
300 lbs Onions	\$300	Labor Expense – Maintenance	\$2,000	Beer	\$1,500
Hall Produce	\$600	Labor Expense – Set Up	\$1,000	Wine	\$750
Moussaka	\$500	Linen Purchase & Rentals	\$900	Liquor	\$750
Pastitsio	\$400	Advertising Booklet	\$3,000	Bottle Water	\$1,500
Rice	\$300	Advertising – Newspapers	\$2,000	Crushed Ice	\$600
Dinner Rolls	\$500	Shuttle Bus – Friday	\$500	Umbrella & Stands	\$1,000
Olive Oil	\$300	Shuttle Bus – Saturday	\$2,500	Environmental Engineering	\$850
Mega Booth – Gyro	\$2,000	Shuttle Bus – Sunday	\$2,500	Fence	\$1,000
Mega Booth – Souvlakia	\$3,500	Signature Party Rentals	\$5,000	Generator	\$1,500
Mega Booth – Feta	\$500	Printing – Flyers	\$500	Security	\$5,000
Lamb Taverna	\$3,500	Printing – Posters	\$500	Photography	\$700
Paper Goods – Pastry	\$1,000	Greek Band – Friday	\$800	Paper Goods – Other	\$1,000
Cappuccino	\$550	Greek Band – Saturday	\$1,400	Table & Chair Rental	\$3,000
Paper Goods – Hall	\$2,000	Greek Band – Sunday	\$1,400	General Donations accepted too!	

Name (s) _____ Telephone # _____

Booth / Expense being Adopted _____ Amount of Donation _____

Name(s) to be listed on Booth _____

(How you would like your name to appear)

2008 FOOD FESTIVAL VISITOR'S GUIDE

Once again, we are developing our Visitor's Guide Book to our 2008 Greek Food Festival. It is a great opportunity to support our Festival. The Guide Book rates are:

Inside Back Page	\$400
Inside Front Page	\$400
Full Page	\$300
Half Page	\$175
Business Card	\$85

Guide Book application forms are available in the Church Office and at the Community Information Board in the Cultural Hall. Pick up an application for yourself or pick up several applications to distribute to friends, family and local businesses. Contact Kosta Kapogianis at (714) 726-7383 for more information.

2008 FOOD FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Now is the time for all of St. John's to come to work at the Festival...**Your Church needs you!**

Please volunteer a few hours of your time to help your community.

Bring your own *παρεα* – encourage your friends and relatives to help, too, for even more fun!

**We need help in all booths and the hall.
St. John's 2008 Festival is open from:**

Friday May 16	Saturday May 17	Sunday May 18
3:00–7:00	Noon to 4:00	Noon to 4:00
6:00-10:00	4:00 to 8:00	4:00 to 8:00
	6:00 to 10:00	6:00 to 10:00

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"Behold, I send my messenger before thy
face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of
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way of the Lord, make his paths straight -- "

(Mark 1:2-3)

