

The Vineyard

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

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PROISTAMENOS MESSAGE

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HOMILY

The Sermon a Vital Part of our Worship Experience

The sermon or homily is central to the presentation of the Gospel. It is the means by which we are brought the verities of the Christian message, the very Word of the Living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Sacred Scripture reminds us “**how beautiful are the feet of those who bring us the good news.**”(Romans 1:5) The “good news” is the evangelion, the very revelation of God’s plan to bring about the salvation of us all. The phrase “good news” is derived from the Greek word **evangelion** (ευαγγέλιον) which literally means “I announce or proclaim the good”. Let us consider some aspects of this often misunderstood and unappreciated part of our worship services.

ORIGIN

The Apostles were commissioned by Jesus himself to “go and preach” the Word of God. Even in Israel the prophets were sent to present God’s word and will to a people who needed to hear the transforming content of God’s saving message, his self-disclosure, in order that they may repent and be saved. The early Christian Church utilized the sermon as the main tool of bringing people to Christ. Obviously, they were very successful despite the hardships and cruel end that most faced. In fact the more they suffered for Christ the more people came to faith by hearing the Word of God enunciated by those commissioned to its

implementation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The office of the Divine Liturgy, which is the Sacrament of the Eucharist enacted by the Lord himself at the Mystical (Last) Supper, is divided into two main parts. The first part ends with the reading (or chanting) of the sacred writings, the Epistle and the Gospel, and is known as the Liturgy of the Word. In preparation for our attentiveness to the hearing of God’s Word, the celebrant reads a prayer requesting illumination of our hearts and minds in order to rightly understand the Gospel message. At this point the priest invites us to attend to the readings with the words “wisdom, let us attend”. This serves to remind us to be receptive to the Word of God. We must be present and listen not only to the readings but also to the sermon which normally follows the Gospel pericope. I say “normally” because in most cases today, the homily is given at the end of the Liturgy for “practical reasons”.

THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST IN THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The homily (sermon) must at all times be Christocentric. In other words Christ should always be the center of this proclamation. The homilist is the means by which God’s revealed word and will becomes enfolded. The priest is thus carrying out

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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.
BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays 11:30 A.M.
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 Sunday of the Month
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G.O.Y.A - 1st Sunday and 3rd Friday of the Month
Y.A.L - To be Announced
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY - First Wednesday of the month - 7:00 P.M.
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the prophetic mission with which he is entrusted by the Lord and in the name of the Lord who called him to this sublime office of the priesthood he boldly presents the fullness of the Gospel. As a faithful levite, the priest is called to offer the Gospel in the best way possible and that his abilities allow. To forego the sermon is a disservice to the Lord himself. No wonder St. Paul asserts **“woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.”** In “season” and “out of season”, the priest must present the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Anything less is an affront to the Lord who “sent” him and a short-changing of the people of God who are in dire need to hear the life-changing content of the Word.

THE PURPOSE OF THE HOMILY

The importance of the sermon cannot be underestimated. St. Paul reminds us that in order to have faith we must first be taught. In his letter to the Romans, chapter 10 and verse 17 he tells us: **“faith comes by what is heard and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.”** Yes, first one “hears” and then faith follows. Without someone to give flesh and bones to the kerygma (message) of Christ the listener cannot come to faith. At the same time the Word of God as pronounced by the preacher must have a receptive audience. When St. Paul went to Athens to preach the Christ, his listeners were not moved to faith. They were anything but receptive. However, ultimately St. Paul won their hearts and minds for Christ. Dear friend, when you attend worship strive to place yourself in a receptive and attentive attitude not only for the sermon but for the entire liturgy. The priest is an instrument of God’s Word interpreting the Scriptures which in the words of the blessed St. Paul are **“profitable for doctrine, for reproof,**

for correction, for in

struction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect....” The sermon is offered to assist the hearer to become a more committed Christian, to instruct and enlighten. Therefore, one must open his/her heart and mind to hear that word of instruction with the sincere resolve to put into practice what he/she hears.

SOME APPROPRIATE ADMONITIONS

Since the sermon is an integral part of the worship experience one must not excuse himself/herself by choosing to leave before it is given. Some driven by a lack of understanding of what the homily is all about, decide to exit the church and head for the coffee hour. That act is not the right way a Christian responds to the proclamation of God’s Word. No matter how poor the content or the delivery, or the choice of words, or the length of any given sermon, a well intentioned Christian man and woman will still receive great benefit. The sermon is not a presentation of the priest’s personal views, but of Christ. To choose to be absent from the soul-saving message of the Word of God is an affront to God and a bad example to the many others who choose to remain. Its also good manners to stay. And yes, allow me to say it once again, if one maintains a right attitude, an open heart and mind, he/she will benefit greatly from even the poorest of sermons. Furthermore, Church attendance is really incomplete if we don’t attend to the hearing of the Gospel message which after all is meant to make clear the Scripture readings of the day.

As the Lord
tells us
“whoever



Ç ĀÍ ×ÑĪÓÔÛ ÆÛÇ

Áváãêáßá Ēá÷ôÛñá

Áãáðçôoß ioõ áããëöoß,

ĪéÛ áðo ôéò ðáéü óçíáñvôééÿò éáé áñðõðùóéáéÿò áééüñvãò áéò ôçñ Ēáéñß Āéáèßêç áðñßóéãóáé óoõ ÷ññßov ðoõ ĩáò ðáñoõóéÛæáé ðov Ēÿñéov ĩçóoÿñ áéò ôçñ oééßáñ ĩáñßáó éáé ĩÛñéáò .Ç ĩáñ ĩÛñéá óáñ éáèß oééõäÿóðoéñá áðñßóéãáðo áéò ôçñ éoõæßñá áñv ç ĩÛñéá áêÛèçóá ðèçóóßov ôoõ ĩçóoÿ éáé Ûéoõãá óá óoõÛ ëüãéá óoõ. Āéá ĩéá óóéãïß ç ĩÛñéá Ûñ÷éóá vá ðáñáðovéÿðá äéüòé ç ĩáñßá äáñ ôçñ áoçèóoÿ, éáé áæßðçóá oðùò o Ēÿñéoð áéáòÛĪáé áðoßñ vá áèèç óðçñ éoõæßñá. Ç áðÛvðçóéò ðoõ ×ñéóòoÿ çðo ðáéãáßoð áéáòoñãóéèß áð' oéé ðáñßĪáñá ç ĩÛñéá éáé ÿäüóá áñá éáéo ĩÛèçĪá óðçñ ĩÛñéá----áééÛ éáé óá ĩÛò.

“ĪÛñéá, ĩÛñéá, ĩáñéĪñÛò éáé óõñãáÛæáé ðáñß ðoééá, áñvò äã áóóé ÷ñãáßáñ.” (ĒoõèÛ 10:42) Āçéáãß ðáñÛ ðÛñv áð' oéãò ôéò õñovôßããò, ĩüvo áñá áßñá áñáãéãáßo. Ēáé áĪáéoëoðéãß vá áðáéñáß ôçñ ĩáñßá éÿãovôãò **“ôçñ äãñ éáèßñ ĩáñßáá áĪáéÿĪáóo...”**

Áñvò äã áóóé ÷ñãáßáñ! Āèßèáéá ĩüvo áñá ðñÛãĪá áéñáé áñáãéãáßo. Óovßæovôãò ôçñ óðoõááéüðçóá ðññ ëüãññv áðoßñ o Ēÿñéoð óá Ûééá ÷ññßo ĩáò voéãáðáß ĩá óá ôÛ ëüãéá **“ĪáéÛñéóé oé áéoÿovôãò ðov Ēüãov ôoõ Ēáoÿ éáé ððèÛóóovôãò áðoüñ.”**

ðñÛãĪáíáóé óðç ðo÷ß ðoõ áñçóóßoõ ×ñéóòéáñoÿ, ðo áñá ðñÛãĪá ðoõ áßñáé áñáãéãáßov, ðoõ á÷áé ðoéÿðéĪç áĪßá áéñáé vá áéoÿĪá ðov ëüãov ôoõ Ēáoÿ, éáé óáñ éáèß ãç, vá ðov äã÷üĪáóóá éáé vá ðov éñáóoÿĪá ĩá ĩããÛèç áãÛðç, éá÷ôÛñá éáé ððoĪovß.

Īüò, ðoéëoß óßĪáñá, äáñ éÿéoõñ v'áéoÿóoõñ éáé vá äã÷éoÿñ ðo áñá ðñÛãĪá ðoõ á÷áé óáñáóóßá óçĪáóßá äéá ôç óúòçñßá óoõò. Áßñáé oéoõÛñão oéé ôç óóéãïß ðoõ éá äã÷éoÿĪá ðov Ēüãov ôoõ Ēõðññòoÿ ĩáò õüðá ĩáðáñooyĪáñ éáé ĩá óõvñéãß éáñáéÛò óéãÛóéãÛ áñ÷ßæoðĪá vá áñ÷üĪáóóá ðáéo éovôÛ óðov Ēÿñéo. Īé Ûáéoé ðáðÿñãò ĩáò á÷áñáéðñéóáñ ĩéá óÿðoé ðoñãáßá ùò áßĪá ðoõ óáééèßðo oãçãáß óðßñ èÿoóéñ.

Áð éoéðÛĪüĪáñ ðo æßðçĪá ôçò óúòçñßáò ĩáò. Ī éãßoð ðáÿéoð ãñÛöáé ðñoð voéãáóßá ĩáò oéé ðñÿðáé **“ĪáòÛ öüãoõ éáé ðññĪoõ ôçñ ááðoüñ óúòçñßáñ éáðáñãáæüĪáñoé.”** (Óéé.2-12) Āçéáãß, ĩáò óõñéóòÛ oðùò o éáé' áñáò áñãáóéß ĩá áßóéçĪá öüãoõ éáé ðññĪoõ ôçñ éáéèßñ ðoõ óúòçñßá. äéáòß ç óúòçñßá ĩáò ðoõ áèðçãáÛæáé áðo ðßñ ðßóóé ĩáò óðov ×ñéóòüñ éá ðñÿðáé ðÛñvôoðá v' váé o óéoðÛò ôçò æüßò ĩáò.. Áããëöÿ (áããëöß) ãßðçóá ðov ááðoüñ óoõ áñ ðñÛãĪáíé áðóé æßðò ôç æüß óoõ. ÁÛñ o÷é ÛéáĪá óéÿøç éáé ðññðo æüßò.

Ēáß ðÛééñ áð áéoÿóoĪá óá ëüãéá ðoõ ĩçóoÿ. **“Æçðáßðá ðñßðo ôçñ ááóééãáßá ðoõ Ēáoÿ...”** Āÿ÷oĪáé oðùò éÛĪoĪá ðov éÿñéo óéoðÛ ôçò æüß ĩáò ôçñ ááóééãáßá ðoõ Ēáoÿ. Áéüðé ĩüvo áéãß áðñßóéãáðá ç æüß, ç ÷ãñÛ, éáé ç áéññéüðçò.

“Peace Be Unto You”

(John 20:19-25)

by Fr. Nicholas Andrews

It is with these very words that our Lord and Savior greeted His disciples later that same day following His glorious resurrection. It is with these same words that we hear at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy “In peace let us pray to the Lord”. Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Basil, as well as Saint Iakovos, all begin their respective Divine Liturgies with this opening statement related to the theme of peace. The petition that follows again makes reference to this theme. “For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord” The theme of peace is then reiterated by the priest at several intervals during the Liturgy, as for example, just before the Gospel reading, “Peace be with you all”, as well as during the Liturgy of the Faithful, when the priest again blesses us with the words “Peace be with you” just before and after the Anafora or offering; that is, when the Holy Gifts are offered back to God to be consecrated. Just what is the purpose of referring to this theme of peace so often? In order to understand the word of God, as well as pray most effectively, we must focus our attention entirely on what is being conducted, as well as what is being said during the course of the Liturgy.

The Liturgy is, or should be, the vehicle which transfers us out of the material plane, and into the spiritual plane, even if it be just for a short period of time. It is during the Consecration, which is the climax, or focal point of the Liturgy, in which heaven and earth meet, through the descent of the Holy Spirit. And as a result, we are (or should be) spiritually rejuvenated and our lives should be transformed so that we are more spiritually oriented, and therefore live our lives in a more spiritual manner. When our minds are cluttered with earthly thoughts, such as what is going to happen to my stocks? Will I lose money? Or what am I going to wear to the business meeting tomorrow? Etc. We cannot fully focus our thoughts on the awesomeness of the spiritual banquet that we are witnessing. In their Divine Liturgies, both St. John Chrysostom, as well as St. Basil both tell us to “Put aside all earthly cares, so that we may receive the King of all”, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Faithful.

Additionally, we cannot fully participate in the Divine Liturgy, and most especially in the sacrament of Holy Communion when we are angry or stressed. It is for this reason that the priest reiterates the phrase “Peace be with you” at various intervals during the Liturgy, in order to not only refocus our thoughts on what is transpiring before us, but also to remind us to let go of our anger as well as our anxieties. Additionally, peace is a necessary essential factor in our well being. Medical science tells us that unmanaged stress is a major contributing factor in certain medical conditions, such as heart disease and stroke. As with the Divine Liturgy, we cannot experience and enjoy quality in our lives when we are not at peace. We must therefore decide what is really important to us, and focus our energies towards those goals. Additionally we must learn how to appropriately manage stress, which is inevitable in today’s world. May the peace of our Lord and Savior, which transcends all comprehension, be with all of you.

**In His service,
Fr. Nicholas**

Saint of November

November 13

† Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

This greatest of Christian orators is commemorated not only today, but as one of the Three Holy Hierarchs (with St Basil the Great and St Gregory the Theologian) on January 30.

He was born in Antioch to pious parents around 345. His mother was widowed at the age of twenty, and devoted herself to rearing her son in piety. He received his literary and oratorical training from the greatest pagan teachers of the day. Though an illustrious and profitable career as a secular orator was open to him, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. He lived as a monk from 374 to 38, eventually dwelling as a hermit in a cave near Antioch. Here his extreme ascetic practices ruined his health, so that he was forced to return to Antioch, where he was ordained to the priesthood. In Antioch his astonishing gifts of preaching first showed themselves, earning him the epithet Chrysostomos, "Golden-mouth", by which he became universally known. His gifts became so far-famed that he was chosen to succeed St Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken to Constantinople secretly (some say he was actually kidnapped) to avoid the opposition of the Antiochian people to losing their beloved preacher. He was made Patriarch of Constantinople in 398.

Archbishop John shone in his sermons as always, often censuring the corrupt morals and luxurious living of the nobility. For this he incurred the anger of the Empress Eudoxia, who had him exiled to Pontus in 403. The people protested by rioting, and the following night an earthquake shook the city, so frightening the Empress that she had Chrysostom called back. The reconciliation was short-lived. Saint John did not at all moderate the intensity of his sermons, and when the Empress had a silver statue of herself erected outside the Great Church in 403, accompanied by much revelry, the Patriarch spoke out against her, earning her unforgiving anger. In 404 he was exiled to Cucusus, near Armenia. When Pope Innocent of Rome interceded on his behalf, the imperial family only exiled him further, to a town called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was so difficult and his guards so cruel that the frail Archbishop gave up his soul to God before reaching his final place of exile, in 407. His last words were "Glor be to God for all things."

Saint John Chrysostom is the author of more written works than any other Church Father: his works include 1,447 recorded sermons, 240 epistles, and complete commentaries on Genesis, the Gospels of Matthew and John, the Acts of the Apostles, and all the Epistles of St Paul.

His repose was on September 14, but since that is the date of the Exaltation of the Cross, his commemoration has been transferred to this day.

Philoptochos News

"Some of God's attributes are too wonderful to understand. But even if they remain darkness to the intellect, let them be sunshine for your soul. -Unknown Author"

As many of you are aware the Philoptochos philanthropies are many. Heading the list is our assistance to the needy. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, we are getting ready to raise money for our welfare program with a few bake sales and the Fall Vintage Fashion Show Luncheon/Holiday Boutique. The first bake sale was held on Sunday, October 12th. Once again we are Blessed with all of our wonderful ladies of St. John for their hard work and generosity. You are ALL AWESOME! We turn to you for your support and you always come to our aid. Thank you for your help in feeding the many families we have for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is truly appreciated.

The Women's Health & Wellness Symposium held Saturday, October 11th was well attended by many members from St. John's. They enjoyed the panel of oncologists from UCLA who were very informative. This was held on the beautiful campus of Loyola Marymount University in their Ahmanson Lecture Hall.

Our last general Philoptochos meeting was fun! Thank you to Linda and Jim Wronksi for making our "Bingo" evening delightful and zany. We just had a GREAT TIME and a wonderful turnout. I also want to thank Joyce Attard and Julie Sarres for hosting the meeting and providing such delicious treats. Also, it was fun having the men join us at these meetings.

COMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Philoptochos General Meeting - Wednesday, November 5th at 7 PM in the Small hall.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH **"FALL BACK IN FASHION" PHILOPTOCHOS** **VINTAGE FASHION SHOW/LUNCHEON/HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**

Call our Reservation Chairman Electra Christ or see her on Sunday's after church in the hall to reserve your tables for this wonderful and exciting event. Tickets are \$35.00 each. The models and fashions are from a Vintage Society in Arcadia. Our Small Hall & Cultural Hall will be transformed! You will be delighted with the wonderful lunch, great Boutique items and the fashions. Don't miss this Event!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - WALK FOR AUTISM - TEAM CHRISTO.

This walk will take place at Angel Stadium about 9 AM. If you would like to join TEAM CHRISTO and participate in this walk, please contact [Christina Dourbetas to sign up](#)

OR Here is the link to sign up: <http://www.walknowforautism.org/c.pulVL7MRjE/b.3615635/siteapps/teampage/ShowPage.aspx?ge.aspxc=pulVL7MRjRE&b=3615635&sid=eulS160TLIJXJeMSItF>.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: It is not too early to start thinking about the Father George Hadjis Memorial Scholarship. Those who applied in the past and did not receive the scholarship are urged to resubmit their applications. For more information or applications, please contact Electra Christ at (714) 838-9229.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Vintage Fashion Show/Luncheon/Boutique on Saturday, November 15th.

Mary Chanian, President



Parish Programs

2008

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings
11:30AM-1PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION(SUN. SCHOOL)

Every Sunday, September to June

ADULT CLASS ON THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30PM

GREEK FOLK DANCING

Mondays Afternoons 4PM
September to June

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

Registration to be held soon

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



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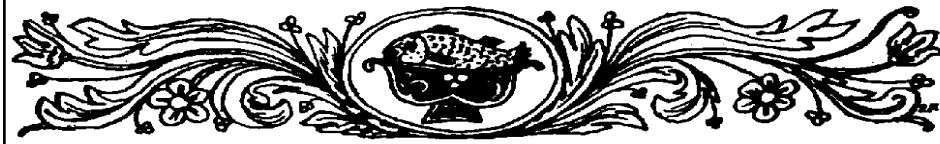
St. John's Monthly Calendar

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<i>2</i> 5th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM G.O.Y.A Mtg., 12:15PM	<i>3</i> Greek Dance, 4PM	<i>4</i> Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Greek School, 4PM Parish Council Mtg., 7PM	<i>5</i> Philoptochos Mtg., 7PM Orthodox Faith Class, 7PM	<i>6</i> Choir Practice, 7PM Little Angles & H.O.P.E Mtg., 4PM	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Synaxis of the Archangels, Liturgy 9AM St. Nektarios Vespers in Covina																																																																																			
<i>9</i> 7th Sunday of Luke, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM	<i>10</i> Greek Dance, 4PM	<i>11</i> Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Greek School, 4PM Veterans Day	<i>12</i> Orthodox Faith Class, 7PM	<i>13</i> Choir Practice, 7PM St. John Chrysostom, Liturgy 9AM	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Philoptochos Fall Back in Fashion Show																																																																																			
<i>16</i> Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist, Orthros & Liturgy 9AM	<i>17</i> Greek Dance, 4PM	<i>18</i> Bible Study, 11:30-1PM Greek School, 4PM Parish Council Mtg., 7PM	<i>19</i> Orthodox Faith Class, 7PM	<i>20</i> Choir Practice, 7PM	<i>21</i> Entrance of the Theotokos Liturgy, 9AM G.O.Y.A Mtg., 12:15PM	<i>22</i>																																																																																			
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Worship Services

NOVEMBER 2008



Sunday, November 2, 2008
5th Sunday of Luke,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9AM

Saturday, November 8, 2008
Synaxis of the Archangels,
Liturgy, 9AM

Sunday, November 9, 2008
7th Sunday of Luke
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9AM

Thursday, November 13, 2008
St. John Chrysostom,
Liturgy, 9AM

Sunday, November 16, 2008
Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9AM

Friday, November 21, 2008
Entrance of the Theotokos,
Liturgy, 9AM

Sunday, November 23, 2008
9th Sunday of Luke,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9AM

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
St. Katherine,
Liturgy, 9AM

Wednesday, November 26, 2008
Thanksgiving Eve Vespers,
Liturgy, 9AM

Sunday, November 30, 2008
Andrew the First-Called Apostle,
Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 9AM

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 our Bible Study class and the Class on the Orthodox Faith. If you are an Orthodox Christian and are not member of 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 with their church can receive Holy Communion and other Sacraments.)*

PLEASE NOTE that the Divine Liturgy, on the first Sunday of every month, is conducted in English. This is done so that those persons with a limited understanding of the Greek language can understand, and participate in the worship service.

Church Registry

NOVEMBER 2008

BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

ACHILLEAS ASIMAKOPOULOS

Proud Parents: Asimakis Asimakopoulos

God Parent: Aristoleis Asimakopoulos

MEMORIALS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

Basam Haddad - 40 Day

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

Crystalia Kaiser - 40 Day

Andrew Poulos - 40 Day

OCTOBER 5, 2008

Nancy Dramitinos - 40 Day

OCTOBER 12, 2008

Athanasios "Tom" Nicolaou - 13 Year

FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

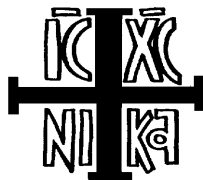
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SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Anargyros Anthony Pashalides

Ioannis Nikolaos Medenas

+ May their memories be eternal +



PROSFORO

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 2

Mrs. Alexandra Margias

Saturday, November 8

Mrs. Mercina Vatakis

Sunday, November 9

Mrs. Mercina Vatakis

Thursday, November 13

Mrs. Katherine Glavas

Sunday, November 16

Mrs. Voula Kitsigianis

Friday, November 21

Mrs. Maria Masouris

Sunday, November 23

Mrs. Demetra Klentos

Tuesday, November 25

Mrs. Anastasia Mandas

Wednesday, November 26

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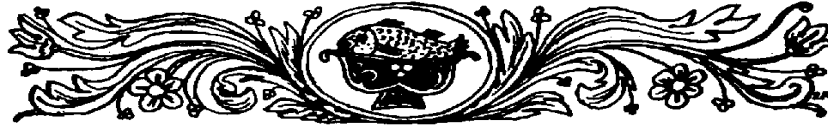
Sunday, November 30

Mrs. Maria Nikolaou

***PLEASE 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.*

WOMEN WHO LOVE TO BAKE!

ACOLYTES OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 2008



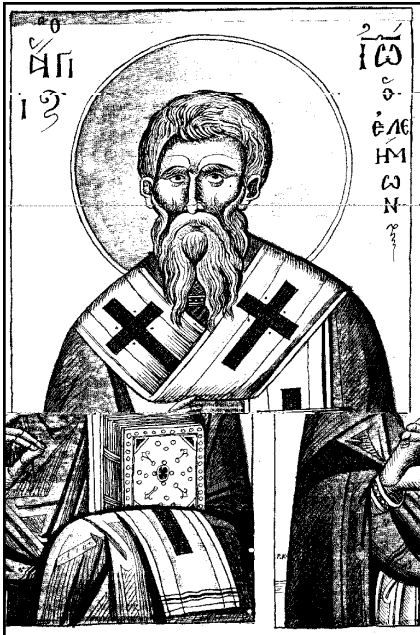
TEAM 1	TEAM 2
<p>Armodios Vestakis Nick Basdakis George Dalis Nicholas Foutris Sotirios Eliopoulos Richard Rosentrater Kosta Dalis</p>	<p>Dimitri Pappas Bradley Jung Kyriakos Alyousef Michael Bangos Kyriakos Psaras Dimitri Hondrogiannis Stephen Stylianides</p>
<p>November 16, 2008 December 14, 2008 January 11, 2008</p>	<p>November 23, 2008 December 21, 2008 January 18, 2008</p>
TEAM 3	TEAM 4
<p>John Hourigan Pano Nikolaou Stefan Malmlund Alexander Malmlund Antonio Georgakopoulos Carl Cantonis Aleko Culp</p>	<p>George Alexopoulos Niko Begakis Argirios Alexopoulos Speros Mantas Dimitri Dimopoulos Paul Stephens Kyle Manes</p>
<p>November 2, 2008 November 30, 2008 December 28, 2008</p>	<p>November 9, 2008 December 7, 2008 January 4, 2008</p>

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.

The Stewardship of St. John the Merciful

November 12



*“We will soon see, Lord, which of us two will win the contest:
You, Who ever gives me good gifts,
or I, who will never cease distributing them to the poor.
For I know well there is nothing of mine that is not owing to Your mercy,
which upholds life.”*

(Prayer of St. John the Merciful)

Born in the year 555 on the island of Cyprus, the saint we remember on November 12 is a beautiful example of Christian Orthodox Stewardship. Known to us as St. John the Merciful, he was the son of the devout Christian parents who were affluent and able to provide a comfortable living for their family. His father served as governor of Cyprus and was involved in the politics and business of the island. As John grew older, he married and had children and also died from a rare disease. John’s faith in the Risen Lord gave him great comfort in dealing with the physical loss of his family. In Thanksgiving to God, he surrendered his life to Christ and the Church. He was instrumental in the establishment of hospitals, orphanages, and gave his entire estates to the poor and needy so that he could pursue a life of prayer. His reputation as a philanthropist spread throughout the Byzantine Empire and he was soon asked to become the Patriarch of Alexandria.

Among his first actions as Patriarch was call together all the clergy and trustees of the Diocese of Egypt. He sent them out register all the poor and needy people in the area regardless of whether or not they were Christian. Over 7,500 people in need were found. The Patriarch ordered that they were to be fed everyday and given the clothing they needed. He called the indigent his *“Masters”* and recognized that by serving them, God was providing an excellent opportunity to express faith in Him! As Patriarch John depleted the treasury of the Church in Alexandria, concern arose as to how future expenses would be met. Through his trust in the words of our Savior, the people soon experienced the promise of the Lord: *“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; nor about your body, what you will put on...But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you...”* (Matt. 6:25, 33).

There is a story about a poor man who thought he could beat the system. He would receive more. This happened three times when it was finally pointed out to the Patriarch. Without hesitation the Patriarch ordered that the man be given twice as much, saying: *“Maybe he is Jesus my Savior who has come on purpose to put me to the test.”*

St. John, Patriarch of Alexandria, was recognized by his flock for being generous and kind to all people but especially to the poor and needy; for this reason, he was called, *“the Merciful”*. In being merciful to others, St. John knew that it was the Lord Himself Who grants mercy and that he was simply His humble servant.

We can learn much about Christian Stewardship from the example of St. John the Merciful. He recognized that his stewardship was both to serve the people less fortunate and to teach the wealthy to realize this opportunity as an expression of their faith in Jesus Christ. Once, when some wished to thank John for his kindness and generosity he replied: *“No more of that, brother! I haven’t shed my blood for you yet, which is what the Savior asks”*. With this in mind, let us reconsider our understanding of Christian Orthodox Stewardship and learn from the life of St. John the Merciful.

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. Fr. James Diavatis & Presbyteria	Mr. & Mrs. James Callas	Mr. & Mrs. Athanasios Foskaris	Mr. & Mrs. John Hatzidakis
Mrs. Arlene Agalos	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Callas	Miss Maria Foskaris	Mrs. Demetra G. Harvalos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Akkerman	Mr. Andrew Canellos	Mr. George Founaris	Mr. & Mrs. Alex Hashtroudi
Mr. & Mrs. George Alavizos	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Cantonis	Mrs. Mina Fourtounis	Mr. George Hassapis
Mr. & Mrs. Themis Alexopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. George Cantonis	Mr. & Mrs. George Frousiakis	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hassapis
Ms. Mary Amandos	Mr. & Mrs. William Carkagis	Mr. & Mrs. Dino Foutris	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Hatzis
Mr. George Ambatielos	Mr. & Mrs. John Chakos	Mr. & Mrs. John Foutris	Mr. John Hatzis
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Amerine	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Chapralis	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Futris	Mr. & Mrs. James Hill
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Anas	Mr. & Mrs. Nicolas Charalambous	Mr. George Futris	Miss Christina Hioureas
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Mrs. Loula Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. George Chatzis	Mr. Gavriel Gabriel	Mr. & Mrs. Denny Hocking
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Mr. & Mrs. Gus Anton	Miss Catherine Christ	Mr. & Mrs. Nicos Ganis	Mrs. Ruby Hopkins
Mrs. Maria E. Antonaras	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Christ	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hourigan
Mrs. Alice Antoniou	Mrs. Vivian Christian	Mrs. Sophia Garrity	Mr. & Mrs. Ken Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Argyrakis	Mr. & Mrs. William Christian	Mr. & Mrs. George Gatsinaris	Mrs. Olga Joseph
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter P. Attard	Mr. & Mrs. Dukas Contos	Mr. & Mrs. Peter George	Mr. John Kandara
Mr. & Mrs. Louie Attard	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cote	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Georgitsis	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kapogianis
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Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baglin	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dallas	Mr. Fred Gerth	Miss Ann Karagines
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Badounas	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Darling	Mr. & Mrs. Gus Gialamas	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Karagines
Mrs. Kiki Ballas	Mr. Chris Deralas	Ms. Athena Gianakakos	Mrs. Thelma Karagines
Mr. & Mrs. Anastasios Barouxis	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Deralas	Mr. & Mrs. K. Gianakakos	Mr. & Mrs. Ioannis Karambelas
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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Becris	Ms. Janet Diamant	Mr. & Mrs. E. Giannetakis	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Karpouzis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Begakis	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Diamant	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Giannetakis	Mrs. Stella Karvouniaris
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Begakis	Mr. & Mrs. Argirios Dimopoulos	Mr. & Mrs. John Giforos	Mr. & Mrs. Evangelos Kazas
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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buelna	Mr. & Mrs. Flynn	Mr. Harris G. Harisis	Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Konstantarakis
Mr. & Mrs. Nikki Burns	Mr. James Fortunes	Mr. & Mrs. R. Michael Hartman	Mrs. Eugenia Konstantouros

Stewardship 2008

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

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Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Koukladas	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Preston	Mr. Michael Van Duyn
Mr. & Mrs. Yanni Kouloubis	Mrs. Mary Mitchell	Mr. & Mrs. Vlash Pullos	Mrs. Foula Vanikiotis
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Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Koutzoukis	Mrs. Mary Naylor	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Roumpos	Mrs. Sophia Voulimeas
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Mr. & Mrs. Demetrios Kritikos	Mr. Pete Nichols	Mr. & Mrs. John Russell	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Vourakis
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Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Lardas	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Pafilas	Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sigas	* Miss Elli Yorgiadis
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Mr. & Mrs. Devon Liss	Mr. & Mrs. George W. Pappas	Mrs. Bess Stavrakes	
Mrs. Katherine Livieratos	Mrs. Georgia Pappas	Mrs. Georgia Stavrakes	
Mr. Earnest Love	Mr. & Mrs. James Pappas	Mr. & Mrs. James Stavropoulos	
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**As of October 21,
2008**
Total Pledges: 422
Goal: 600
To Go: 178
Total Pledged:
\$278,245.00
Budgeted Goal:
\$330,000.00
Amount left to reach
Goal:

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.

Proposed Activities for the G.O.Y.A. Ministries for the Ecclesiastical Year 2008-2009

**The G.O.Y.A. Ministry will meet on the first Sunday as well as the third Friday of the month,
unless otherwise noted.**

NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - General Business Meeting.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - Community Service Project - Setting up beds and serving food at Fullerton Armory.

DECEMBER 2008

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Bible Bowl- Location T.B.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 - General business meeting.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - Community Service Project - G.O.Y.A. members will take toys to patients at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Annual G.O.Y.A. Christmas Party at church hall.

JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 - General business meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 - Community Service Project-Graffiti cleanup in Anaheim.

FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - (Tentative) Pan Orthodox Rally- Presentation by Fr. Joseph Trenitam entitled, "Choosing a Spouse: Dating from an Orthodox Christian Perspective."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - Lesson on Christian Charity (Lesson #4 pgs 41-58 in GOYA Curriculum Binder)

MARCH 2009

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - General business meeting.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 - G.O.Y.A. members to attend Salutation Services.

APRIL 2009

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - General Business meeting. Agenda to include discussion of annual Palm Sunday Luncheon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - Make crosses for Palm Sunday.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - (Palm Sunday) Serve Lunch/Help clean up.

MAY 2009

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - General Business meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 15 - Combined Parent/Youth bowling with JOY Ministry.

Proposed Activities for the J.O.Y. Ministries for the Ecclesiastical Year 2008-2009

The JOY Ministry will meet on the third Sunday of every month following the Divine Liturgy.

NOVEMBER 2008

NOVEMBER 16, 2008 - Field trip to St. Nektarios Church and Shrine.

DECEMBER 2008

DECEMBER 21, 2008 - Presentation by Fr. Nicholas entitled "Giving, not receiving an Orthodox Christian prospective of Christmas."

JANUARY 2009

JANUARY 18, 2009 - Field Trip to "COLOR ME MINE" (Ceramic Painting).

FEBRUARY 2009

FEBRUARY 15, 2009 - Ice Skating at Disney Ice.

MARCH 2009

MARCH 15, 2009 - The children will play a board game.

APRIL 2009

APRIL 26, 2009 - (Date changed due to Holy Week/Pascha) Presentation by Fr. Nicholas entitled "The meaning of the Cross". The Children will subsequently make crosses.

MAY 2009

MAY 15, 2009 - Combined bowling with members of G.O.Y.A and their parents.



Proposed Activities for the Little Angles/HOPE Ministries for the Ecclesiastical Year 2008-2009

The Little Angeles/HOPE ministry will meet every first Thursday of the Month at 4:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER 6, 2008

THEME - Significance and meaning of Icons.

ACTIVITY - The children will be taken on a tour of the church and shown the various Icons.

DECEMBER 4, 2008

THEME - Helping the less fortunate.

ACTIVITY - The life and works of St. Nicholas will be presented. Subsequently, the children will color pictures of St. Nicholas.

JANUARY 8, 2009

(date is modified due to New Years' Holiday)

THEME - How we are renewed.

ACTIVITY - Each child will verbalize two expressions of kindness.

FEBRUARY 5, 2009

THEME - Love.

ACTIVITY - The children will color pictures of hearts.

MARCH 5, 2009

THEME - Freedom from death.

ACTIVITY - Fr. Nicholas will present the meaning of the Annunciation. The children will subsequently color pictures of the Annunciation.

APRIL 2, 2009

THEME - The Resurrection of our Lord.

ACTIVITY - Easter Egg Hunt/ Races.

MAY 7, 2009

THEME - The finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helen.

ACTIVITY - The Children will make crosses.



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Christmas is just around the corner and what better than a GOYA CHRISTMAS CARD!

Our Annual Christmas Card is here!

The card will be mailed to all the parish members and it's a great way of saying Happy Holidays to your friends and family for only \$20 that helps benefit our Church youth program!

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Angelena Psaras at (714)388-7383 or Theodore Kapogiannis at (714)402-4553

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2008**

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Fr Michael Nasser
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Project Mexico



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Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco

Weekend Schedule

Friday, November 7, 2008

7:00pm-8:00pm—Check In

8:00pm- 9:30pm—Welcome &
Keynote Address

9:30pm- 11:00pm- Evening Social



Saturday, November 8, 2008

9:00am-9:15am—Morning Prayers

9:15am-9:45am- Breakfast

9:45am- 11:00am—Keynote Speaker

11:15am-12:15pm—Workshop #1

12:15pm-3:00pm— Free Time & Own Lunch

3:00pm-4:00pm—Workshop #2

4:00pm-5:00pm—Panel Discussion

5:30pm-6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm- 10:00pm Dinner @
George's Greek Restaurant

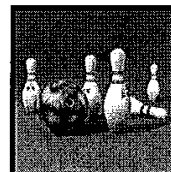
GEORGE'S GREEK CAFE

Sunday, November 9, 2008

10:00am—Divine Liturgy @

Holy Assumption Church in Long Beach

1:00pm—Lunch at Game Works
with Bowling Tournament**



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Fall

Back in Fashion



St. John the Baptist
Philoptochos Society
presents a

Vintage Fashion Show Luncheon and Holiday Boutique

*Join us for a presentation of vintage fashions
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Saturday, November 15, 2008

St. John the Baptist Cultural Hall
Donation: \$35.00

*Reservations open October 1, 2008
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When

November 7 — 9, 2008

Where

Saint Nicholas Ranch, Just outside of Fresno and minutes away from Sequoia National Park

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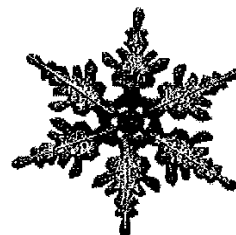
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7:30 P.M. DINNER
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Enter our Group ID# 166448589

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(Mark 1:2-3)

