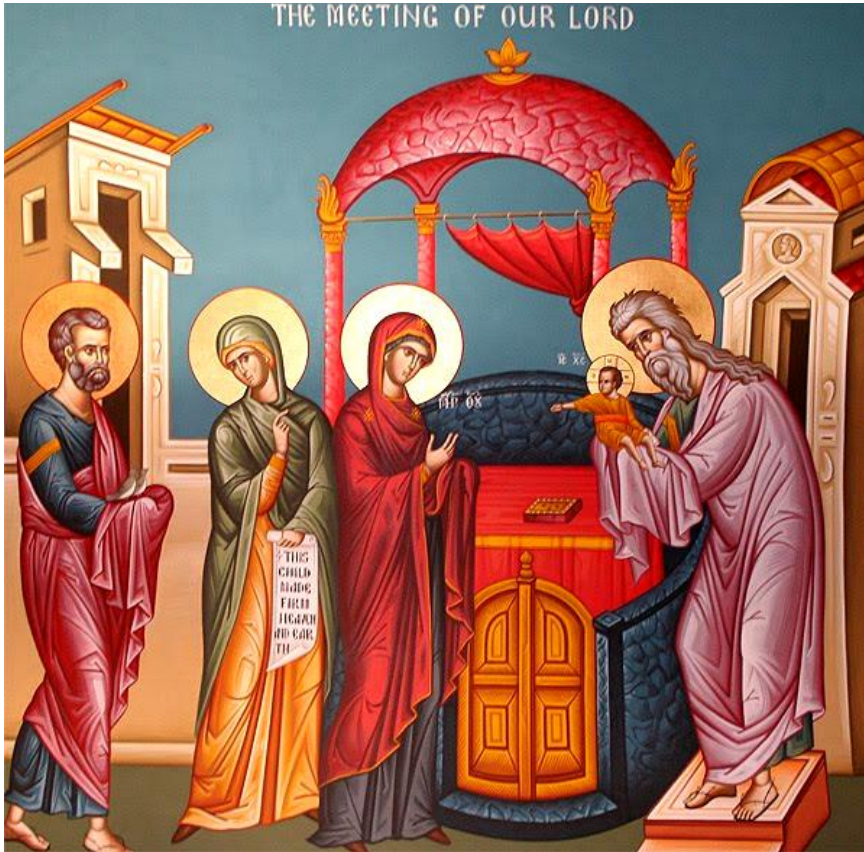


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*~The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple  
– February 2~*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

*The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple– February 2  
Gabriel the New Martyr of Constantinople; Jordan the New Martyr*

**Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis (Proistamenos)**  
**Fr. Stratton Dorozenski (Retired Priest In Residence)**  
**Fr. John Stefero (Retired Priest In Residence)**

**VISION:**

Love God, Love your neighbor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as an Orthodox Christian community.

**MISSION:**

The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to welcome and serve people with love, truth, joy and peace, and to create an environment that encourages all to seek salvation through Orthodox Christianity.

**CORE VALUES:**

Love, Worship, Community, Learning, Service

**SYNAXARION:**

*The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple– February 2  
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**Second Antiphon:**

*Save us o Son of God, Who were held in the arms of the righteous Simeon, to Thee we sing: Alleluia.*

**Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ:**

*Hail o Theotokos, Virgin full of grace: for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, giving Light to those in darkness. Be glad, also you righteous Elder, for you have received in your arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who bestows upon us resurrection.*

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection:**

*Lord by Your sacred cross You abolished death, and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy; the apostles did preach the good news at Your command that You are risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.*

**Apolytikion of St. John the Baptist:**

*The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venerable than the prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.*

**Kontakion:**

*O You Who sanctified by Your birth a Virgin womb, and blessed the hands of Simeon as seemed most appropriate, You came indeed to save us all, O Christ our God. Wherefore bring peace to our nation in time of hostility, and secure in strength, the leaders You have truly loved, as the only one Who loves mankind.*

**Welcome to all of our Visitors** “Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7 We pray that your worship experience with us today will be inspirational and uplifting. Please introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the Welcoming Ministry and pick-up a “welcome packet” as you exit the church. We are happy that you are with us today!

**Holy Communion** is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are in good canonical standing with the church and who have prepared through prayer and fasting. Everyone is invited to receive the Antidoron (Blessed Bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Order for Holy Communion**—With Sunday School in session the order for Holy Communion will be as follows:

1. Choir
2. Altar boys
3. Sunday school teachers (who will line up in middle aisle (right) before Communion).
4. Sunday school students (who will line up in the middle aisle (left) before Communion)
5. Then the rest of the congregation ( side areas then the main section).
6. Parents with recently Baptized children can line up before the Sunday School Teachers.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

### **EPISTLE LESSON:**

MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD, AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY SAVIOR.

VERSE: FOR HE HAS REGARDED THE HUMILITY OF HIS SERVANT.

### **THE READING IS FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 7:7-17**

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

### **GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 2:22-40**

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### **Megalinarion:**

- 1. Past the understanding of, all the angels, mortals, too  
Virgin Mother, Lady pure, is that which occurred in you.*
- 2. In his arms the Elder one, Simeon embraced You,  
The Creator of the Law, and the Governor of all.*
- 3. Wishing Adam to be saved, He who fashioned us abode,  
In the womb immaculate, of the Virgin Lady pure.*
- 4. Ev'ry generation of, mortal nature praises you,  
And as Mother of our God, gives you glory Lady Pure.*
- 5. Come and see the Christ Who is, Lord and Master of all  
things, Who today by Simeon, to the temple is now borne.*
- 6. You look down upon the earth, and thereby You make it  
quake, How then does a worn old man, hold You now with-  
in his arms?*
- 7. Simeon lived many years, till the Christ he was to see Then  
to Him he cried aloud, now let me depart in peace.*
- 8. You indeed O Miriam, have become the mystic tongs  
Which enclosed the burning coal, Christ conceived within  
your womb.*
- 9. You, the pre-eternal God, willed that You would take on  
flesh, And so after forty days, to the temple You were  
brought.*
- 10. Having come from heav'n above, is the Master of all  
things, He is welcomed to His home, by Simeon the priest.*

- 11. Make my soul to shine O Lord, with the light perceptible,  
That I purely look on You, and proclaim You as my God.*
- 12. Virgin Mother, Lady pure, to the Temple what bring you?  
I now offer my new Babe, to the arms of Simeon.*
- 13. Now departure do I seek, from my Lord and Fashioner,  
For I saw You O my Christ, You Who are my saving  
Light.*
- 14. Him, who liturgists above, trembling praise in litany,  
Now below does Simeon, hold embracing in his arms.*
- 15. You by nature are but One, yet in persons Trinity,  
Set a guard around those who, serving do believe in You.*
- 16. Theotokos as the hope, of us Christians one and all,  
Guard and shelter and protect, all those who put their  
hope in you.  
The-o-to-ke i el-pis pan-ton ton Chris-ti-a-non  
Ske-pe, frou-ri fi-la-te, tous el-pi-zon-tas is se.*

*O believers, come let us perceive, a type in the Law, and the shadow and the letter: Every child that opens the womb shall be holy to God. So the unoriginate Father's firstborn Logos and Son, Who is the firstborn of the Mother who knew not man we magnify.*

**Communion Hymn: (Psalm 116:13)** *I will receive the cup, receive the cup of salvation, I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia.*

## MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

### DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN EASILY MAKE DONATIONS ONLINE???

Simply scan the following QR Code with your phone's camera and select your fund of choice, Stewardship, General, Memorial etc. You can include notes to provide more detail.

Thank you for your Generosity and Support!



### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

If you are new to the Tampa Bay area or just visiting, we would love to get to know you better.

PLEASE TEXT THE WORD

"WELCOME" TO 813-790-5950

FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO GIVE US  
YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND FROM THERE  
YOU WILL BE DIRECTED TO OUR ONLINE CONNECTION CARD

DO NOT NEGLECT TO SHOW *hospitality* TO STRANGERS.  
FOR THEREBY SOME HAVE ENTERTAINED *angels unawares.*

### YOUNG AT HEART

The February gathering of Young at Heart (our 55 yr and up Ministry) was held yesterday afternoon in the Kourmolis Center. With nearly 40 attendees, excellent fellowship was had by all. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon and then learned about the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple with discussion afterwards. We had some fun with a Valentine trivia quiz. Look for information on our upcoming **March 29th** event and plan to join us!



### VISITATION MINISTRY

The **Philoptochos** encourages parishioners to visit our homebound seniors from St. John's. If you are interested in visiting and/or know of one of our seniors who would like some company, please e-mail Vickie Peckham at [vickiepeckham@gmail.com](mailto:vickiepeckham@gmail.com)

### ORTHODOXY 101

Begun in January & offered by Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis, Parish Priest

#### When will the classes be held?

Monday, February 3—The Divine Liturgy— A "teaching" Liturgy  
Monday, February 10—Orthodox Traditions—fasting, icons, prayer and living an Orthodox Christian life

#### Why should I attend Orthodoxy 101?

- Interfaith couples. This will help the non-Orthodox person understand more about what is going on in our church.
- Anyone who is considering joining our church. Going forward, this class will be a requirement for those who wish to join our Orthodox faith.
- New converts to Orthodoxy. For those who recently joined our church and who want to know a little bit more.
- Anyone who wants to know more about the basics of our faith, or who wants a refresher

#### What format can I expect?

A relaxed atmosphere with presentations, interactive discussions, and lots of time for questions and answers. Classes will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.

### ST. JOHN'S BOOKSTORE - BOOK OF THE WEEK - "HOLY FOOLS"

The existence of "fools for Christ" in the Orthodox tradition mystifies many. What purpose do these comical and misunderstood saints serve in the life of the church? The book "**Holy Fools**" gives us insight into the curious way these saints serve Christ. Learn about the extraordinary lives of twenty of the most well-known fools for Christ in this book by Oswin Craton.

**Nursing Ministry** will have a blood pressure clinic after Divine Liturgy today. Come and get your blood pressure checked and know your numbers!

## MORE MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

**Bible Study**—Women's Bible Study with Fr. Stavros will take place on most Tuesdays from 10:00-11:30a.m. either in person (in Father's office) or zoom. For February the dates are Tuesday February 4, Tuesday February 11, Tuesday February 18 & Tuesday February 25.

**Tuesday night Bible study with Fr. John** will continue meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Zaharias Room. Join us in person or via zoom for some very informative, lively and interactive discussions on how we apply Biblical principles in our everyday lives. For February the dates are Tuesday February 4, Tuesday February 11, Tuesday February 18 & Tuesday February 25.

### **Food Pantry Update**

Please help us rebuild the inventory of our Food Pantry. We are especially in need of **Mac & Cheese, Canned Meats and Meals to go.** *We are grateful for your support!* We welcome donations anytime and have a dedicated drop-off, to the left, inside the church hall entrance. You can see a full list of items we need in the Messenger and inside the Hall. If you know of someone in need or wish to take a bag of groceries to go, we can make that happen! If you have ideas to share or wish to get involved, please call or text Sandra Pappas at 813-785-3747

**Save the Weekend for a Very Special Event in the Life of our Parish**—The Ordination of Alex Limberatos to the Diaconate and the Priesthood—February 15-16. His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta will visit our parish the weekend of February 15-16 and will ordain Alex Limberatos, our former pastoral assistant, to the Diaconate (Saturday, February 15) and to the Priesthood (February 16). Divine Liturgy and an ordination will be held on both of those mornings. A luncheon will be held on both days to honor our Metropolitan and Alex. Please, set aside this weekend for a special event in the life of our Parish, Alex will celebrate his first Liturgy as a priest on Monday, February 17. We will have Orthos at 9:00am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

**Men's Retreat**—Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The topic will be "Growing in Christ This Upcoming Lenten Season."

**GOYA Lock-In**—We will be having our spring lock-in on Saturday, February 8, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**Wear Red Sunday**—February 9—Every year on a Sunday in February near Valentine's Day, we have a "wear red Sunday." We ask everyone to wear red to church in honor of healthy hearts. Our Philoptochos will sponsor a healthy heart luncheon after Divine Liturgy that Sunday.

### **Prayer List: Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants:**

Athena Felley, Melissa Romero, Sandra Reyes, Miltiadis, Konstantinos Triantafyllopoulos; Kostadinou Booras; Michael I, Anna Maria & Thomas Reilly, Calliope Herman; Delaney & Alexis Johnson; Ron & Linda Ledet; Helen & Mike Mitchell, Elena, Ricky & Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; Anna, Stavroula, George, Pam, and Liz; Christopher Labatos; Eva Coppalla; Christopher; Christopher; Peter Nenos; Patrick Carroll; Irina, Marina, Yuri, and Christophoros; Ashley Snyder; Evangelos & Caroline Critkas; Christine Alex, June, Lillian Thomas; Scotty; Desi Serriera; Ashley Kladakis; Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Virginia Georgiou, Toulia Tsaros, Nellie Pringle, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Ann Demas, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteris, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvakias, Mike Trimis, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Ekaterina & Anna S. Dora K., Debbie P., Mary V., David V., Don Payne, Valery, Jimmy, Timoleon, Elias, Anna, Damynos, Anna C., Anthony Welker, John Bella, Michele Blanckebaker, Jonah, George Voulgaris, Carol Cretekos, Tina, Bob, Bonnie and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.

### **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God"

#### **2 Corinthians 9-11**

Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign is underway. Look for our dedicated Stewardship Table today to address any questions. Your Stewardship (in writing) is the foundation of our beloved church and allows us to plan for our operating expenses. We are grateful for the over 130 Parishioners who have completed a Pledge Form with over \$325K in commitments. We encourage you to complete yours today!

#### **Remember**

Offering your Time and Talent is an important part of Stewardship. Please carefully review the Time and Talent section of this year's form. There is a true need in our church community. Are you new to St. John's? Are you looking for a way to be more involved and make some new friends? Sharing your gifts will make a difference for you and our beloved church.

### **JOY Tweens**

The JOY Tweens offsite is Sunday, **February 23 @ 2:00 p.m.** All 4th-6th graders and their families are welcome! Our tweens will have a blast experiencing gravity-defying thrills together at Altitude Trampoline Park Tampa! Keep a lookout for more details to come or contact Maraquet Edgud at 813-422-8963 with any questions.

### **Sign-Up for Text Updates!**

To get updates and other messages for JOY Tweens, text @783gc6 to 81010 on your mobile phone.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & TOPICS

**February 2**

The Presentation of Christ



**February 9**

The Publican and Pharisee  
4TH, 5TH, and 6TH GRADERS - CONFESSION

If you do not receive our weekly Sunday School Constant Contact every Friday afternoon, please email Vickie Peckham at [vickiepeckham@gmail.com](mailto:vickiepeckham@gmail.com) to let her know.

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>	<b><u>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST</u></b> ORTHROS 8:45A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M. (ALTAR BOYS TODAY— ST. LUKE) ALTAR BOY OUTING
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3</b>	ORTHODOXY 101—TEACHING LITURGY 6:30P.M.
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00A.M. BIBLE STUDY 6:30P.M.
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5</b>	CHOIR 7:15P.M.
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6</b>	<b><u>ST PHOTIOS</u></b> ORTHROS 9:00A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M. PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING ZOOM
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8</b>	<b><u>ST. THEODORE</u></b> ORTHROS 9:00A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M. MEN'S RETREAT 10:00A.M-4:00P.M. ADULT GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GREEK SCHOOL GOYA LOCKIN 5:00P.M.
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>	ORTHROS 8:30A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M. (ALTAR BOYS – ST. LUKE) SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 4-6 GRADE CONFESSION SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN

**Women's Bible Study**

Leader: Fr. Stavros  
Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00am

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Leader: Fr. John  
Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30pm

In our effort to support efforts for improved mental health, our parish is proud to support the 988 suicide hotline. Spread the word and you might help save a life!



### PARISH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PAP provides free and confidential counseling services when life's challenges become overwhelming. The PAP utilizes a network of faith-based providers that are sensitive to the values and beliefs of those they serve and provides compassionate care to children, adults, parents, and seniors. Parishioners can confidentially contact BayCare directly to request up to three free counseling sessions by a licensed mental health professional. BayCare helpline, **800-878-5470**, is answered **24/7 by mental health professionals.**



**“GROWING IN CHRIST THIS UPCOMING  
LENTEN SEASON.”**

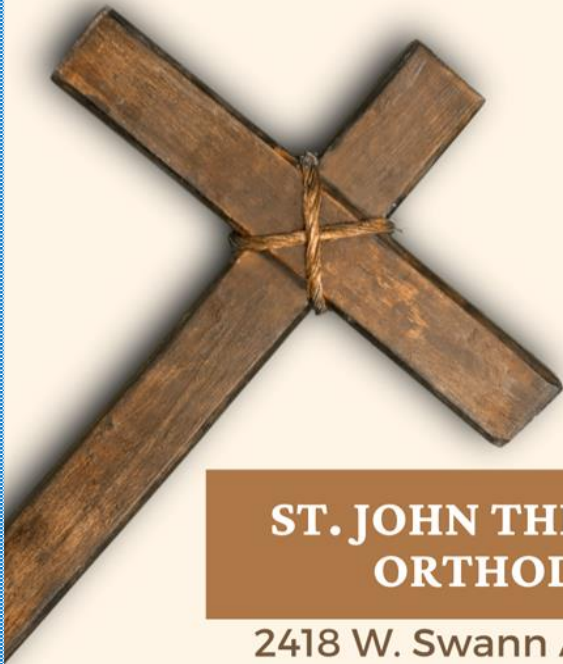
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**ALL MEN ARE WELCOME, ORTHODOX OR NOT**

**\$15 (COVERS LUNCH)**

**STARTING WITH DIVINE LITURGY, FOLLOWED BY  
PRESENTATIONS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**FR. STAVROS  
AKROTIRIANAKIS**



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**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

☆☆☆ **2/9/25** ☆☆☆

**BENEFITTING HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME**

☆☆☆ **KICKOFF BEGINS** ☆☆☆  
**AFTER DIVINE LITURGY** ☆☆☆

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING IS A NATIONAL INITIATIVE  
 CELEBRATING THE THRILL OF THE BIG GAME WHILE TACKLING  
 CHILDHOOD HUNGER.  
 PLEASE BRING CANNED GOODS OR A DONATION AND ENJOY A  
 DELICIOUS HEALTHY LUNCH WITH US.

**\*\*KID AND ADULT RAFFLE PRIZES\*\***

**GREEK  
 INDEPENDENCE DAY  
 PARADE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - 1:00 PM**



LEMON ST. TO DODECANESE BLVD.  
 TARPON SPRINGS, FL

CELEBRATING THE 204TH ANNIVERSARY  
 OF HELLENIC INDEPENDENCE

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**DINNER & LIVE MUSIC**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22 - 6:00 PM**  
 SAINT NICHOLAS COMMUNITY CENTER  
 348 N PINELLAS AVE | TARPON SPRINGS, FL  
 TICKETS: \$90

Don't forget to join us for a night to remember!  
 Dinner, live music and entertainment from Greece.

## Philoptochos & Daughters of Penelope February (1-28) School Supply Drive

To benefit

Hillsborough County Education Foundation/Teaching Tools Resource Center

### TOP 20 MOST-NEEDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please  
 donating the following

consider  
 new items:



Backpacks  
 Binders (1 & 2 inch)  
 Colored Pencils (12 count)  
 Composition Books  
 Crayons (24 count)  
 Erasers (Cap & Pink)  
 Spiral Notebooks

Glue (Bottles & Sticks)  
 Highlighters  
 Index Cards  
 Markers (Dry Erase, Washable & Permanent)  
 Mechanical Pencils  
 Notebook/Filler Paper  
 Scissors

Paper  
 Pencils  
 Pencil Boxes  
 Pencil Sharpeners  
 Pocket Folders  
 Rulers



The Philoptohos Society of  
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church  
is sponsoring a Women's Retreat



*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ (Colossians 3:23-24)*

**Balancing Family, Work and Faith**

***Fr. Stavros N. Akrotirianakis - Retreat Leader***

**Saturday, March 1- The Holy Righteous Martyr  
Eudocia the Samaritan  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**All women are welcome, Orthodox or not**

**Starting with Divine Liturgy, followed by lunch,  
presentations and group discussions**

***Donations Accepted***

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BY THE GRACE OF GOD  
AND THROUGH  
THE APOSTOLIC TRADITION OF THE  
LAYING ON OF HANDS



*His Eminence Metropolitan  
Sevastianos of Atlanta*

WILL ORDAIN THE SERVANT OF GOD

*Alexander Limberatos*



TO THE HOLY DIACONATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

8:45 AM ORTHROS | 10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

AND TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:45 AM ORTHROS | 10:00 AM HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY



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*We humbly request your presence and your prayers*



# SAVE THE DATE

## CAMPAIGN KICKOFF!

Complimentary Luncheon

Sunday, February 23

Noon

Kourmolis Center

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Join us for the St. John "ARISE&BUILD" Launch!



**ARISE&BUILD**  
St. John the Baptist  
Greek Orthodox Church

Come learn more about:

- The Capital Campaign progress
- Proposed plans for church expansion
- How you can join the Arise & Build campaign

*Looking forward to seeing you there!*

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<b>Bookstore:</b>	Pres. Denise Stefero	678-464-4833
<b>Choir:</b>	Tara Swartzbaugh, Director	813-313-0439
	Ruth Losovitz, Organist	727-688-2782
<b>Community Outreach:</b>	Greg Melton	813-967-2074
<b>Dance Groups:</b>	H XAPA ΜΑΣ, Alexandra De Maio	813-340-9668
	Maraquet Edquid	813-422-8963
	ΠΑΡΕΑ, Marina Choundas	813-877-6136
	Genie Carter	813-363-2362
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