

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

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Leavetaking of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple;  
Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch*

**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:**

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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:**

*From Above did You descend O Christ our God. For us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be relieved from passions in this world. You who are our Resurrection and our Life: Glory to You, O Lord.*

**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 9

### EPISTLE LESSON:

MAKE YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD OUR GOD AND PERFORM THEM.

VERSE: GOD IS KNOWN IN JUDAH; HIS NAME IS GREAT IN ISRAEL.

### THE READING IS FROM ST. PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### Megalinarion:

*Theotokos as the hope,  
of us Christians one and  
all, Guard and shelter  
and protect, all those  
who put their hope in  
you.*

*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*.

### 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)

### ST. JOHN'S BOOKSTORE - BOOK OF THE WEEK - "THE DIVINE LITURGY - A COMMENTARY IN THE LIGHT OF THE FATHERS" BY HIEROMONK GREGORIOS

A book for both newcomers to the holy Orthodox faith and for those who wish to acquire a deeper understanding of its theology and symbolism. This fully comprehensive edition provides insight into each and every aspect of the Divine Liturgy. The book itself is beautifully done with hardcover, gold edging and ribbon markers. Great choice for anyone who wants to more fully understand The Divine Liturgy.

### ORTHODOXY 101

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

#### When will the classes be held?

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. Please sign up with Fr. Stavros at [frstav@gmail.com](mailto:frstav@gmail.com), so he has enough materials for everyone. There is no charge for this class.

### Memorial Service

Lawrence  
(Larry)  
Maas  
(40 days)

## 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 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 11, Tuesday February 18 & Tuesday February 25.

**Today: 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.

**Young Adults**- The February meeting will be on Thursday, February 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The topic for February will be: Growing in Christ this Lent. Please contact Aris Rogers to be added to our what's app for young adults at 813-309-5525.

### **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 Orthros at 9:00am and Divine Liturgy at 10:00am.

### **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, Tola 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**

Thank you to the 208 Stewards who have renewed their commitment for 2025! The generosity of your Stewardship Pledge supports all of St. John's ministries and goals. Please consider completing and submitting your Stewardship form 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 Edquid 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 9**

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



**February 18**

Prodigal Son

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

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|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9</b>     | ORTHROS 8:30A.M.<br><b>(ALTAR BOYS TODAY- ST. LUKE)</b><br>SOUPER BOWL OF CARING<br>4-6 GRADE CONFESSION           | DIVINE LITURGY                    | 10:00A.M.             |
| <b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10</b>    | <b>ST. HARALAMBOS</b><br>ORTHROS 9:00A.M.<br>ORTHODOXY 101   | DIVINE LITURGY                    | 10:00A.M.<br>6:30P.M. |
| <b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11</b>   | WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY<br>BIBLE STUDY   |                                   | 10:00A.M.<br>6:30P.M. |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12</b> | PARAKLESIS<br>CHOIR  |                                   | 6:00P.M.<br>7:15P.M.  |
| <b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13</b>  | YOUNG ADULT DISCUSSION   |                                   | 7:00P.M.              |
| <b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15</b>  | ORTHROS 9:00A.M.<br>ORDINATION TO DIACONATE<br>ADULT GREEK SCHOOL<br>CHILDREN'S GREEK SCHOOL<br>COMMUNITY OUTREACH | DIVINE LITURGY<br>ALEX LIMBERATOS | 10:00A.M.             |
| <b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16</b>    | ORTHROS 8:30A.M.<br><b>(ALTAR BOYS- ST. MATTHEW)</b><br>ORDINATION OF ALEX LIMBERATOS TO THE PRIESTHOOD            | DIVINE LITURGY                    | 10:00A.M.             |
| <b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17</b>    | ORTHROS 9:00A.M.<br><b>(ALEX LIMBERATOS 1ST LITURGY AS A PRIEST)</b>   | DIVINE LITURGY                    | 10:00A.M.             |

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN

**Women's Bible Study**

Leader: Fr. Stavros  
**Tuesday, February 11 at 10:00am**

**Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Leader: Fr. John  
**Tuesday, February 11 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.**





# Seven Words:

## “LET US ARISE AND BUILD”

A SIX-WEEK LENTEN STUDY

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING GREAT LENT



MARCH 5  
“LET US”

*“O come, let us worship  
and bow down, let us  
kneel before the Lord, our  
Maker.”*

Psalm 95:6

DINNER SPONSORED BY  
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARCH 12  
“ARISE”

*“Arise, shine; for your  
light has come, and the  
glory of the Lord has  
risen upon you.”*

Isaiah 60:1

DINNER SPONSORED BY  
THE CHOIR

MARCH 19  
“BUILD”

*“Unless the Lord builds  
the house, those who  
build it labor in vain.”*

Psalm 127:1

DINNER SPONSORED BY THE BIBLE  
STUDIES, NURSING MINISTRY AND  
THE WELCOME MINISTRY

MARCH 26  
“STRENGTHEN”

*“But the Lord is faithful;  
he will strengthen you  
and guard you from evil.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:3

DINNER SPONSORED BY  
THE PHILOPTOCHOS

APRIL 2  
“THEIR HANDS”

*“All these rely upon their  
hands, and each is  
skillful in his own work.”*

Strach 38:3

DINNER SPONSORED  
BYAHEPA/DAUGHTERS

APRIL 9  
“GOOD WORK”

*“Comfort your hearts and  
establish them in every  
good work and word.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:17

DINNER SPONSORED BY THE  
YOUNG ADULTS AND THE  
YOUNG AT HEART

### EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE:

- 6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
- 7:15 pm Lenten Dinner provided by one of our ministries
- 7:45 pm Presentation by Father Stavros
- 8:05 pm Small group discussion
- 8:30 pm Concluding remarks and closing prayer



GREAT LENT 2025  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
TAMPA, FL

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**A Hope & Joy and Philoptochos Partnership**  
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☆☆☆ **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\*\*

The Philoptochos 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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Kindly RSVP to Pres. Denise Stefero at [denises54@hotmail.com](mailto:denises54@hotmail.com)


## 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**


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




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**consider new items:**



- 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



# Philoptochos 2025 Membership Drive

**We are on the MOVE for a Great New Year!**

We invite all women ages 18 plus to join the St. John the Baptist Philoptochos Annunciation Chapter!

Membership Drive: January thru April, Suggested Stewardship is \$35.00, however, we accept whatever you can give to support our mission.

Your donation makes you a member of the National, Metropolis and Local Chapters of Philoptochos. **We invite all women age 80 and above to join us as honorary members with no dues required.**

**“Truly I tell you, whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me.” (Matt 24:25)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Main areas of interest (check all that apply): Visiting the Sick \_\_\_\_\_, Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_, Spiritual Retreats \_\_\_\_\_,

Communication (Messenger-Sunday Bulletin) \_\_\_\_\_, Baking \_\_\_\_\_, Social Gatherings \_\_\_\_\_, Decorating \_\_\_\_\_,

Koliva \_\_\_\_\_ Other (write in) \_\_\_\_\_

***Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America – Ladies Philoptochos Society. The mission of the Society shall be: To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and***

***To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;***

***To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;***

***To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.***

Please return form to: Presvytera Denise Stefero, 11209 Lark Landing Ct., Riverview,  
FL 33569 or Drop off on any Sunday in St. John's Bookstore.  
Questions: denises54@hotmail.com

Please make checks payable to: St. John Philoptochos or pay online  
<https://square.link/u/l23vm61r>



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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|---|--|--------------|
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| <b>Retired Priest in Residence:</b>         | Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski                       | 813-876-8830 |
| <b>Retired Priest in Residence:</b>         | Rev. Fr. John Stefero (jwstefero50@hotmail.com)    | 678-637-4425 |
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|   | Alexis Scarfogliero, President                     | 813-892-1599 |
|   | George Ameres, Vice President                      | 941-720-3494 |
|   | Marilyn Sandborn, Secretary                        | 813-760-6289 |
|   | George Chagaris, Treasurer                         | 727-420-1920 |
|   | Peggy George                                       | 813-727-5587 |
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|   | Tony Magos   | 813-957-3206 |
|   | Suzanne Pileggi                                    | 813-244-5855 |
|   | Marcelle Triantafilou                              | 612-396-5026 |
|   | John Carter  | 813-376-9196 |
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|   | Euripides Panos, Vice Chair                        | 813-352-3972 |
| <b>AHEPA:</b>                               | James Sakaris                                      | 301-529-8857 |
| <b>Altar Angels:</b>                        | Kalliope Chagaris                                  | 813-789-4134 |
| <b>Bible Study:</b>                         | Fr. John Stefero                                   | 678-637-4425 |
| <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 |
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