

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

*Sunday of Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council–
Tychon the Wonderworker;
40 Martyrs of Rome; Mark the Just of Apollonia*

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 did ascend in glory
from us to heaven, to Thee we sing: Alleluia.
So-son i-mas I-e The-ou, o en do-xi a-na-lif-this af i-
mon is tous ou-ra-nous, psa-lon-tas Si: Alliluia.*

Entrance Hymn:

*God has gone forth in jubilation: The Lord at the
sound of the trumpet. Save us O Son of God, Who
did ascend in glory from us to heaven, to Thee we
sing: Alleluia.*

Apolytikion of the Ascension:

*You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, cheering
up the Disciples, by the promise of the Holy Spirit;
by assuring them through Your divine blessing, that
You are indeed the Son of God, and the Redeemer of
the world.*

Apolytikion of the Resurrection:

*When the angelic powers appeared at the tomb and
soldiers guarding You became as though dead and
standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your
pure and sacred Body. For You did vanquish Hades
and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the
virgin woman bestowing the gift of Life. O You who
rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.*

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.*

**Apolytikion of the Sunday of the Holy
Fathers:**

*Supremely praised are You, O Christ our God, Who
established on earth, our Fathers as luminaries; and
through them You have guided all of us to the true
faith, most Compassionate One, glory to You.*

Kontakion: *Having fulfilled the dispensation for
us, and uniting the earthly with the heavenly, You
ascended in glory, O Christ, our God; being in no
way separated, but remaining inseparable, and
calling out to those who love You: I am with you,
and no one can be against you.*

Communion Hymn:

*A-ne-vi o The-os en a-la-lag-mo, Ky-ri-os en fo-ni
sal-pin-gos. Alliluia.
God ascended with a shout, the Lord with the sound
of a trumpet. Alleluia.*

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—

1. Choir
2. Altar boys
3. Parents with recently Baptized children
4. Then the rest of the congregation (side areas then the main section)

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Epistle Lesson: Verse: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.
For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Memorial Service

Nicholas Akrotirianakis — 10 Years

Barbara Akrotirianakis — 3 Years

MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

UPCOMING COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Sunday School

June 23
Men's Fellowship

June 30
GOYA

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 unaware.*
HEBREWS 13:2

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

*I was sick and you visited me.
Matthew 25:36*

*As you did it to one of the least
of these my brethren, you did it to me. Matthew
25:40*

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that one of the ways that He will judge our lives is based on visiting the sick. One of the best ways to serve God is by caring for our elderly. A number of our parishioners are homebound, which causes them to miss church and their friends. On behalf of the Philoptochos ministry, we have community-wide ministry of visiting those who are homebound. We would like to invite you to participate in this ministry.

Please e-mail **Vickie Peckham** at vickiepeckham@gmail.com if you would like to be part of this important ministry. This is not meant to be a time-intensive commitment, but rather an opportunity to love our neighbor and make sure that our fellow parishioners are not forgotten.

TIES TO THE PAST!!!

The Daughters of Penelope is looking forward to having the YiaYia Table of Arts and Crafts in December. In the month of June, NOW, we are collecting men's ties, especially unique ones. It's time to clean out your closet, put them in a bag and give to Ourania Stephanides (813.546.4711 for more information). She will welcome the donated ties to make an interesting craft for our sale. Those ties that are not used will be donated to Hospice Thrift Store. If you want a remembrance or keepsake of a loved one that has passed away (Papou, Dad, Brother, Friend) and have a particular tie that was theirs, give it to Ourania with your name and phone number paper clipped to that specific tie and she will craft it (one per family, no charge) into something for your Christmas tree! Remember that all donations of the December event will go to SCHOLARSHIPS for the Youth of THIS CHURCH COMMUNITY. Please clean out your closets and give those old ties a new purpose!



YOUNG AT HEART JUNE GATHERING *Saturday, June 29th*



*Celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul the Holy Apostles
with your friends from Young at Heart*

ORTHROS 9:00 AM
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
CATERED BRUNCH 11:30 AM
(\$12 PER PERSON)

Presentation to follow: Trivia Quiz focused on Saints Peter and Paul Reservations and payment due no later than June 23rd.
See Presvytera Denise for more information and/or to reserve your place.

NOTE: Young at Heart will have no gathering during the month of July

SAVE THE DATE – **Nov 1-2, 2024**



The Annual St. John the Baptist Tampa Greek Festival is our largest fundraiser and provides an opportunity to unite as a Parish and Community.

We need your help!

Coming Soon: Details for a JULY kickoff meeting!

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

Athena Felley, Melissa Romero, Sandra Reyes, Miltiadis, Larry Maas; Konstantinos Triantafyllopoulos; Kostadinos Booras; Michael I, Anna Maria & Thomas Reilly; Jim Armstrong, Calliope Herman; Delaney & Alexis Johnson; Ron & Linda Ledet; Helen & Mike Mitchell, Elena, Ricky & Michael Gordenina, Tina Chakonas, Felix R., Ivco; George Joseph; 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 and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.



MORE MINISTRY NEWS & UPDATES

Bible Study

Tuesday morning Bible Study with Fr. Stavros will be on hiatus for the summer. It will resume in late August or September. Tuesday night Bible study with Fr. John—will continue meeting at 6:30 p.m. on most Tuesday evenings. 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 June the dates are Tuesday, June 18. For July, the dates are Tuesday, July 2; Tuesday, July 9; Tuesday, July 16; Tuesday, July 23; and Tuesday, July 30.

Fr. Stavros will be out of the office June 26-July 6 (summer camp), and then again July 17-20 (vacation) and some additional days that will be mentioned in the weekly bulletin. For any pastoral emergencies during this time, please contact Fr. John.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to our Food Pantry. We welcome your donations any time and have a dedicated drop-off (left side) of the Church Hall Entrance area. We have targeted the First Sunday of each Month as a bigger collection day. Our greater need currently is for Bars (granola etc), Canned meat and Canned fruit (prefer with easy open access). We were able to compile 12 boxes of food, from your donations, shared with Metropolitan Ministries & Tampa Hope in the past month and help other individuals! If you know of someone in need or wish to take a bag of groceries to go, we can make that happen! Please call or text Sandra Pappas at 813-785-3747.

Panigyri Dancers — “Greetings! Opa!”

The adult Greek dance group Panigyri will begin dance practices Wednesday July 10th 7pm in the church hall for our Greek festival performances. We will continue every Wednesday night EXCEPT for the dates of 8/14/24 and 9/11/24. We will not have dance practices those nights. The Greek Festival dates are November 1st and 2nd. Please look for any further updates in the Messenger or weekly Bulletins. **Any questions please contact Alex DeMaio 813 340 9668 or email Alexandra.DeMaio@libertymutual.com.**

Stewardship Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was brought to our attention the list of Parishioners in the Messenger/Stewardship Update had some errors. Please accept our sincere apologies. The digital version of the June/July Messenger has been updated. We are grateful for your support and gifts to our beloved church! If you have any questions, please call the office at 813-876-8830.

Men’s Group

The Men’s Group will not be meeting in June. We will resume our meetings in August.

Independence Day

On 4th of July(Independence Day), our office will remain closed. We will reopen on Friday 7/5.

Pentecost Service

A kind reminder that on June 23, Pentecost, the Divine Liturgy will be at 9:45a.m.

Choir Practice

There will be no Choir Practice on 6/19 & 6/26 and all of July. It will resume August 7.

FOR SALE:

We have a supply of iPads (only used at the Greek Festival) **Available for Sale iPad 4 - 16GB - Black (Wifi only no Cellular)- \$50 each**, while supplies last! If you are interested please contact the church office at 813-876-8830.



ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

June 16

Christos Nenos
Constantine Ameres
Zachary George
Louis Mantzanas
Gianni Matassini
Nathan Moran
Michael Meadows

Captains

Demetri Passalaris
Nicholas Akrotirianakis
Nicholas Magos
Nicholas Carter
George Xenick
PJ Zelatis

June 23

Anyone attending may serve

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

FATHER'S DAY

ORTHROS 8:45 A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

BIBLE STUDY

6:30P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

SATURDAY OF SOULS

ORTHROS 9:00A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M.

(MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE DIVINE LITURGY)

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

PENTECOST

ORTHROS 8:30A.M.

DIVINE LITURGY 9:45 A.M.

VESPERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 11:00AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN

Women's Bible Study

Leader: Fr. Stavros

Resumes on September 10

Monday Night Bible Study

Leader: Fr. John

June 18: Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW- WE HAVE A LOST & FOUND CART
LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN NEAR THE FRIDGE. PLEASE
COME TAKE A LOOK AND CLAIM YOUR LOST ITEMS
TODAY!

*If you are interested, there are a few
lilies left from our Holy Week, in our
Church's Hall!
You can take them without charge
TODAY!*

Parish Priest:	Rev. Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis	813-394-1038
Retired Priest in Residence:	Rev. Fr. Stratton Dorozenski	813-876-8830
Retired Priest in Residence:	Rev. Fr. John Stefero	678-637-4425
Bookkeeper:	Debbie Bowe	813-876-8830
Administrative Assistant :	Elli Kehagias	813-876-8830

Parish Council:	John Zelatis, President	813-727-2271
	Euripides Panos, Vice President	813-352-3972
	Marilyn Sandborn, Secretary	813-760-6289
	Mike Xenick, Treasurer	813-340-8737
	George Ameres	941-720-3494
	Peggy George	813-727-5587
	Peter George	781-910-9971
	Amin Hanhan	813-846-2957
	Suzanne Pileggi	813-244-5855
	Alexis Scarfogliero	813-892-1599
	Marcelle Triantafilou	612-396-5026

12 Disciples

AHEPA:	Vasili(Bill) Zaferos	414-737-9103
Altar Angels:	Kalliope Chagaris	813-789-4134
Bible Study:	Fr. John Stefero	678-637-4425
Bookstore:	Pres. Denise Stefero	678-464-4833
Choir:	Tara Swartzbaugh, Director	813-313-0439
	Ruth Losoviz, Organist	727-688-2782
College Ministry:	Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis	813-394-1038
Community Outreach:	Greg Melton	813-967-2074
Dance Groups:	H XAPA MAΣ, Alexandra De Maio	813-340-9668
	Maraquet Edquid	813-422-8963
	ΠΑΡΕΑ, Marina Choundas	813-877-6136
	Genie Carter	813-363-2362
	ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ, Alexandra De Maio	813-340-9668

Daughters of Penelope:	Ourania Stephanides	813-546-4711
Finance Committee:	Gary Ward	813-846-3898
Food Pantry:	Sandra Pappas	813-785-3747
GOYA:	Michael & Bessie Palios	813-523-0346
Hope/Joy:	George & Zackie Ameres	813-245-3813
Joy Tweens	Maraquet Edquid	813-422-8963
Men's Fellowship:	Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis	813-394-1038
Nursing Ministry:	Marcelle Triantafilou	612-396-5026
Photography Ministry:	Karina Findlay	813-476-9632
Philoptochos:	Katherine Sakkis	813-309-1073
Stewardship:	Chris Kyrus	757-672-1920
	George Mitseas	813-748-1220

Sunday School:	Vickie Peckham	813-758-3102
Ushers	Pete Trakas	813-505-2193
Veterans/1st Responders	Fr. John Stefero	678-637-4425
Welcoming Ministry:	Maria Xenick	813-765-3587
Women's Bible Study:	Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis	813-876-8830
Young Adults	Aris Rogers	813-309-5525
Young at Heart:	Dora Morgan	813-613-3738
Youth Protection:	Suzanne Pileggi	813-244-5855