



## **St. John The Baptist Greek Orthodox Church**

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### **Sunday, October 20, 2024**

6th Sunday of Luke— Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch; Matrona the Righteous of Chios;  
Gerasimus of Cephalonia

### **Hymns**

#### **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 For the Martyr**

*Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.*

#### **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**

*A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not, the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us for you are good, your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you. Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.*

### **Readings For Sunday, October 20**

#### **Epistle Lesson:**

*Verse: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.*

#### **The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1**

*Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.*

#### **Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39**

*At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Him to let*

them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

### Memorial Services

Sarah Coker (1 Year); John Myer (1 Year); Stelios Spithoyannis (30 Years)

### Upcoming Services & Events

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20</b>	ORTHROS 8:45A.M. (ALTAR BOYS TODAY — ST. MATTHEW)	DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M.
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 21</b>	<b>*ST. JAMES LITURGY (EVENING LITURGY)</b> ORTHROS 5:00P.M.	LITURGY OF ST. JAMES 6:00P.M.
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BIBLE STUDY	10:00A.M. 6:00P.M.
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24</b>	VETERANS'/1 <sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS MEETING	6:30P.M.
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26</b>	<b><u>ST. DEMETRIOS</u></b> ORTHROS 9:00A.M. ADULT GREEK SCHOOL CHILDREN'S GREEK SCHOOL	DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M.
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27</b>	ORTHROS 8:45A.M. (ALTAR BOYS — ST. MARK) FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AFTER CHURCH ( ZAHARIAS ROOM)	DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M.
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 28</b>	<b><u>HOLY PROTECTION OF VIRGIN MARY/OXI DAY</u></b> ORTHROS 9:00A.M.	DIVINE LITURGY 10:00A.M. (MOSTLY IN GREEK)

**PLEASE NOTE:** THE KOURMOLIS CENTER IS OPEN ONLY FOR OVERFLOW SEATING FOR WORSHIP/BOOKSTORE/BATHROOMS, WHILE WE HOUSE OUR OFFICES AND DISPLACED ITEMS.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:** ALL CHILDREN WITH PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE DECK NEXT TO THE SCHOOL'S PLAYGROUND, AFTER DIVINE LITURGY, TO MEET & GREET WITH THEIR TEACHERS.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AS WE NEGOTIATE THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. OUR OFFICES ARE TEMPORARILY LOCATED IN THE KOURMOLIS CENTER, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE CANCELLATION, POSTPONING OR ALTERING OF SEVERAL SCHEDULED MINISTRIES AND MEETINGS. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES.

**COFFEE HOUR** WILL BE HELD IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE KOURMOLIS CENTER TEMPORARILY. WE EXPECT THE OFFICE SITUATION TO LAST AT LEAST FOUR TO SIX WEEKS, SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

\*THE **DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JAMES** WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 6:00 P.M. (IT IS HELD ONLY ONCE A YEAR, ON OCTOBER 23, BUT WILL BE DONE ON OCTOBER 21 SINCE FR. STAVROS WILL BE OUT OF TOWN OCTOBER 23). THIS IS THE OLDEST DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD, WRITTEN IN 70 A.D. IT AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW THE MOST ANCIENT OF EUCHARIST SERVICES WAS CELEBRATED. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST IN SEPARATE ELEMENTS, AS THE CLERGY DO—TO RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN YOUR HAND AND TO DRINK FROM THE CUP. IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THIS SERVICE BEFORE, PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING. AND IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IT BEFORE, CONSIDER COMING AGAIN TO EXPERIENCE THIS VERY SPECIAL AND RARE EVENT. THE LITURGY OF ST. JAMES WILL BE CELEBRATED FROM 6:00-7:30 P.M. ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21.