



### St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Sunday after Theophany

Commemorating: **Hermylus & Stratonikos, Maximos the Righteous**

Tone: Plagal Fourth

Gospel: Eleventh

#### Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

#### Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 4:7-13

Ἀδελφοί, ἐνὶ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβάς εἰς ὕψος ἠχμαλῶτευσεν αἰχμαλωσίαν, καὶ ἔδωκεν δόματα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις. Τὸ δέ, Ἀνέβη, τί ἐστὶν εἰ μὴ ὅτι καὶ κατέβη πρῶτον εἰς τὰ κατώτερα μέρη τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβάς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν τοὺς μὲν ἀποστόλους, τοὺς δὲ προφήτας, τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς, τοὺς δὲ ποιμένας καὶ διδασκάλους, πρὸς τὸν καταρτισμὸν τῶν ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδομὴν τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· μέχρι καταστήσωμεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἐνότητα τῆς πίστεως καὶ τῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς μέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

#### Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:12-17 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη, ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν, καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὄρειοις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλείμ, ἵνα πληρωθῇ τὸ ῥηθὲν διὰ Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου λέγοντος· γῆ Ζαβουλῶν καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλείμ, ὁδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν, ὁ λαὸς ὁ καθήμενος ἐν σκότειϊδε φῶς μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθημένοις ἐν χώρᾳ καὶ σκιᾷ θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς. Ἀπὸ τότε ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς κηρῦσσειν καὶ λέγειν· μετανοεῖτε· ἤγγικε γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν.

#### The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonikos

Saints Hermylus and Stratonikos contested for piety's sake during the reign of Licinius, in the year 314. Saint Hermylus was a deacon, and Stratonikos was his friend. For his confession of Christ, Hermylus was beaten so fiercely that his whole body was covered with wounds. Stratonikos, seeing him endure this and other torments that left him half dead, wept with grief for his friend. From this he was discovered to be a Christian, and when

he had openly professed his Faith and had been beaten, he and Hermylus were cast into the Danube River, receiving the crown of martyrdom.

### Thank You to the Following Stewards of St. John's Parish:

Parish Council Member on Duty: Bruce Bigart

Prosforon brought by: Irene Sfougaristos

Coffee Hour by: Parish Council Members

Today's Second Tray will benefit the Building Fund

### Schedule of Services and Community Events

#### Sunday, January 13th

- Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Sunday School following Holy Communion ~ Greek School 12:30 to 2:30 pm
- Special General Assembly Meeting - 5:00 pm

#### Tuesday, January 15th:

- More than Meals Cooking 10:00 am - Food Delivery
- Choir Practice 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, January 16th:

- Daughters of Penelope Meeting 1:00 pm

#### Thursday, January 17th:

- Divine Liturgy for St. Anthony: 10:00 am
- Philoptochos General Meeting 1:00 pm: In Community Hall

#### Friday, January 18th:

- Divine Liturgy for St. Athanasios & Cyril: 10:00 am

### Community News and Events

**SPECIAL PARISH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ~ Sunday, January 13th 5:00 pm:** Important topics to be discussed concerning our parish. Please plan to attend.

**2018 ELECTIONS:** Submittal of Parish Council Election Nomination forms with **completed** signatures need to be received in the church office by January 21st, 3 pm.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Absentee Ballots will be available in the church office on 1/22/19 and returned to the church office no later than January 25, 2019 at 3 pm. A member of the Election Committee will be monitoring.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Elections will be take place on January 27, 2019 immediately following Divine Liturgy until 3 pm.

**HOLY UNCTION SERVICE– Sunday, January 20th following Divine Liturgy**

**SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH~ Sunday, February 10th:** The Brunch will begin immediately following Divine Liturgy Service. The cost: \$10 per Adult and \$6 per child (under 10).

**ICONS:** Icons are available for sale in the Narthex cabinet. Contact a Philoptochos member if interested.

**MORE than MEALS:** If you know of someone in our parish who has had surgery, is alone or could just use a hot meal please contact Virginia Theodore at 843-390-4004 or the church office. Next Cooking Day is January 15th at 10:00 am in the church kitchen.

**HOPE & JOY MINISTRY:** An e-tool REMIND has been set up for the Hope/Joy ministry. REMIND is a communication tool that helps advisors reach parents regarding upcoming events and important reminders. To join, parents need to text @joyandh to 81010.

**ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP:** A variety of books, icons, instructional guides, Orthodox literature, worship greeting cards, bracelets, olive oil soap, "A Voyage in Greek Cooking", St. John's parish cookbook is available. Contact Loretta Siotka at 843-399-8955.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Please ensure your 2018 stewardship commitment has been paid. Stewardship forms for 2019 were mailed to all parish members. Please return as soon as possible. Additional forms are available at the pangari.

**HOUSE AND/OR BUSINESS BLESSING:** Please contact the church office to arrange your day. 843-449-3773.