



St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 11, 2019
Eighth Sunday of Matthew

Commemorating Euplus, Archdeacon of Cantania; Niphon, Patriarch Of Constantinople

Orthros Gospel: Eighth
Tone: Grave

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's First Letter to the to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Euplus the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Cantania

This Martyr was from Catania in Sicily and contested during the reign of Diocletian. He presented himself of his own accord to Calvisianus the Governor, who put him to exceedingly harsh torments. As Euplus was on the rack, Calvisianus commanded him to worship Mars, Apollo, and Aesculapius; he answered he worshipped the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He was beheaded in the year 304.

The Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15th)

The Orthodox consider the Mother of God (Theotokos) above any other saint in the Church. She always stands on Christ's right-hand side in each church iconostasion, and an enormous icon of her with the Christ child, called the platitera, dominates the space above the altar. For it through her, the Virgin Mary, that Christ proves His humanity. It is believed that when the Virgin Mary was about to give up her spirit, all the apostles except for Thomas miraculously appeared in Jerusalem from all parts of the world to pay their respects and receive her blessing. As they were preparing for her funeral and burial, angels came into the presence of the apostles and took her body to heaven. When the apostle Thomas, who had not come earlier, went to her grave, he found it empty.

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

Parish Council Member on Duty: Bruce Bigart

Prosforon brought by: Vonnie Karetas

Coffee Hour by: Joy Mitchel & Dale Athanas and Adrienne & Jim Finn

Today's Second Tray will benefit the Building Fund

Schedule of Services and Community Events

Sunday, August 11th:

- Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am
- 3 Year Memorial for Angeliki Spyralatos~ May her memory be eternal
- 16 Year Memorial for Alekos Spyralatos~ May his memory be eternal
- Philoptochos New Board Members - Oath of Office

Monday, August 12th: Small Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Tuesday, August 13th: Great Paraklesis: 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14th: OFFICE CLOSED; Vespers: 6:00 pm

Thursday, August 15th: Dormition of the Theotokos

- Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am

Saturday, August 17th:

- GOYA Bingo – 5:00 pm

Community News and Events

GOYA BINGO: Saturday, August 17 – Come join us for Bingo fun and dinner for all ages. Admission Cost is \$10.00 and will begin at 5:00 pm. Children 12 and under are free. Admission includes 2 Bingo Cards and dinner. (Add'l cards available for purchase) Great prizes, good food and great fellowship.

GREEK SCHOOL: Sunday, August 25th. The Greek School is accepting students for the 2019-2020 School Year. All youth are encouraged to take Greek Classes. Call Ted Kesoglou at (843) 503-3893 if you are interested in your children attending Greek Classes. See "The Voice" for the Registration form.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School begins on September 8th. If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School, please contact the church office. A registration form for the upcoming school year is in the August "The Voice".

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC: Save the Date - September 8, 2019 at 3 pm.

YOUTH GREEK DANCING: Instruction for Greek dancing will be on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Katherine Wright will be the instructor. For more information, please contact Katherine Wright at 843-267-9857.

GREEK FESTIVAL REMINDER: Dates for festival this year are October 17 thru 20. Our next meeting will be September 3, at 7:00 pm in the coffee room. All are welcome to attend and give us your ideas.

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. (Moved to the Library in Community Center)

STEWARDSHIP: Please return stewardship form as soon as possible. Additional forms are available at the pangari.

PARISH COMMITTEES: As you know, "it takes a village". We are establishing three committees within the church. The first is the Stewardship Committee, which will work with Fr. Demetrios and the Parish Council to grow our parish. The second is a Kitchen Staff Committee, which will handle the Kitchen during Festival. Third is a Youth Committee, which will explore improving our Sunday School, Greek School and other programs for our children. Please contact the church office or Perry Koustenis 301-807-9243 or Penny Vlandis 843-222-3979 if you would like to join one of the committees. Your help is always needed and so are your ideas.

"THE VOICE": "The Voice" is being sent to parishioners by email. If you did not receive the August electronic version, please contact the office with your email address. "The Voice" is available on the church website and a limited number of hard copies will be placed in the narthex.

CHURCH OFFICE MAIL: Heads of a ministry or church council please check your mailbox and clear them out.