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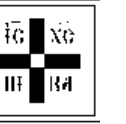
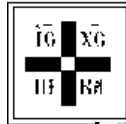
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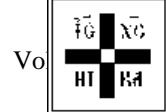
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Schedule of Services at St. John's

- ❖ Sunday, May 4: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, May 11: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, May 18: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.
- ❖ Sunday, May 25: Holy Liturgy, 10 A.M.

Orthodox Calendar

See enclosed calendar for dates, times, and places for the Special services and other events this month.

Council Capsule

My Fellow Parishioners,

The Church Council met on 20 April. Following our normal agenda we reviewed the budget, various committee reports, festival progress, and the status of old business.

The council discussed the following:

- 1.The status of the gas lease for our church property. This will be briefed 15 June at a special General Assembly.
- 2.The status of the assignment given the Planning Committee at the last General Assembly was to develop a model for a new church with specifications and cost estimates with the church built on our existing property. This will be reported at the June 15 General Assembly.
3. The council unanimously accepted Peter Talleos and Tim Cline as new members to fill the two vacant positions on the council.
- 4.We will soon release the details of the new directory which will include photos of the church members.
5. Preparations for Holy week were completed.
6. We reviewed the status of the Clergy Laity Congress that will meet in Washington D.C. from 13-18July.each parish is allowed four delegate for the Congress.
7. The council agreed that the church parking area should be resurfaced. The council is working hard to insure we do all that is possible for our outstanding and devoted congregation.

Important General Assembly

There will be a **very important** General Assembly meeting held immediately following church services on Sunday, June 15, 2008.

Following are the two major issues that will be discussed at this meeting:

- 1) Details of a Gas Lease Offer that has been presented to the church. This offer will bring us a substantial amount of money, rather quickly, if we vote to proceed and sign the lease.
- 2) The Planning Committee will report on their assignment from the last General Assembly which was to develop a concept, specifications and cost estimates for building a church on our existing property. The committee has put a lot of effort into this task and they have come up with some very exciting results.

Please make it a priority to attend this critical meeting. The Parish By-laws state that we **MUST** have a quorum, which means we need to have **two-thirds** of our pledged members **attend and vote**. In other words, **you can not sign in and then leave before the vote**. The issues being discussed are monumental to the progress of our church therefore we need every eligible member to attend. Please remember, in order to vote you must be a member in good standing.

Harry G. Karegeannes
Council President

Father Vasile's Message

Mental vs. practical faith

It is always uplifting to see the multitudes filling the Church for the beautiful

services during Holy Week and Pascha. During this time most of the Churches seem too small to accommodate all the people wanting to receive God's blessing. There is however one question that arises naturally: where are these people during the rest of the year?

I think this question, as uncomfortable as may be for some, is legitimate, because as responsible members of our communities we need to understand the reasons that prevent people that are Christians, even Greek-Orthodox Christians, from attending Church more regularly.

If we would ask any of the participants at the beginning of the Paschal Service if they believe in Christ they will all respond without hesitation: yes, we do! If we should continue the inquiry and ask also why they don't come to Church some will say I have Christ in my heart and I don't need to come to Church to be a Christian. These people are Christians but they are happy with a theoretical faith, with a faith that is acknowledged mentally but not practically expressed in any outward form like Church attendance or participation in stewardship.

The roots of this syndrome lay in a coarse misunderstanding of the Christian faith. Many contend themselves with an intellectual acknowledgment of God, and they think that if they reached this stage they truly know God. They live with the idea that Christianity is a sort of philosophy or theoretical concept that once understood we can just toss it aside and maybe review it once or twice a year, for the sake of our grand mothers. From their perspective God can be anything: a Supreme Being, an energy, a force field, it doesn't really matter because it is so distant anyway.

But nothing can be more wrong than this. Christianity is not a sterile philosophy about life but is the accomplishment of life's maximum potential. Christianity is lived not acknowledged. Our God is not a concept or an obscure pagan energy, but is a personal God above anything else.

God is a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three Persons relate to one another, love one another in the most perfect harmony that one can imagine. We as humans are called to participate in this relationship, to partake in the love of the Trinity and adopt it in our lives. We are called to participate in life not to conceptualize it, to live it not just to think about it.

Christ is the greatest illustration of this fact, because He is the One that emptied Himself of His heavenly glory and became one of us, bearing flesh and living in the world. He came down to our level to live with us so we can develop a true relationship with Him, so we can call Him our Brother.

He did not wanted to stay in Heavens, watching implacably the predestined faith of humankind; He wanted to give us the opportunity to know Him, to understand Him and ultimately to love Him. He has, is and will be with us forever; even after His Ascension to the Father. He established the Church that holds His Mysteries, the Sacraments, that keep us close to Him through the Holy Spirit.

He made Himself accessible to us. One thing however is left for us to do: to come and meet Him. If we choose to stay at home the whole year how can we develop a relationship with Christ? Can we be friends with someone that we only see once a year for Pascha with so many other people around? We can at best be acquainted to Him, but we are far from being His brothers. We need much more opportunities to meet until we reach this stage.

If we want Christ to be our friend we need to start now seeing Him regularly, offering Him the best we can, our lives because He already did the same for us: He gave His life so we can live forever.

Hristos Anesti! Christ is Risen!

Stewardship News

We are at the end of March and we still have not met our stewardship goal. As of 4/23/08 we have 104 stewards for a total of \$125,635.00 or 90% of our goal. We simply can not meet expenses without everyone's help.

If you have not turned in your pledge card as yet, please consider doing so as soon as possible. We need your help to support our church!

Our sincere thanks to those who have already become stewards.

2008 Stewards

Alexander, Leo & Teresa
Antahades, Dr. Lou & Judyth
Arlington, Linda
Ball, David
Ballas, Andy & Pat
Basiliadis, Nick & Dr. Margaret
Began, John
Berca, Sorin & Carmen
Bitner, Carol
Blasé, Clarisse
Bogdos, George & Soterra
Bogordos, George & Kasandra
Bokoyas, Chris
Bokoyas, Jim & Kiki
Bouras, Andreas & Ann
Brandon, Roberta
Callesen, John & Kathleen
Chokas, Margaret
Chokas, Mitch & Maretta
Clay, Wayne & Aria
Cline, Tim & Angela
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Fox, Mike & Kathy
Geil, Christopher & Sandra
Gianulis, Bill & Bertha
Hadjikiriakos, Michael & Persa
Harrison, Daniel & Dena
Henderson, Ecaterina
Henry, Mike & Julie
Hooe, Jane
Huber, Dr. Emery & Stacey
Johnson, Marshall & Velva
Jones, Daniel
Karegeannes, Harry & Ginny
Karidis, George & Delia
Kastalanych, Randy
Katsikas, Constantinos
Kerbow, Joe & Maria
Kindlinger, Phyllis
Kypreos, Nick & Cindy
Laverty, Connie
Leeders, Stacia
Leeders, Larry
Leimbacher, Jenny
Maayeh, Bishara & Mary
Manos, George & Vicki
Manos, Michael & Debbie
Matheson, Trevor & Sherri
Mavias, Michael & Mary
McKinnon, Allan
Medvic, Allison
Medvic, Nancy
Mihalakeas, Andreas & Laura
Molhoek, Mike & Tina
Moutafis, George & Khanh
Nahatis, Arthur
Nazzal, Alfred & Sylvia
Nicholas, Tina
Nicholas, Toni
Noulas, Athanasios
Pachares, Tony & Athena
Papadimitriou, Alex & Linda
Papadopoulou, Olga & Theoni
Papaliadis, Georgia
Papaliadis, Louie
Paulos, Angela
Paulos, Sophie
Petercsak, Steve & Esther

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 Peters, Tina
 Peters, Tommy & Evangeline
 Plock, Eleni
 Poletes, John
 Poletes, Bill & Rena
 Poulakos, Kathy
 Poulakos, Laurie
 Pursley, Peter & Cynthia
 Rafailides, Connie
 Ruppel, John & Joanie
 Samaras, Johnny
 Seals, Lyle & Connie
 Sofokidis, Hristaki & Jeanette
 Stancu, Rodica
 Stoycos, Ted & Mary Helen
 Sullivan, Joe & Nina
 Talleos, Peter
 Tudora, Fr. Vasile &
 Presvytera Mirela
 Villanueva, Junior & Maria
 Vittas, George & Barbara
 Vittas, John
 Vittas, Stephanie
 Vloitos, Nick & Rayanna
 Walenty, Tony & Lisa
 Wozniak, Matt & Jamey
 Wright, Bill & Christine
 Yiantsou, Dr. Chris & Margo
 Zingas, Aristides & Olga

On March 1, 2008 the Church switched to a different accounting system. Please check your statements closely for any errors. Some information may have been unintentionally omitted during the transferring of information from one system to another. If you find that your statement is incorrect, please notify Greg and include the check numbers, amount of donation, and dates the checks were written. Your records will be corrected and the next quarterly statement will reflect the updated information.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Philoptochos News

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Below is a list of --

“Philoptochos Dates to Remember”

- **May 4, 2008 – Award Scholarship to Graduating Senior**
- **May 10, 2008 – Mother’s Day Luncheon (Time and Place to be Announced)**
- **May 18, 2008 – Monthly Meeting (Wrap-up meeting)**
- **May 24, 2008 – Brunch with Metropolis Board President Barbara Latsonas**

First let me thank all of those Philoptochos members who participated in the Easter bake sale, the Lenten soup suppers, dying Easter eggs, decorating the Kouvekleon and the Easter flower collections. What an outpour of love that was expressed, not only from those of us as members of Philoptochos but from all of the parishioners of St. John’s. We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. I feel that we are privileged to be the vehicles that express this special love for all humanity. An additional thank you to Angela Cline, Stacia Leeders and Lynn Peters for hosting the beautiful Anastasi reception following our Lord’s resurrection service.

Our annual Mother’s day luncheon has been scheduled for May 10th, and as of this time we are seeking someone to chair this event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at bertgian@yahoo.com or (817) 690-9699. This is a no host luncheon celebrating our roll as mothers.

We look forward to May with a visit from Barbara Latsonas our Metropolis Board President and Elaine Cladis our Metropolis Treasurer. This will be a joint effort between St. Demetrios and our community. There will be a no host brunch scheduled for 10:30 am (restaurant to be determined) and we are expecting 30 to 40 ladies in attendance. Won’t you consider setting this morning aside to meet these beautiful and spiritual ladies, I would love for them to meet you!

May will be our final meeting as we break for the summer months. We will be evaluating our schedule for the upcoming fall and reflecting on how we can manage our spiritual gifts and talents through the next year in order to effectively serve with acts of love and philanthropy towards all people. We welcome you all and request your comments.

Let me leave you all with one thought, that when we open our hearts, we add light to the world. May the divine light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always fill your hearts with His peace, grace and joy.

Have a blessed summer and safe travels to all,

Yours, in Christ

Bertha

Youth Ministries On the Move

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

It speaks well for the families of our parishioners when we become aware that 100% of our High School graduates enter college. Their list of accomplishments already is breathtaking! Not only do they attend college but most of them go on to advanced degrees. We hope you will be attending the Graduation Celebration Luncheon to acknowledge their efforts. A special thanks

to all the committee members who planned, cooked and cleaned up!

The 'MIRAFORI' is a new addition this year for our Lamentations service; thanks to Linda Papadimitriou for arranging it with Father Vasile.

Summer is fast approaching and our ever increasing schedule is filling up. Foodfest dance practice will be starting soon; see Maria Kerbow, Christine Wright or Laurie Poulakos if you are interested in having your child dance. Comittment to practices is of the utmost importance.

It was decided to start the JOY group at the end of summer this year since vacations interfere with scheduling.

Yours in Christ,
 Athena Pachares, Y.M. Coordinator
pachares@sbcglobal.net

GOYA

Thanks to all the GOYANS who helped out at the Lenten Retreat this year. Also, thanks to everyone that helped sell St. John's Spiritwear last month. Proceeds will benefit the church ministries.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 4 and as always, anyone between the ages of 12-18 is welcome to attend.

Nick Papadimitriou
 Vice-President

Parish Directory

On Tuesday, June 7th, Olin Mills will be at church taking photograph's of each family for a

new church directory. This is the ONLY DATE that they will be photographing. Nancy Medvic and Barbara Vittas will be contacting everyone shortly to schedule their appointments. Everyone who has their picture taken will get a free 8 x 10 and a free directory. Please make a note of the date in your calendars

Thank you
Barbara Vittas

Gladsome Light Dialogues

Gladsome Light Dialogues May topics:

5/7/2008 How holy is popular Tradition Holy? - Popular traditions in the light of the true teachings of the Church
5/14/2008 No Dialogues
5/21/2008 Dialogues for the future - Open session, please bring your ideas for future development to the table
5/28/2008 No Dialogues

2008 Foodfest Update

We have had great response for committee signups; thank you one and all. As of today, the following KEY Chairs are still open and need a volunteer quickly:

Tent Set Up and Take Down

Loukoumathes and Baklava Sundaes

Baking: Stacia Leeders is our Baking Chair for the year, but she needs the following items filled:

Koulourakia

Bread

Kourambiethes

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Melomacarona

Your help and dedication is greatly appreciated. The signup sheet is located in the Hall, or please see Larry Leeders or Bill Wright

2008 Greek Fest Kick Off Dinner

Please join us at the Hall on Saturday, May 10th, at 6 PM for our Greek Fest kick off dinner. We will taste Festival Food and wines, tasting some great treats, seeing which wines will be served at the Festival, and dancing to live music provided by Laand! We will hold a short meeting to be sure everyone is up to speed on the Festival, but this is a fellowship event for all Parishioners! Come enjoy a relaxing evening of food, drink, dancing, and fellowship!

Also Khanh will give you something for the tournament.

Thank You, Bill Wright

Practical Faith

Rules for a Pious life

*By Bishop Platon of Kostroma
(abridged)*

Force yourself to get up early and on a set schedule. As soon as you wake up, turn your mind to God: make the Sign of the Cross, and thank Him for the night that has passed and for all His mercies towards you. Ask Him to guide all your thoughts, feelings and desires, so that everything you say or do will be pleasing to Him.

After washing yourself, get down to morning prayers. Pray kneeling, with concentration, and with reverence. Ask Him to give you faith, hope, and charity, as well as calm strength to accept all that the coming day may bring to you - its hardships and troubles. Ask Him to bless your labors. Ask for help: to accomplish some particular task that you face; to steer clear of some particular sin.

If you can, read something from the Bible, especially from the New Testament and the Psalms. Read with intent to receive some spiritual enlightenment, inclining your heart to compunction.

Try to devote at least fifteen minutes to spiritually contemplate the teachings of the Faith and the profit to your soul in what you have read.

Start every morning as if you had just decided to become a Christian and to live according to God's commandments.

As you enter upon your duties, strive to do everything towards the glory of God. Start nothing without prayer, because whatever we do without prayer later turns out to be futile or harmful. The words of the Lord are true: "Without me, you can do nothing."

If your labors are successful, give thanks to the Lord; If not accept all hardships as a penance for your sins - in the spirit of obedience and humility.

Before every meal, pray that God will bless the food and drink; and after the meal give thanks to Him and ask Him not to deprive you of spiritual blessings. In everything, avoid excess. Following the example of Christians of old, fast on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Do not be greedy. Be content having food and clothing, imitating Christ Who became impoverished for our sake.

Strive to please the Lord in everything, so that you will not be reproached by your own conscience. Remember God always sees you, and so be carefully vigilant concerning the feelings, thoughts and desires of your heart.

Never argue or make excuses. Be gentle, quiet and humble; endure everything, according to the example of Jesus. He will not burden you with a cross that exceeds your strength. He will also help you carry the Cross that you have.

Having done a good deed, do not expect gratitude, but temptation: for love towards God is tested by obstacles. Do not hope to acquire any virtues without suffering sorrows. In the midst of temptations do not despair, but address God with
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short prayers: "Lord, help... Teach me to... Do not leave... Protect me..." The Lord allows temptations and trials; He also gives the strength to overcome them.

Ask God to take away from you every thing that feeds your pride, even if it will be bitter. Avoid being harsh, gloomy, nagging, mistrustful, suspicious or hypocritical, and avoid rivalry. Be sincere and simple in your attitude. Humbly accept the admonitions of others, even if you are more wise and experienced.

When you feel slack, or a certain coolness, do not leave off the usual order of prayer and pious practices which you have established. Everything that you do in the name of the Lord Jesus, even the small and imperfect things, becomes an act of piety.

If you desire to find peace, commit yourself completely onto God. You will find no peace until you calm down in God, loving Him alone.

From time to time seclude yourself, following the example of Jesus, for prayer and contemplation of God. Contemplate the infinite love of our Lord Jesus Christ, His sufferings and death, His Resurrection, His Second Coming and the Last Judgment.

Visit the church as often as possible. Confess more often and receive the Holy Mysteries. Doing so you will abide in God, and this is the highest blessing. During Confession, repent and confess frankly and with contrition all your sins; for the unrepented sin leads to death.

Devote Sundays to works of charity and mercy; for example, visit someone who is sick, console someone who is in sorrow, save one who is lost. If anyone will help the lost one turn towards God he will receive a great reward in this life and in the age to come. Encourage your friends to read Christian spiritual literature and to participate in discussing spiritual matters.

Let the Lord Jesus Christ be your teacher in everything. Constantly address Him by turning your mind to Him; ask yourself: what would He do in similar circumstances?

Before you go to sleep, pray frankly and with all your heart, look searchingly at your sins during the past day. You should always compel yourself to repent with a contrite heart, with suffering and tears, lest you repeat past sins. As you go to bed, make the Sign of the Cross, kiss the cross, and entrust yourself to the Lord God, who is your Good Shepherd. Consider that perhaps this night you will have to appear before Him.

Remember the Lord's love towards you and love Him with all your heart, your soul and your mind.

Acting in this way, you will reach the blessed life in the Kingdom of Eternal Light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Choir Notes

No News to report this Month



Church School News

May 18th is the last day of Church School before summer begins. We will celebrate the children's accomplishments and will have a recognition ceremony on May 18th with our End-of-Year picnic. Please make every effort to attend this day so that we may recognize your children in front of the parish for their attendance records and other special awards.

A joint Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Demetrios during the week of June 16-20 from 9AM – 12AM. Additional information and registration forms will be sent home via your children and can be downloaded from our church website.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates. We have dedicated volunteers providing these educational and fun activities for our children. Let's have a great showing of support for their efforts.

We've had a great year with many memorable moments with our children and their teachers. I would like to express deep gratitude to our Church School Teachers, without whom we would not have the great success in providing the religious instructions.

- Nursery: Mrs. Marsha Arapis, Mrs. Julie Henry and Mrs. Connie Seals
- Pre-K & K: Mrs. Maria Kerbow, Ms. Allison Medvic, and Mrs. Tina Molhoek
- 1st & 2nd: Mrs. Theresa Alexander
- 3rd & 4th: Mrs. Esther Petercsak
- Middle School: Mrs. Maria Kerbow and Mrs. Sandra Koumbaridou
- Teens: Ms. Demi Gianulis

We are in search for a Church School teacher for the Middle School class for next school year starting in September. If you have any interest, please contact Athena Pachares or me.

Church School will begin again on September 7th.

May He keep you and Bless you.
Khanh Moutafis



Come Celebrate the end of the Church School Year !!

Date: May 18, 2008

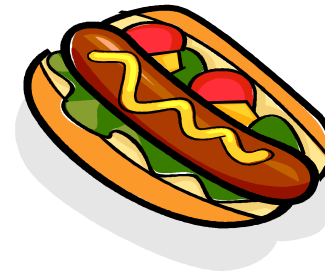
Time: After Liturgy

Where: Church Grounds

Parents, please bring a blanket to sit upon and a side dish to share. Be sure to pack a swimsuit for the Water Play

Church School will provide the following:

- Hot Dogs
- Ice Cream
- An Inflatable Water Slide
 - Football
 - Bubbles



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Schedule of Events:
12:00 am - 1:30 pm Registration & Lunch
12:00 am - 1:15 pm Putting Contest
1:30 pm Shotgun Start
6:00 pm Award Dinner and Silent Auction
Team of four: \$400 Individual Play: \$125

Register on-line using the church website:
stjohndfw.info

New Parish and Greek Fest Ageless Wonders



The Ageless Wonders will meet Tuesday, May 13th, 2008 at 11:00a.m. in the Paulos Center for a potluck luncheon and a program. We haven't had one in a while!! We are going to go to the horseraces on a Saturday, some time in late may or June and details will follow. I want to thank Lou and Judyth Antahades for our trip to the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. Everyone really enjoyed it!!!! Hristos Anesti to all.....Margaret

Websites

The new Parish Website is ready at <http://stjohndfw.info> with improved design and functionality. Also our Greek Fest site is up at <http://midcitiesgreekfest.info>. The sites will be continuously updated with news and information.

Your's in Christ,
Sorin Berca
Website Administrator

Usher Schedule

May 4: George Moutafis, Cynthia Pursley
May 11: Peter Talleos Harry Karegeannes
May 18: Bill Wright, Nancy Medvic
May 25: Barbara Vittas, Larry Leeders

Nursery Attendants Schedule

May 4: Linda Arlington, Maggie Molhoek
May 11: Marsha Arapis, Mallory Chokas
May 18: Elizabeth Popescu, Adrianna Chrestopoulos
May 25: Marsha Arapis

Thanks,
Marsha

Acolyte Schedule

May 4: Patrick Sullivan, Phillip Sullivan, Peter Pursley, John Molhoek
May 11: James Seals, Ovidiu Berca, Patrick Sullivan, Philip Sullivan
May 18: Jackson Wright, Joey Basiliadis, Nick Chrestopoulos, Danny Peters
May 25: Bennett Kerbow, Ovi Berca, James Seals, Danny Peters

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 4: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wright
May 11: Philoptochos
May 18: Ageless Wonders
May 25: Parish Council

Duties For Hosts of Coffee Hour

SETUP

- Arrange pastries/food in a desirable manner on the appropriate tables in the parish hall.
- You are responsible for making the coffee. Make two pots: one regular, one decaf. Plug

in before going into church. The instructions are in the kitchen.

- Prepare a tray with sugar, creamer, sugar substitute, mixing straws, a few spoons. Set with trash bucket.
- Put donation basket out with appropriate sign.

CLEAN UP

- Wash all dishes soiled, including coffee pots.
- Return sugar tray to kitchen and replenish it.
- Wash off hall tables and kitchen counters.
- Donation money will be collected by the Parish Council.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Deadline for The Forerunner and Weekly Bulletin

The deadline for information for the Forerunner is the 18th of each month, and Thursday for the Weekly Bulletin. To defray the cost of the printing and postage of *The Forerunner* we are looking for monthly sponsors. We currently mail *The Forerunner* to 240+ families throughout the Metroplex. This would be a good way to expose your business to our families. If you have a special event you would like to commemorate (i.e., birthday, anniversary, name day, memorial, etc.) let us know through the bulletin. Please contact Greg DiGiovanni (mrdigio@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in sponsoring one month. The cost is \$150.00 and the sponsorship will be acknowledged on the back cover.