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**Great Lent Begins
Monday, March 14, 2016**



March 11 - 12, 2016
Fri: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(including lunch)

You do not need to be married to attend,
nor do you need to be Orthodox to attend.
All are Welcome!



Rev. Dn. Stephen Muse, PhD is a pastoral counselor and marriage and family therapist who serves as Director of Education and Training at the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, Georgia where he also directs the Clergy-in-Kairos program, a personalized week-long crisis intervention and intensive retreat for clergy (and spouse) renewal. Dr. Muse has taught and led professional workshops internationally and throughout the U.S. in areas of his specialties which include: Orthodox Christian spirituality, marriage as a spiritual path, healing from trauma, combat and moral injury, and care for the caregiver (clergy and helping professionals' burnout). He is the author of *Being Bread, Beside Still Waters, Raising Lazarus, and When Hearts Become Flame*. Dr. Muse and his wife Claudia have four adult children, and three grandchildren.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Cost: \$20 per person for 2-day session or Saturday ONLY
\$10 per person for Friday evening ONLY
The registration form and payment options can be found on the Parish website: <http://stjohngoc.org/major-upcoming-events/>
Please register no later than Friday, February 26, 2016.
For questions, text or leave a voice message for Sylvia at (503)399-0428
The Logos Bookstore will be open Friday evening and Saturday before and after each of the retreat talks and during all breaks.

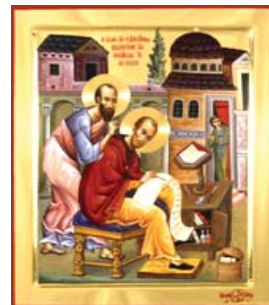


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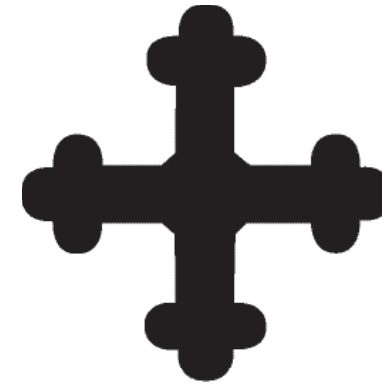
Saturday, March 5th

3 p.m. Jr. Division Speeches
4 p.m. Potluck Dinner
5 p.m. Vespers
6 p.m. Sr. Division Speeches



Awards Ceremony
Sunday, March 6th
immediately following Liturgy

Please come support our middle and senior high school students as they share their speeches with us!



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Witnessing the Truth of Apostolic Christianity

Great Lent: An Opportunity to Recommit to Our Prayer Rules

Great Lent is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives. In the spiritual classic, *Unseen Warfare*, by Saints Nicodemus the Athonite and Theophan the Recluse, it is written: "The greatest and most perfect thing a man may desire to attain is to come near to God and dwell in union with Him." This goal is not simply a short term seasonal goal that we strive for once a year during the forty days preceding Pascha, but it is a goal we must strive to experience every day of the year.

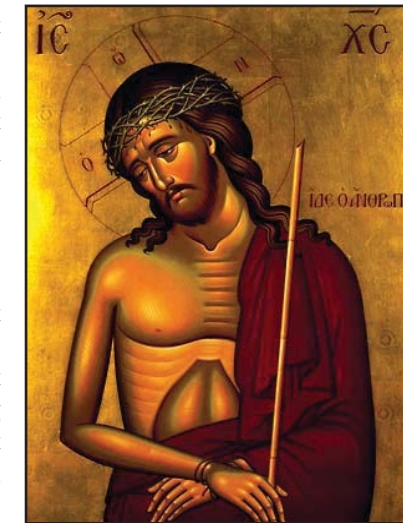
A trap we often fall into is to get excited about Great Lent and its seasonal observances—fasting, intensified prayer and more frequent church services—which buoy us along while we are participating in them, but then we fail to sustain our personal spiritual disciplines after Lent is over. What happens after Pascha is that we experience a let down and return to our former spiritual state.

I would like to challenge us all to make this year different. Certainly, I want us to remain excited about Great Lent. Without a doubt, I want us to participate as fully as possible in the fast, in as many church services as we are able and in the extra almsgiving opportunities God affords us. This year, however, I would like us also to focus our attention on our own prayer rules and to more deeply establish them in our daily routine.

There is nothing more fundamental to our spiritual life and our relationship with God than our prayer rule; it provides the foundation of our spiritual life. When all the observances specific to Great Lent go away after Pascha, what will remain to help us keep the spiritual momentum will be our prayer rule. The secret to using Lent as a springboard to a closer relationship with God is to more deeply establish our dependency on our rule of prayer as the basis for everything else we do in our life.

Our prayer rule should consist of a morning and evening routine. The morning prayers in Orthodox prayer books are a good, standard way of beginning each day. Along with these

prayers, we should also read the daily Scripture readings and lives of the Saints. These can be found in the Prologue or on our Archdiocesan website (a link is provided on our parish's website). In the evening, we should strive to say either the standard evening prayers or the Small Compline. In addition to this, we should be working through some Orthodox spiritual book, preferably a writing of a Church Father or a longer life of a Saint or Elder. I suggest we do not wait until the very end of the day, when our fatigue prevents us from offering God our best. Also, it is important to think about the day already spent and keep track of our sins. Writing them down can help us to know ourselves better, serve as an ongoing preparation for a thorough confession, and also warm up our hearts for some time in the Jesus Prayer.



The Jesus Prayer should be a part of all our prayer rules. We all have the need to guard our thoughts and our senses. With all the external and internal noise clamoring for our attention, we need to learn how to practice internal stillness. Our Lord taught us that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us, but without cultivating inner stillness, it will be much harder to find. In addition, the Jesus Prayer is a readily available and powerful tool during the day to help us practice watchfulness, to wrench our mind away from distracting thoughts, and to learn how to be more present in each moment. A prayer rope can be used while saying the Jesus Prayer, and each person should be guided by his or her Father Confessor in the practice of this very important spiritual discipline of the Church.

Because we are made up of both body and soul, we do not want to neglect the body in prayer. Our prayers should ideally be said while standing, for standing has always been the best posture for prayer. Standing helps us be more attentive; it shows God that we are serious; and it serves as another way of offering ourselves to Him. In addition, full prostrations can

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**MANY YEARS! XPONIA POLLA! MANY YEARS!
.....to those celebrating their Feastday in March:**

March 2 - St. Chad of Lindisfarne & Mercia
Chad Marine

March 9 - Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste
Viviana Gonzales

March 17-St. Patrick of Ireland, St. Alexios Man of God
Patrick Barnes
Patrick Buckley
Alexia Braden

March 25 – Annunciation of the Theotokos
Angie (Evangelia) Egli
& everyone named Maria

March 26 – Synaxis of Arch. Gabriel
Gabriel Egli
Gabriel Corazza
Gabiella Pavlatos
Gabriel Gonzales

March 31 – St. Innocent
Dn. Innocent Duchow-Pressley
Ron (Innocent) Rich

...to those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:

Dn. Innocent & Sandy Duchow-Pressley - 29 years

Memory Eternal:

Bess Johnson - 5 years
Albert Lewis - 5 years
Pres Kathleen Blankenstein - 3 years
Paul (Nephton) Suryan - 2 years



*Please notify the church office if your feast or anniversary was not listed

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Kathleen Ketrenos

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Articles & Announcements
Thursday, March 10th
For the April Newsletter

Grab N' Give Bags By Jillian Walsh

One of my favorite depictions of compassion is from the great French novel, *Les Miserables*. After seeking to buy food but being abused by everyone he meets, Jean Valjean, an ex-convict, has been invited in for a meal and rest at a priest's house. Over dinner the priest says the words that lead to Jean Valjean's life-long repentance: "This is not my house; it is the house of Christ. This door does not demand of him who enters whether he has a name, but whether he has an affliction. You suffer, you are hungry and thirsty; you are welcome....Everything here is yours. What need have I to know your name?... you are called my brother."



Every night, 3,800 people sleep in Portland's streets and shelters and an estimated 12,000 more are doubled-up in crowded and unsafe living conditions. It is likely that you have been approached by a beggar as well, either while walking downtown or on the corner of a busy off-ramp. When you looked at that disheveled figure holding a cardboard sign, did you also glimpse the face of Christ? Did you know that what that beggar has to offer you is more valuable than what you can offer to him? Like the priest from *Les Miserables*, we want to help you offer the hospitality and love of Christ to those thirsty and hungry persons you will meet so that you may reap the grace that comes in freely offering alms and a good word.

This fall, the Almsgiving Committee introduced "Grab and Give Bags" for parishioners to hand out when they see others in need.

These gallon bags are filled with a water bottle, a granola bar, a source of protein, a sweet snack, and an encouraging scripture verse or prayer. They are also a safe and secure way to offer compassion to those in need. These bags are free to take and, as Christ tells us, "Freely you have you received, freely give." You can find this bags in our Fellowship Hall and we want you to share these gifts!

There are a few reasons why I love these bags. First of all, this effort is a ministry of our parish that directly benefits the community outside of our church. We have an opportunity to do good in the world and not just for each other. Secondly, food is a great thing to give away! It meets an immediate physical need, and there is very little doubt about how it will be used. Finally, since anyone at church can take the bags, those in our parish struggling to make ends meet still have a way to give to those in greater need without using their own resources!

In order to make this available, we need volunteers to sign up to make a supply of bags. The bags cost about \$3.00 each to make, and there is no production quota. Anyone can give as they are willing and able. So far, we've been giving away about twenty-four bags a month and we want to continue to grow this ministry. If you have any questions or are willing to help make the bags, please contact me at jilliankehr3@gmail.com. ✚

**PAN-ORTHODOX
EVENING FOR IOCC**

April 17, 2016 • 5:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
3131 NE Glisan Street • Portland, OR 97232

FEATURED SPEAKER:
IOCC Gift Officer, Nick Kasemeotes

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April 8th - 12th

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of prayer. This is not something we want to establish on our own; rather we should fulfill our prayer rule in obedience and enjoy the benefits of accountability to another.

Great Lent is indeed a special season of grace. It can help us attain the goal so beautifully stated by Saints Nicodemus and Theophan: “The greatest and most perfect thing a man may desire to attain is to come near to God and dwell in union with Him.” This should not only be the goal of a specific season. It should also be the goal of each day throughout the year. Let’s try and take advantage of everything Great Lent offers us in the way of spiritual tools and motivation, but let us also diligently work on our personal rule of prayer—a spiritual discipline that transcends any season and will prevent us from having post-Pascha withdrawals and the post-Lenten blues that typically try to sabotage our spiritual progress each year. ✚

Men’s Breakfast
with Fr. Theodore
Saturday, March 5th
after Liturgy
at about 11:00 AM

Pan-Orthodox Young Adults
~ Orthodoxy on Tap ~

Tuesday, March 8th
Speaker: Abbot Tryphon
6:30-7:00 PM - Socialize
7:00 PM - Discussion w/ Guest Speaker
at the Lucky Lab Brewpub
915 SE Hawthorne Blvd

**Orthodox Christian Stewardship:
What do Jesus and the Bible Say about Giving to God?**

By John G. Panagiotou (a graduate of St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary)

“Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.”¹ These words of Jesus have resonated within the hearts of people for two thousand years. What was Jesus talking about? What do Jesus, the Bible, and the Church Fathers have to say about tithing and giving to God?

The Scriptures have no less than 2,350 verses having to do with money and money management. Jesus speaks about money and money management more than any other topic including heaven, hell, salvation etc. The topic is very important for the Christian life.

All that we have is on loan from God. It is all gift. What we do with our time, talent, and treasures will have to be given account of on the last day. This was the great sin of disobedience by Adam in the Garden of Eden. He abused his gift of stewardship. King Solomon, who was the richest and wisest man of all time, expressed his feeling of the emptiness of materialism apart from God when he said, “vanity of vanities, it is all a bubble that bursts.”

In the book of Genesis, the mysterious paradigmatic priest of priests Melchizedek appears to perform one task alone: to collect the tithe from Abraham and to thus confer a blessing upon him on behalf of the Lord.² This clearly shows that Abraham in his righteousness before God gave of his first fruits (his best fruits) unto the Lord and in turn was blessed. This is precisely what God is calling us to do. We, as believers, are each called upon

to give sacrificially of our best resources first, and God will take care of the rest as He did with the Patriarch Abraham.

As individuals, when we become burdened with a mindset of materialism (i.e. non-stewardship focused giving), we become slaves to our wealth instead of our wealth becoming our servants for the promotion of God’s Kingdom. This clearly is not the way that God intended it to be. Inevitably, we squander the gifts of our resources. Then a multitude of other problems emerge, namely the bondage of debt. For truly, as Solomon teaches in Ecclesiastes and Proverbs, “the borrower is a slave to the lender”³.

Proper Christian stewardship for individuals should include the following three principles: 1) the glorification of God should be the focus; 2) giving should be sacrificial; 3) giving should be of the best of the first fruits of one’s resources.

If we would incorporate these three principles of economics into our lives, the Lord has promised to do mighty, mighty works in our lives and in the lives of all around us. A proper understanding of stewardship is not a luxury in our private life as a Christian and in our collective life as the Church. For us to be truly “called out from the world” is to take up the mantle and responsibility of stewardship and all that it entails. ✚

¹ Matthew 6:21; ² Genesis 14:18-20; ³ Proverbs 22:7

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also be an important component of our prayer routine. They help to engage the body, along with the soul, in prayer and worship of God. Prostrations are not just limited to Great Lent, but can and should be done (health permitting) throughout the year. Again, prostrations should be done under the guidance of one’s Father Confessor.

Indeed, Great Lent provides the perfect opportunity to strengthen our prayer rule. If we have been sporadic, then we can use this special season of grace to become more disciplined in our rule. If our rule has been routine, but we have lacked the appropriate attentiveness, then we can focus on bringing more warmth of heart and diligence. Each person should consult with his/her priest or Father Confessor concerning his/her rule

DATE	SNACK	PROSFORA Loaves (delivered day before)	PARISH COUNCIL	GREETERS	CHURCH FLOWERS	CLEAN-UP	ALTAR BOYS
Saturday, March 5, 2016 <i>Saturday of Souls</i>	Walsh	Goldman(4) / Makarounis(2)	Chosvig/Mirras	Chosvig	Makarounis/Patzke	Team 10	Team C
Tuesday, March 8, 2016 <i>Holy 40 Martyrs at Lake Sebaste</i>		From stock (2)					
Saturday, March 12, 2016 <i>Saturday of the Ascetics</i>	Weick	Poulos(4) / Becker(2)	Keese/Walsh	Goldman	Wilson	Team 1	Team D
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Downs (2)					
Friday, March 18, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Blankenstein (2)					
Saturday, March 19, 2016 <i>Miracle of the Kollyva</i>	Walters	Barnes (4)/Davis(2)	Roth/Taylor	Reiter	Walters	Team 2	Team E
Sunday, March 20, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>	Morgan	Mirras(6)	Poulos/Lindgren	Benson	Halley	Team 3	Team A
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Halley (2)					
Sunday, March 27, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Downs (2)					
Wednesday, March 30, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Blankenstein(2)					
Friday, April 1, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Blankenstein(2)					
Sunday, April 3, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>	Corazza	Duchow-Pressley(4)/Makarounis(2)	Davis/Chosvig	Becker	Lowe/Cherry	Team 4	Team B
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Halley (2)					
Friday, April 8, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>		Becker (2)					
Sunday, April 10, 2016 <i>Presanctified</i>	Crosby	Goldman(4)/Poulos(2)	Crosby/Roth	Chosvig	Duchow-Pressley/Whitton	Team 5	Team C

Clean-Up Teams

- Clean-up Team 1: Becker, Armstrong, Benson, Lowe, Whitton, Marine, Leslie, Mirras, Meletis
- Clean up Team 2: Wood, Barnes, Morgan, Powell, Stiman, Gillespie, Muzik, Poulos N & A
- Clean up Team 3: Cherry, Makarounis, Chiproui, Knight, Chosvig, Poulos J & P, Cones, Borrance
- Clean up Team 4: Corazza, Trumppower, Buckley, Williams/Teaney, Soot, Kateros B & A, Dunfield, Gonzales, Ramzi
- Clean up Team 5: Walsh, Daniels, Hudanish T, Keese, Chan, Olson, Matsos, Kolpakov, Clary
- Clean up Team 6: Kateros J & K, Lubliner E, Lubliner D & J, Lubliner N, Goldman, Thienes, Testamitael, Taylor, Hatch
- Clean up Team 7: Gebrehwot, Hailey, Jungvirth, Deming, Russo, Walters, Hall I, Stehner, Dale
- Clean up Team 8: Patzke, Rich, Mckenzie, Reiter, Downs, Ionescu, Walker, Hotez
- Clean up Team 9: Feyler, Jones/Kuchills, Lindgren, Rush, Wehlitz, Solomon, Mensesager, Crosby, Gebreyseus
- Clean up Team 10: Wilson, Blankenstein, Hudanish P & J, Hills, Braden, Peinmueter N & D, Stover, Breen

Altar Boys

- Team A: Samuel, Zacharias, Nathan, Elias, Gavin, Tasso
- Team B: Anthony, Christos, Strahi, Nicholas, Makarios, Nicolas
- Team C: Tobias, Kyle, Levi, Aiden, Thomas, Petros, Gabriel
- Team D: Demetrius Constantine, Athanasios, Basil, Wade, Owen, Simon
- Team E: Alexander, Gabriel, Yoas, Pavlos, Noah, Peter

Strategic Plan Update

As you know from our most recent General Assembly in November, 2015, we are conducting a Parish Strategic Plan. You might be asking yourself: What is a Strategic Plan? In general, a strategic plan is a tool to help an organization determine where it is now, where it wants to be and how it will get there. It is a means for us, as a parish community, to plan for our future.

This is a good time in the life of our parish to undergo this process, since we have grown significantly. The Parish Council feels that we, as a parish-wide community, could benefit greatly from seeking input from every parishioner in a systematic manner to gain a better understanding of where we are and where we want to go. In planning for the future, it is important to understand what parishioners are thinking about regarding their Faith and their parish community—i.e. the parish's strengths, gifts, perceived weaknesses, challenges and opportunities. We want to understand our hopes and dreams for the future of St John the Baptist. Therefore, we need to assess where we are today in the context of our church community, our local community and within the Metropolis, which will form the basis for our plan for the future of our parish.

The Parish Council has identified 14 parishioners, along with Fr. Theodore as our spiritual leader, and asked them to participate on a strategic planning "leadership" team. They are Diane Cherry (Co-Chair), Kent Taylor (Co-Chair), Michael Becker, Brent Braden, John Davis, Deacon Innocent Duchow-Pressley, Eleni Goldman, Michael Hailey, Patrice Kuchulis, Jimmy Makarounis, Cory Morgan, Niko Poulos, Ron Rich and Richard Whitton. The Leadership Team has decided to use the Strategic Planning Guidebook developed by our Metropolis as its basis for the development of St. John's Strategic Plan. The Leadership Team is unanimous in its belief to have as many parishioners participate

in the process as possible, so that everyone can feel that they have been heard and that their ideas and feedback have been carefully considered and factored into the overall vision and plan.

It is expected that this effort will take many months to complete; in part, because this process relies on consensus at each stage of the plan. Consensus means we need to take time to understand what people are saying and take the time to achieve general agreement by parishioners, according to the teaching and holy Tradition of our Church.

To date, the Leadership Team has had several meetings. Two subcommittees have been formed: one focusing on assessment and the other on communication to the parish. Michael Hailey is chair of the Assessment Committee. This committee will focus on various ways to assess the views, beliefs, values, priorities, hopes, etc. of our parishioners. Stay tuned for more information on how you can participate in this assessment process. Patrice Kuchulis is the chair of the Communication Committee. This committee will focus on keeping the entire parish informed on each and every step of the strategic planning process. Various mediums will be utilized, including but not limited to the Newsletter, the Website, the Parish Listserv, Theology 101 and General Assemblies.

The next event to look forward to will be our St. John the Baptist Strategic Plan Kick-Off. This Kick-Off event will be this spring, in lieu of Theology 101. Tentatively in the second half of April. The Co-Chairs and Committee Chairs will provide brief presentations, and the rest of the time will be for questions and answers. We are excited to begin this process. We look forward to your valuable feedback and participation. And, we are open and trust that God will use this strategic plan to lead us and guide us to accomplish His holy will. ✚



SENIOR CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM

LUNCHEON & DISCUSSION
with Fr. John Mancantelli
11:00 AM

Monday, March 28th

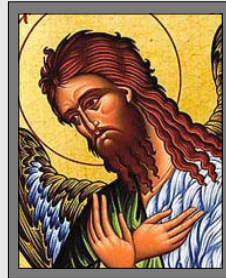
Our luncheons are potluck.
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

Join Us for Basics of Orthodoxy Classes

January 13th through March 9th 2016

Class begins at 7:00pm on Wednesdays

- January 13th Holy Trinity
- January 20th Anthropology
- January 27th Church History I
- February 3rd Church History II
- February 10th Church Architecture & Iconography
- February 17th The Divine Liturgy
- February 24th Holy Tradition
- March 2nd The Theotokos & Saints
- March 9th Orthodox Spirituality I



March 28th through April 18th 2016

During Lent, please join us for Great Compline at 6:00 pm
Classes will start immediately after service at 7:00pm on Mondays

- March 28th Orthodox Spirituality II
- April 4th Orthodox Spirituality III
- April 11th Holy Mysteries I
- April 18th Holy Mysteries II

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The Orthodox Faith traces back to the Apostolic times, after Christ's Resurrection. There are approximately 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide and 1.3 percent of the population in the United States. Eastern Orthodoxy is the largest single religious faith in Belarus, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Russia and Ukraine.

Come and learn more about the Orthodox Faith!

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 February 8:45a Orthros/Div Liturgy 12:15p Sunday School/T101 5:00p Men's Night Out at the Becker Home	29 No Bible Study	1 No Bible Study	2 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p Basics of Orthodoxy	3 7:00p Philoptochos Gathering & Fellowship	4 10:30a Moms & Tots Bible Study	5 Saturday of Souls 8:30a Orthros/Div Liturgy 11:00a Men's Breakfast 3:00p Oratorical Festival: Junior Division 4:00p Oratorical Potluck 5:00p Great Vespers 6:00p Oratorical Festival: Senior Division
6 Meatfare/Last Judgment 8:45a Orthros/Div Liturgy 12:00p Oratorical Fest Awards	7 6:30p Young Adults at the Dorrance Home	8 9:30a Bible Study 5:00p Orthros/Div. Liturgy followed by Fish & Dairy Potluck 6:30p Orthodoxy on Tap at the Lucky Lab	9 Holy 40 Martyrs 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p Basics of Orthodoxy	10 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 6:30p Food Booth Mtg. 7:00p Strategic Plan Mtg. 7:00p Men's Night Out at the Daniels' Home	11 NO Moms & Tots Bible Study Church Office Closed (ASA CPR Certification) 7:30p Marriage Retreat	12 Saturday of Ascetics 8:30a Orthros/Div. Liturgy 11:00a Marriage Retreat 5:00p Great Vespers 6:00p Jr. GOYA Fireside Chat Location TBD
13 Forgiveness Sunday 8:45a Orthros/Div Liturgy 11:45a Forgiveness Vespers No Sunday School	14 Lent Begins 6:00p Great Compline	15 9:30a Bible Study 6:00p Great Compline 7:30p Parish Council Mtg.	16 No Choir Practice 6:30p Presanctified Liturgy	17 Alexios Man of God 6:00p Great Compline	18 8:30a Presanctified Liturgy (ASA Attends) 10:30a Moms & Tots Bible Study 6:30p Salutations	19 Miracle of Kollyva 8:30a Orthros/Div. Liturgy 3:45p M & E Meeting 5:00p Great Vespers
20 Orthodoxy Sunday 8:45a Orthros/Div Liturgy 12:15p Sunday School/T101 No Sunday School	21 6:00p Great Compline	22 No Bible Study	23 No Choir Practice 6:30p Presanctified Liturgy	24 No Choir Practice 6:30p Presanctified Liturgy	25 Annunciation No Moms & Tots Bible Study 6:30p Vespers Liturgy at Annunciation	26 5:00p Great Vespers
27 St. Gregory Palamas 8:45a Orthros/Div Liturgy 12:15p Sunday School/T101	28 6:00p Great Compline 7:00p Basics of Orthodoxy	29 7:00p Almsgiving Meeting 7:00p Fundraising Meeting	30 6:30p Presanctified Liturgy	31 7:00p Philoptochos General Membership Meeting & Fellowship	1 8:30a Presanctified Liturgy 10:30a Moms & Tots Bible Study 6:30p Salutations	2 12:00p ONCD Training 5:00p Great Vespers

NOTE: **CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Please visit Parish website at www.stjohnhoc.org for most up to date schedule of services and activities.