PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF THE SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR DORMITION!
Saturday, August 14: *No services at 5:00 pm.* Instead at 6:30 pm a Vigil service (Vespers, Artoklasia, Orthros, and Lamentations
Sunday, August 15: No Orthros. Instead 9:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers and 10:00 am Liturgy.

HELP BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH FOR THE DORMITION: Flower decorations for the Dormition will be assembled on Thursday, August 12 at 5:30pm. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Lauri at laurichosvig@yahoo.com.

DORMITION FAST CONTINUES: We will prepare for the great feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos by observing a strict fast (with wine and oil on the weekend). May God grant us a more joyful celebration of the Panagia through this fast!

PARAKLESIS TO THE THEOTOKOS: During the final week of the Dormition fast we will chant the service of the Paraklesis to the Theotokos each evening, alternating between the Small Paraklesis and the Great Paraklesis.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS will meet for dinner and a discussion at the church on Friday, August 13 after Small Paraklesis.

SERVICES FOR ST. JOSEPH THE HESYCHAST ... will be on Monday, August 16, 7:30 am Orthros and 8:30 am Liturgy.

POTLUCK FOR THE FEAST OF DORMITION We will have a potluck meal to celebrate and honor the Panagia, after Liturgy on the Feast of Dormition, Sunday, August 15. Please bring a dish to share. Kali Panagia!

NEW PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD: Sophia Galeev, President - Jennifer Davis, 1st Vice President - Diane Cherry, Secretary - Kiersten McAfee, Treasurer - Carmen Rusinaru, Lois Russo, and Diana Devine Stebner. May their good works be blessed.

FAMILY PROMISE: St John's rotation for Family Promise will be August 22-28. Our parish will provide 7 dinner meals. Details regarding the number of family members, food allergies/ restrictions and meal delivery will be provided prior to our rotation. We have created a sign-up list with items needed and meals. Please see the link in the weekly email to sign-up. For any questions or additional information contact Jennifer D. or Carmen R.

BREAD HELPERS NEEDED: Continue the blessing of Bread Mondays! From 3:15 to 4:00 pm, volunteers wrap and store beautiful breads and pastries. Dates available through October. The link to sign up is in the weekly email.

Kali Panagia!

THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The mission of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church is to reach out and welcome all people to live an Orthodox Christian life, grow spiritually, and become disciples of Jesus Christ through serving others.

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St. Emilian, Bishop of Cyzkos • St. Myron Biship of Crete• Holy New Martyr Triantaphyllos of Zagoras

St. Emilian, Bishop of Cyzikus, lived during the reign of the emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). He was summoned together with other bishops to the court of the emperor, who insistently urged the bishops to refrain from the veneration of holy icons. St. Emilian was the first to tell the emperor firmly that the question of the veneration of holy icons ought to be discussed and decided only within the Church by its spiritual leaders, and not at the imperial court. In the year 815 he was sent to prison for the Orthodox Faith, where he died as a confessor.

St. Myron, Bishop of Crete, a wonderworker, in his youth was a family man, and worked as a farmer. He was known for his goodness, and he assisted everyone who turned to him for help. Once, thieves burst in upon his threshing floor, and St. Myron himself helped them lift a sack of grain upon their shoulders. By his generosity the saint so shamed the thieves, that in future they began to lead honorable lives. Out of profound respect for the saint, the Cretan people urged him to accept ordination to the priesthood in his native city of Raucia, and afterwards they chose him Bishop of Crete. Wisely ruling his flock, St. Myron received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. At the time of a flood on the River Triton, he stopped its flow and went upon it as upon dry land, and then he sent a man back to the river with his staff to command the river to resume its course. Saint Myron fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 100, around the year 350.

Little is known of St. Triantaphyllos. St. Nikodemos the Hagiorite simply records that he was a sailor from Zagora of Magnesia and was martyred in Constantinople when he was 18. He owes his information to the Ephemerides of John Karyophylis, the Grand Logothetes of the Ecumenical Patriarch who authored a number of lives of the early Neomartyrs of his time. According to his Bulgarian life, where he is known as Triandafil, he was born in the village of Stara Gora in 1663. For reasons unknown, he was pressured by Muslim sailors to convert, but he refused saying, “I am an Orthodox Christion and will not deny my Savior Christ.” This resulted in his beheading in the Hippodrome of Constantinople on August 8, 1680. The saint is honored in Zagora and Alykes in Volos, Greece. A portion of his relics can be venerated at the Monastery of St. Nicholas in Andros, where there is also an icon of him kneeling on the beach.

WELCOME VISITORS to the original Christian Church. At St. John the Baptist you will experience the sacred worship of God as it has taken place for 2,000 years. Our community is a dynamic witness of authentic Christianity, and we welcome all people.

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved **only** for baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared—through prayer, fasting and regular Confession—to receive the Sacrament. However everyone may receive blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions about your experience, please speak with one of our clergy.

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Second Antiphon of Transfiguration (2nd Mode)
Save us, O Son of God, who were transfigured on Mount Tabor. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn of Transfiguration (Grave Mode)
You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your glory to Your disciples as much as they could bear. Shine your everlasting light upon us sinners through the intercessions of the Theotokos. Giver of Light, glory to You.

Metemorfóthis en to óri Christé o Theós, dthíxas tis Mathités su tin dthóxan su, kathós idthinando. Lámpson ke imín tis amartolís, to fos su to a-ídthion, presvíes tis Theotóku, fotodthóta dthóxa si.

Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal Second Mode)
When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary, seeking Your pure and sacred body, then You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Repeat the Hymn of Transfiguration.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (Second Mode)
The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

Kontakion of Transfiguration (Grave Mode)
On the mount You were transfigured, and Your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld Your glory, O Christ our God; that when they should see You crucified, they would know Your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that You in truth are the Effulgence of the Father.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 15:1-7 (Seventh Sunday of Matthew)
Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9: 27-35 (Seventh Sunday of Matthew)
At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 8
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Sunday Fellowship 11:45 am
- **Great Paraklesis** 6:30 pm

Monday, August 9
- **Small Paraklesis** 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 10
- **Great Paraklesis** 6:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 11
- **Small Paraklesis** 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 12
- **Great Paraklesis** 6:30 pm

Friday, August 13
- **Small Paraklesis** 6:30 pm
- Young Professionals Dinner and Discussion at Church 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 14
- **Vigil for Dormition of Theotokos: Vespers, Artoklasia, Orthros & Lamentations** 6:30 pm

Sunday, August 15
- **Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos**
- *No Orthros this morning*
- **Pre-Communion Prayers** 9:30 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Sunday Fellowship 11:45 am