FULLNESS OF THE FAITH CLASS: Join Father Matthew for twelve introductory classes on the Orthodox Christian Faith. Learn about Orthodox Spirituality, Iconography, Theology, and Prayer, as well as the 2,000-Year History of the Church. Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, beginning September 22.

NEW BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am, beginning on September 15, we will study St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians. You can purchase your Orthodox Study Bible in the bookstore.

PARAKLESIS TO ST NIKIFOROS: Pray together on Wednesdays in September at 6:00 pm. (***Note that it is <u>not</u> at 6:30 pm***, because, starting September 22, we will have The Fullness of the Faith class afterward.)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ... will meet for dinner and discussion on Tuesday, September 28 at the Stebner home. Please contact Beth P at youthdirector@stjohngoc.org for any questions.

HOLY UNCTION SERVICE AND CROSSROADS LUNCHEON: On Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 am we will have Holy Unction followed by the Crossroads luncheon. Everyone is welcome!

SAVE THE DATE—MEN'S MONASTERY WORK PARTY: Offer your skills and your labor to our beloved St. John Monastery! Join Fr. Matthew and the men of our parish on an overnight work trip, Friday-Saturday, November 5-6. Contact Robert Downs to volunteer.

NO BREAD IN SEPTEMBER: Due to staffing shortage at Grand Central Bakery, they will be closed on Mondays in September, so our Monday delivery won't take place. They will reopen Mondays in October.

WRAP BREAD AND PASTRIES IN OCTOBER: Continue the blessing of Bread Mondays! From 3:15 to 4:00 pm, volunteers wrap and store beautiful breads and pastries. Please see the link in the weekly email to sign up.

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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Trophimos, Sabbatios, & Dorymedon the Martyrs • St. Theodore Archbishop of Canterbury

St. Theodore was Archbishop of Canterbury (668-690). He was a Greek from Tarsus, the home of St. Paul. He was an educated monk living in Rome and quickly advanced through all the clerical ranks and consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury at the age of 65. St. Theodore arrived in Kent in 669, when he was almost 70. He was quite energetic, traveling, founding churches, consecrating new bishops because of the plague, and established a school in Canterbury where Greek was taught. In Northumbria, the saint settled a dispute involving episcopal succession. St. Wilfrid had been elected Bishop of Lindisfarne and he traveled to Gaul to be consecrated by a Roman bishop, because he would not accept consecration from a Celtic bishop. In the meantime, St. Chad had been elected and uncanonically consecrated because Wilfrid remained in Gaul for 3 years. Although St. Theodore deposed St. Chad, he recognized his worthiness to be a bishop. He regularized the consecration, sent him to be Bishop of Mercia. St. Theodore summoned a council of the entire English Church at Hertford in 672. In 679 he convened another synod to maintain the purity of Orthodox doctrine and to condemn the heresy of Monothelitism. The saint fell asleep in the Lord in 690, and his body remained incorrupt for a long time. Under his leadership, the English Church became united. The diocesan structures which he established continue to serve as the basis for church administration in England. He was respected for his administrative skills, and also for his moral and canonical decisions.

In 278, during the reign of Probus, Saints Trophimos and Sabbatios came to Antioch, and seeing the city celebrating the festival of Apollo at Daphne lamented the blindness of the people, and presented themselves as Christians to Atticus the Governor. St. Trophimos was stripped of his clothing, and was stretched out and beaten until the earth was red with his blood. Then he was hung up, scraped on his sides, and imprisoned. St. Sabbatios was tortured so savagely that he gave up his spirit. Trophimos was sent to Synnada, wearing iron shoes fitted with nails; he was further tormented without mercy, then cast into prison. Dorymedon, a senator, and secret Christian, came to the prison to care for him. When a feast came, Dorymedon was asked why he did not sacrifice to the idols; he proclaimed himself a Christian was imprisoned, punished, and beheaded with St. Trophimos.

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 for Elevation of the Holy Cross (Second Mode)
Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh. We sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn of Elevation of the Holy Cross (1st Mode)
Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith; and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Sóson, Kýrie, ton laón su, ke evlóyison tin klironomían su, níkas tis Vasiléfsi katá varváron dthorúmenos, ke to son filátton dthiá tu Stavrú su polítevma.

Resurrectional Hymn (Fourth Mode)
When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel were proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Repeat the Hymn of the Holy Cross.

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 the Elevation of Holy Cross (Fourth Mode / *The original melody*)
You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy invinc

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 19
Orthros	8:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:45 am

Monday, September 20
Greek Open, benefitting Agia Sophia Academy

Tuesday, September 21
Service of Holy Unction	10:00 am
Crossroads Ministry Luncheon	11:30 am
Parish Council Meeting	7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 22
Bible Study: Epistle to the Ephesians	10:00 am
Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos	6:00 pm
Fullness of the Faith Catechism Class	7:00 pm

Thursday, September 23
Conception of St. John the Baptist
Orthros	7:30 am
Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia	8:30 am
Site Committee Meeting	7:00 pm

Friday, September 24
St. Silouan the Athonite & St. Thekla
Orthros	7:30 am
Divine Liturgy	8:30 am

Saturday, September 25
JOY (3rd-5th) Meeting at Church	1:00 pm
Jr. GOYA (6th-8th) Meeting in Field	3:00 pm
GOYA (9th-12th) Meeting at Church	3:00 pm
Memorial for Alex George (1 year)	5:00 pm
Great Vespers	5:00 pm

Sunday, September 26
Orthros	8:45 am
Churching of Arielle Jungwirth & Elias	9:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:45 am