PREPARING FOR THE INCARNATION: Can you believe the Nativity Fast begins in a little over two weeks? Whether it's your first Nativity or your 100th, join us for Theology 101 today to talk about how we, as Orthodox Christians, prepare for the birth of Christ!

TASSO THE TURKEY: From now through November 20, you can donate feathers to Tasso to keep him warm this season! Funds collected will benefit families in our parish facing financial need. Watch Tasso's coat of feathers grow with your generosity and love!

PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS—NO BAKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! On Saturday, November 12 at 10:30 am, learn how to bake the "offering bread" that is used in the Divine Liturgy. Come and learn how to bake prosphora—a beautiful and prayerful ministry of the Church!

SUPPER FOR SIX—GET TO KNOW YOUR FAMILY! Adult couples & individuals (grouped in groups of 6-7) share three meals together—in their homes or at a restaurant. The meals are scheduled by whoever is hosting, and they can take place anytime from now through April. ***Sign up today*** on the bulletin board or by email at RachelDaniels503@gmail.com.

ST. JOHN VIDEOS & PHOTOS: Have you seen our website lately (stjohngoc.org)? There's a new intro video on our homepage, and photos and the video from our 25th anniversary, at Our Parish->Our Photos. (Thank you to Alex D, Jack M, & Michelle S!)

GUATEMALAN MISSIONARY COMING! Jesse Brandow will speak on his work with OCMC on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 am.

FELLOWSHIP TODAY IS HOSTED BY: ***The Mullen and Stinman families*** All families are invited to host fellowship, offering your philoxenia "love for strangers" through a snack or a meal. (Up to $150 can be reimbursed by the parish.) A Fellowship Hosting Guide is forthcoming. Sign up on the sheet by the kitchen door, through this QR code, or the link in the weekly email!

FULLNESS OF THE FAITH CLASS: Learn about Orthodox spirituality, prayer, theology, and iconography, and the 2,000-Year history of the Church. All are welcome—not just catechumens! —to deepen their Orthodox Faith.

LOTS OF BREAD! Please help yourselves to bread! We are getting more than we are using. Located in the north hall freezer. We also need volunteers to continue this blessing, every Monday, 4:15-5:00 pm. To volunteer, contact Seth S. at StJohnBreadVolunteers@gmail.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SURVEY: Agia Sophia Academy needs your help in determining if we should expand into Middle School. Middle School at ASA would be 6th through 8th grade. Fill out this online survey to determine interest from the greater community. Please take a moment to that the survey by scanning the QR code.

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.

Parish Council: Ketrenos (open) and Stebner (close) Greeter: Sandy D. P.
Clean-up Team 7: Marnul, Moffitt, Moore, Nordling

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Hieromartyr Zenobios & Zenobia • Cleopas, Artemas, Tertios, Justos & Mark Apostles of the Seventy

The Hieromartyr Zenobios, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised as Christians by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their wealth giving it to the poor. The Lord rewarded Zenobios with the gift of healing. He was also chosen Bishop in Cilicia. As bishop, he zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian began a persecution against Christians, the saint was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licios. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licios to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." He answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally. By order of Licios, they began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured. By the power of the Lord they remained alive after tortures, and were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried them in a single grave. St. Zenobios is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostles Cleopas, Artemas, Tertios, Justos and Mark are all numbered among the 70 Apostles whom the Lord chose (Luke 10:1-16) in addition to the 12 and sent forth to assist in the work of preaching. It was to St. Cleopas that the Lord appeared on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-33). Cleopas is the younger brother of Joseph the Betrothed and the father of Symon the Zealot. St. Artemas was Bishop of Lystra, and he died in peace. St. Paul mentions him in his Epistle to Titos (3:12), "I shall send Artemas unto thee." Apostle Tertios wrote down the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, and was Bishop in Iconium. He died a martyr. Apostle and Evangelist Mark is the author of the Gospel of Mark, the companion of the Apostle Paul (as recorded in Acts) He is the founder of the Church of Alexandria. His symbol as one of the 4 evangelists is a lion. Apostle Justos was a son of Joseph the Betrothed. He was Bishop of Eleutheropolis and died a martyr.

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

Resurrectional Hymn (Third Mode)

Let all things above in heaven rejoice; let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and firstborn of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Effrenéstho ta uránia, agalliástho ta epíyia, óti epíise krátos, en vrahíoni aftú o Kýrios. Epátise to thanáto ton thánaton, protótokos ton nekrón eyéneto, ek kilías Ádthu errísato imás, ke parés-hye to kósmo to méga éleos.

Hymn of the Martyrs (Fourth Mode)

Your Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for You received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God. For since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

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 Theotokos (Second Mode)

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 1:11-19 (Fifth Sunday of Luke)

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16: 19-31 (Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazaros, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazaros in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazaros to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazaros in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 30

Orthros	8:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Sunday School & Theology 101	12:00 pm

Monday, October 31

Fr. Matthew out of town through Nov 1

Tuesday, November 1

Holy Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian

Orthros	7:30 am
Divine Liturgy	8:30 am
Choir Practice	7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 2

Bible Study	10:00 am
Wednesday Coffee Hour	11:00 am
Paraklesis to the Theotokos	6:00 pm
Fullness of the Faith Class: *The Church in the First Millennium*	7:00 pm

Thursday, November 3

Akathist to the Mother of God	9:00 am
Philoptochos Board Meeting	6:30 pm

Saturday, November 5

Baptism of Anya Parthenia Armas	11:00 am
Baptism Reception	12:00 pm
Orthodox Marriage of Jacob & Sophronia (Jess) Russell and Matthew & Despina (Danica) Sheean	2:00 pm
Wedding Reception	3:00 pm
Great Vespers	5:00 pm

Sunday, November 6

Orthros	8:45 am
Divine Liturgy	10:00 am
Fellowship	11:45 am
Sunday School & Theology 101	12:00 pm
Young Professionals Dinner at Kellen S's Home	6:00 pm