TASSO THE TURKEY ... continues 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!

CROSSROADS MINISTRY POTLUCK LUNCHEON: All are welcome to come to the luncheon on Tuesday, November 8 at 11:30 am.

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!

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST and spiritual discussion is on Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 am. Bring $5 to help cover costs.

THE NATIVITY FAST BEGINS ... on November 15: As we prepare for our Lord's Nativity, we enter a season of increased fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Please come to as many weekday services as you can, and take part in the sacrament of Confession.

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY: The parish will vote on the 2023 Parish Budget on Sunday, November 20 at 12:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend. Only parish stewards may cast a vote. Childcare is available! Signup by emailing Anya at sundayschooldirectorsjb@gmail.com or on the bulletin board.

GUATEMALAN MISSIONARY COMING! Jesse Brandow will speak about his work with OCMC among the Mayan Guatemalans on Saturday, November 19: 9:00 am Liturgy, followed by 10:30 am brunch and presentation.

FELLOWSHIP TODAY IS HOSTED BY: ***The Swan & Moffitt 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.) See the Fellowship Hosting Guide for details. Sign up on the sheet by the kitchen door or through this QR code or the link in the weekly email!

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!)

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.

SURVEY—MIDDLE SCHOOL AT A.S.A.? Agia Sophia Academy needs your help in determining if we are able to expand into Middle School, 6th-8th grade. Fill out this online survey so that we can determine interest from the greater Orthodox community:

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: Schwartz (open) and Galeev (close) Greeter: Lowe
Clean-up Team 8: Mullen, Muzik, Nieuwsma, Paddock

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November 6, 2022

St. Paul the Confessor Patriarch of Constantinople • Venerable Luke the Steward of the Kiev Caves

Saint Paul was from Thessalonica. He became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople, a deacon, and then the successor of St. Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the Arians hated him. When the Arian Emperor Constantios, who was in Antioch, learned of his election, he exiled him and proclaimed the Arian Eusebios Patriarch. St. Paul went to Rome, where he found St. Athanasios the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julios, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of Eusebios in 342, ascended again as Patriarch; the Arians meanwhile elected Macedonios, because he rejected the Son's consubstantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit). When Constantios, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to drive him out. St. Paul returned to Rome, where St. Athanasios also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantios' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantios that if Athanasios and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them himself. So Paul again returned to his throne. After the death of Constans, Constantios had him deposed. Because of the love of the people for St. Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid a sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusos, a town through which his most illustrious successor, St. John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile. In Cucusos, about the year 350, as St. Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so much did they fear him even in exile. His holy relics were brought back to Constantinople with honor by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.

Saint Luke labored in asceticism at the Kiev Caves Monastery (Near Caves) in the 13th century, where he fulfilled the obedience of Steward. Nothing is known about his life before he came to the Kiev Caves Lavra. In Ode 7 of the Canon for the Holy Fathers of the Near Caves, St. Luke is praised as an "icon," one who kept the Lord's commandments. He is commemorated on Nov. 6, and again with the Holy Fathers of the Near Caves of St. Anthony (Sept. 28) where his incorrupt relics lie. He is honored as patron of Stewards at the Kiev Caves Lavra, and they keep the icon of St. Luke in their cell.

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 (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.

To fedthrón tis anastáseos kírigma, ek tu anggélu mathúse e tu Kyríu mathítrie, ke tin progonikín apófasin aporrípsase, tis Apostólis kafhómene élegon: Eskílefte o thánatos, iyérthi Christós o Theós, dthorúmenos to kósmo to méga éleos.

Hymn of St Paul the Confessor (Third Mode *"Thy confession")*

Your confession of the one divine Faith showed you to the Church to be a new Paul and a zealot among priests, O holy one. The righteous blood both of Abel and Zachary with you cries out together unto the Lord. Righteous Father, intercede with Christ God in our behalf that His great mercy may be granted unto us.

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 2:16-20 (Seventh Sunday of Luke)

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

Luke 8: 41-56 (Seventh Sunday of Luke)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As He went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with Him said, "Master, the multitudes surround You and press upon You!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While He was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when He came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but He said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at Him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand He called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and He directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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	6:00 pm

Tuesday, November 8

Synaxis of Archangel Michael & the other Bodiless Powers	
Orthros	7:30 am
Divine Liturgy	8:30 am
Crossroads Ministry Potluck	11:30 am
Choir Practice	7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 9

St. Nektarios of Pentapolis	
Orthros	7:30 am
Divine Liturgy	8:30 am
Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Bible Study (***Later Time)***	11:00 am
Paraklesis to St. Nektarios	6:00 pm
Fullness of the Faith Class: *The Church in the Second Millennium*	7:00 pm

Thursday, November 10

Akathist to the Mother of God	9:00 am
***Evening* Orthros**	5:30 pm
***Evening* Divine Liturgy & Artoklasia**	6:30 pm
Potluck Dinner	8:00 pm

Friday, November 11

St. Menas of Egypt (service previous evening)

Saturday, November 12

Men's Ministry Breakfast	8:30 am
Prosphora Baking Class	10:30 am
Memorial for Evangelia (Angie) Egli	5:00 pm
Great Vespers	5:00 pm
Fall Youth Worker Dinner	6:00 pm

Sunday, November 13

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