LITURGIES AT THE NEW PROPERTY ... will continue through October 19: 5:30 am on weekdays and 7:00 am on Saturdays. ***The 40th Liturgy will be on October 23 (St. James), 8:00 am Orthros and 9:00 am Liturgy, with fellowship after.***

WORK PARTIES AT NEW PROPERTY: All hands—including kids' hands!—are welcome to help spread wood chips and do other important tasks at the property. Bring your gloves and lend a hand, Wednesday, October 9 and 16, 4:00-7:00 pm and Sunday, October 19, 1:00-5:00 pm.

THE BARN CHAPEL NEEDS ... these items:

- 2-3 electric radiator heaters
- 3 white extension cords (3-prong, 20+ feet)
- 3 timers (3-prong)
- 1 standing metal cabinet with doors and shelves, preferably light colored (for vestry)

Donations can be given to Sophia G. or to Father.

ALL OF OUR PRAYERS AT THE NEW PROPERTY: Together we can offer ***daily*** prayer to our beloved patron saint, asking for his intercession and thanking him for the blessing of our church home.

- Use this QR code to sign up for a day on which you'll read the Akathist to St. John (~20 minutes).
- Read it at any time of day, 6 am to 10 pm—at the Icon Stand on the left of the driveway, or in the Barn Chapel
- Bring friends or family and read together!

GOYA, WHAT'S YOUR STORY? Join Sam & Naomi at the new church property on Sat, Oct 12, 6:30-9:00 pm for dinner, storytelling, and activities!

BRING ITEMS FOR GRAB & GIVE BAGS: Our Sunday School teens are collecting these items by ***next*** Sunday to assemble grab and give bags: water, protein (chicken or tuna salad, jerky), sweet snack or fruit juice, granola or protein bar. Place items in the box by the welcome table in SFH.

HOST FELLOWSHIP JUST ONCE ... a year! Share your *philoxenia* "love for strangers" through a snack or a meal. (Up to $150 can be reimbursed.) Sign up here, in the weekly email, or on the kitchen clipboard:

... EASY "HOW TO HOST" GUIDE: Feeding the masses can feel pretty daunting! Don't worry, it's easier than you think. Just scan this QR code to find our handy hosting guide, complete with FAQ's and even sample menus. No experience necessary! ☺

MEN'S MONASTERY WORK PARTY ... ***next weekend!*** On Friday afternoon and Saturday, October 11-12, join St. John's men at the monastery. Spend Friday night or come up on Saturday. Please RSVP by ***this*** Tuesday to Brandon at cravetruth@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP is Saturday, October 19 after Vespers at 6:00 pm. Spiritual discussion led by Fr. John. Join us for a light meal. Potluck side dishes are welcome.

JR. GOYA (6th-8th) FUN: Join your friends on Saturday, October 19, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Daniels' home for dinner, discussion, and jeopardy! Don't forget to wear your favorite colored clothing!

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: Burger (open) and Galeev (close) Greeter: Jacob and Seth
Cleanup Team 4: Davis, Gonzales, Hailey and Galeev

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The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas • St. Makarios the Righteous of Chios

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the Holy 12 Apostles of the Savior. According to Holy Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25). On the 8th day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says St. John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations." Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." In Slavonic, it says, "The Belief of Thomas." When St. Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts. According to Church Tradition, the saint founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

As a young man, Saint Makarios (1731–1805) was a volunteer school teacher in Corinth, his birthplace, for six years. Then, though still a layman, he was unanimously selected by laity and clergy to be the new archbishop of Corinth, where he improved the state of the church under his care by more strictly applying the canons regarding Church life. After his episcopacy, he went to live on Mount Athos as a monk. Here he devoted much time to editing and writing. In this way he made great contributions to the life of the Church. He is one of the illustrious *Kollyvades* Fathers, and he reposed on the Island of Chios.

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 canonically 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.

HYMNS OF THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Resurrectional Hymn (Plagal 2nd 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.

Angeliké Dthinámis epí to mníma Su, ke i filássondes apenekróthisan, ke ístato María en to táfo, zitúsa to áhrandon Su sóma. Eskílefsas ton Ádthin, mi pirasthís ip aftú, ipíndisas ti Parthéno, dthorúmenos tis zoín. O anastás ek ton nekrón, Kýrie, dthóxa si.

Hymn of the Apostle Thomas (3rd Mode)
O holy Apostle Thomas, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Hymn of St. Innocent of Alaska (4th mode)
O Holy Father Innocent, in obedience to the will of God, you accepted dangers and tribulations, bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. You showed us the way; now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (2nd Mode)
The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, having contested for the truth, you rejoiced to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Theotokos (2nd 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

II Corinthians 4: 6-15(Third Sunday of Luke)
Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 7:11-16 (Third Sunday of Luke)
At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited His people!"

Communion Hymn for Sundays
Praise the Lord from the heavens. Alleluia.
Eníte ton Kýrion ek ton uranón. Allilúia.

Communion Hymn of the Apostle
His sound has gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world. Alleluia.
Is pásan tin yin exílthen o fthóngos aftú ke is ta pérata tis ikuménis ta rímata aftú. Allilúia.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 6
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Study (following services)

Monday, October 7
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 5:30 am at Barn Chapel, 10050 NE Walker Rd

Tuesday, October 8
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 5:30 am

Wednesday, October 9
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 5:30 am
- Bible Study 10:00 am
- Wednesday Coffee Hour 11:00 am
- Work Party at New Property 4:00 pm
- **Paraklesis to the Theotokos** 6:00 pm at the Church, 14485 SW Walker Rd
- *Fullness of the Faith* Catechism Class 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 10
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 5:30 am
- **Akathist to the Mother of God Nurturer of Children** 9:00 am
- Passport to ASA 6:00 pm
- Philoptochos Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Friday, October 11
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 5:30 am
- Men's Monastery Work Party (overnight)

Saturday, October 12
- **Liturgy (with Pre-Communion Prayers)** 7:00 am
- **Memorial Constantin & Andrei Leahu (3 mos.)** 5:00 pm
- **Great Vespers** 5:00 pm
- GOYA (9th-12th) Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 13
- **Orthros** 8:45 am
- **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 am
- Fellowship, Sunday School, & Theology 101 Adult Study (following services)