

## TODAY

- **St. John the Baptist** Regular Schedule
- **At the conclusion of services, the Parish Council will receive the Oath of Office.** A special presentation will be made to the members of the Parish Council ending their term.
- **Vasilopita Luncheon** - The traditional Vasilopita and Luncheon will take place after services. (Free Will Donation) All proceeds benefit St. Basil's Orphanage. The ladies of Philoptochos cordially invite the community to attend.

## Mon Jan 8

- No "Warm-up America"
- Parish Council Meeting 6:00pm

## Tue Jan 9

- Men's Discussion Group Meeting at 6:30am
- Adult Discussion 9:30am

## Wed Jan 10

- First day of Greek School after holidays
- Young Women's Discussion Group "Walking on a Peaceful Path" 11:00am
- **Philoptochos Meeting** 7:00 - 8:15 PM

## Friday, January 12 - Monday, January 15

- Hellenic Dance Festival

## Sun Jan 14

- Regular Schedule
- **1yr Memorial** - Presv. Marika (Marianthe) Canavos
- **Fellowship Hour** is offered in loving memory of Presv. Marika by her loving family.

**Should you need a statement for IRS tax purposes, please call the Church office at 336-765-7145 or email your request to [wsgoc.office@gmail.com](mailto:wsgoc.office@gmail.com)**

## Church Fathers Speak

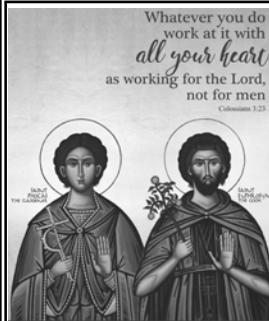
When you are praying alone, and your spirit is dejected, and you are wearied and oppressed by your loneliness, remember then, as always, that God the Holy Trinity looks upon you with eyes brighter than the sun; and so do all the angels, including your own guardian, and all the saints of God. Truly they do; for they are all one in God, and where God is there are they also. Where the sun is, thither also are its rays. Try to understand what this means. Bear in mind with whom you are conversing. Men often forget with whom they are conversing during prayer, and who are the witnesses of their prayers. —St. John of Kronstadt

## Stewardship 2018

To date **174 cards** have been turned in.

Our goal is 410.

Have you turned in your Stewardship support card for 2018?



## THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION....

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**Parish Council President** - George Bambalis  
**Sunday School Coordinators** - Zoe Bobotsiars, Helen Karagiorgis, Heather Vlachos  
**Assistant** - Fr. Costa Shepherd  
**Philoptochos President** - Kiki Gonzales

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

### John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner

**USHERS** – Jimmy Chrysson, Pete Bobotsiars, George Bambalis, Paula Christakos  
**CHURCH SERV COMM Team 1** - Tom Giannopoulos, Tony Franzese, Presv. Stacy Shepherd, Paul Anthony  
**MAIDENS FOR CHRIST Team 6** – Athanasia Ballas, Anastasia Katsiadas  
**READER** - Ron Sheppard  
**ALTAR BOYS Team 3** - Costa Kortesis, Alexander Marshall, Yanni Petropoulos, Mikie Ioannou, Nicholas Woody, Stavros Karagiorgis, Panagiotis Vgenopoulos, Parker Moye, Angelo Petropoulos, Evangelos Kortesis, Christos Katsoudas, John Spinosa  
**NURSERY** – Christina Soriano, Irene Chamis, Nia Kazakos

**Welcome Visitors** We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We would like to remind you that Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been baptized or confirmed in the Orthodox Church, and who have prepared themselves to receive the Eucharist. All visitors are welcome to receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**Fussy Infants/Children** We love having infants & young children in Church being immersed in worship. However, out of respect for fellow worshippers, if a child is acting up, please step out of Church until he/she calms down. Thank you.

### EISODIKON/ENTRANCE HYMN (said by all, page 8 in Liturgy Book)

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι. Ἀλληλουῖα.  
 Thefte proskinisomen, ke prospesomen Christo, soson imas Yie Theou, o anastas ek nekron, psalonta si alilouia.  
 Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead, we sing to You: Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION (Resurrectional Hymn of the day)

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

### Apolytikion of the Feast

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσημαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητὸν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίου τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανείς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

### KONTAKION (Hymn of the season)

You appeared today to us \* on earth, O Master, \* and Your light was signed on us \* who cry aloud to You and say \* with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

*Please see back of bulletin for calendar information*

Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ.  
Στίχ. Εἰσάκουσον, ὁ Θεός, τῆς φωνῆς μου.

**Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 19:1-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο δέ, ἐν τῷ τὸν Ἀπολλῶ εἶναι ἐν Κορίνθῳ, Παῦλον διελθόντα τὰ ἀνωτερικὰ μέρη ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ἔφεσον· καὶ εὐρών τινὰς μαθητὰς εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐλάβετε πιστεύσαντες; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον· πρὸς αὐτόν, Ἄλλ' οὐδὲν εἰ πνεῦμα ἅγιον ἐστίν, ἠκούσαμεν. Εἶπέν τε πρὸς αὐτούς, Εἰς τί οὖν ἐβαπτίσθητε; Οἱ δὲ εἶπον, Εἰς τὸ Ἰωάννου βάπτισμα. Εἶπεν δὲ Παῦλος, Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν βάπτισμα μετανοίας, τῷ λαῷ λέγων εἰς τὸν ἐρχόμενον μετ' αὐτόν ἵνα πιστεύσωσιν, τοῦτ' ἐστίν, εἰς τὸν Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν. Ἀκούσαντες δὲ ἐβαπτίσθησαν εἰς τὸ ὄνομα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἐπιθέντος αὐτοῖς τοῦ Παύλου τὰς χεῖρας, ἦλθεν τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτούς, ἐλάλουν τε γλώσσαις καὶ προεφήτευσον. Ἦσαν δὲ οἱ πάντες ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ δεκαδύο. Εἰσελθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν συναγωγὴν ἐπαρρησιάζετο, ἐπὶ μῆνας τρεῖς διαλεγόμενος καὶ πείθων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ.

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.  
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

**The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8**

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:29-34 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, βλέπει ὁ Ἰωάννης τὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν καὶ λέγει· ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ αἴρων τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. οὗτός ἐστι περὶ οὗ ἐγὼ εἶπον· ὀπίσω μου ἔρχεται ἀνὴρ ὃς ἔμπροσθέν μου γέγονεν, ὅτι πρῶτός μου ἦν. κἀγὼ οὐκ ᾔδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ἵνα φανερωθῇ τῷ Ἰσραὴλ, διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθον ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ὕδατι βαπτίζων. καὶ ἐμαρτύρησεν Ἰωάννης λέγων ὅτι τεθέαμαι τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον ὡς περιστερὰν ἐξ οὐρανοῦ, καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐπ' αὐτόν. κἀγὼ οὐκ ᾔδειν αὐτόν, ἀλλ' ὁ πέμψας με βαπτίζειν ἐν ὕδατι, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἐφ' ὃν ἂν ἴδῃς τὸ Πνεῦμα καταβαῖνον καὶ μένον ἐπ' αὐτόν, οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ. κἀγὼ εἶδρακα καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ

**The Gospel According to John 1:29-34**

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."