A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



"O Holy Forerunner John, the Baptizer of our Lord Jesus Christ: you were the last of the prophets and among the first of the martyrs; you were the instructor of fasters and desert-dwellers and a teacher of purity. We sing your praises as being the "... greatest of those born of woman." We humbly beseech you to assist us in knowing our place in life, just as you recognized that it was necessary for you to "step back" and allow the Lord to take His own rightful place as the One Who was the answer to your "... voice crying in the wilderness." You proclaimed the teachings of the prophets of old about the coming of the Messiah. Help us to seek the repentance that you urged so many to search for as you baptized along the banks of the Jordan River, so that one day we may be worthy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. As we commemorate your beheading through the treachery of Herodias and Salome, may we be inspired by your example of always speaking and defending the truth — even at the expense of sacrificing your own life in the process. O great and glorious John the Baptist, receive from us this heartfelt supplication which we offer to you with the hope that our intentions are pleasing to God. Deliver us from evil of every kind and rescue us from eternal torment. Make us heirs to God's eternal dwelling place and intercede for us before the Throne of our Heavenly Father. For you are the radiance of the shining light of the Gospel and the fulfillment of God's promise to mankind. Amen."

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Apolytikion of Beheading of the Forerunner

Second Tone

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 even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters 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 us great mercy.



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel
Matthew 14:22-34

Attendance
8/18/24
140

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Julie Sandru
In Loving Memory of Nick G. Sandru -
Husband, Father and Papa (9 Yrs)

JOIN NOW HOPE group
Ages K-2

Save The Dates

SUN. SEPT. 15 –
KICK- OFF MEETING

SUN. OCT. 12 –
KINGSWAY PUMPKIN FARM

SUN. NOV. 17 –
GIVING THANKS PROJECT

SUN. DEC. 24 –
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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GOYA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Following Liturgy

ELECTIONS FOR THE YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE!



Hope to see all GOYAns there!

Mark your calendar!

Sunday school starts September 15th!

We hope you are having a great break from class. But can't wait to see all the kids in September.

If you have any questions about Sunday school, please contact Kelly Antoniades at kellyantoniades@gmail.com or 330-704-4473.

See you all in class soon!

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Sign up sheets are at the pangari for anyone interested in taking our classes on Orthodoxy 101 or 201 (New this fall). Classes begin on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM and will run for 8 weeks. Light refreshments will be offered each week. The syllabus has been emailed out to all who have signed up. Please contact the Church Office if you did not receive an email.

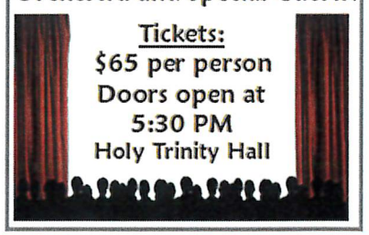
Annual House Blessings



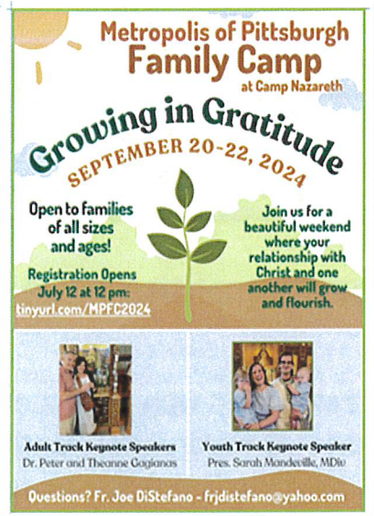
Fr. Nick will begin his yearly House Blessings for all parishioners on Tuesday, September 3. All homes will be included on routes. The list is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office showing the dates and routes. **Please contact the Church Office if the day you are scheduled has a conflict** or if you are interested in riding along on a day to get your name on the ride along list!

Koraes Ladies Society
Dinner Theatre

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Legends II with Melanie, Michael & the MJB Orchestra and Special Guests!



Tickets:
$65 per person
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity Hall



TRINITARIAN SPOTS AVAILABLE



There are several openings in the Trinitarian for Ad spots for businesses, memorials, or groups at Holy Trinity. These run for 12 months in our Trinitarian. Please contact Lori in the Church Office for details.

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, August 25
Sunday School Coffee Hour
Sunday School Meeting 11:45 AM

Monday, August 26
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 27
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 28
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 29
Beheading of John the Baptist
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, August 30
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 31
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, September 1
Ecclesiastical New Year
Dance Troupe Coffee Hour
Doxology/Blessing of the Waters 3:00 PM

Monday, September 2
HAPPY LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED





HOUSE BLESSINGS BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3! See the bulletin board for the list of days and when Father will be in your area!

NO CASH?
NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment!

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Apostles.
Mode 3.

O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.
Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῶν Ἀποστόλων.
Ἦχος γ΄.

Ἀπόστολοι Ἅγιοι, πρεσβεύσατε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος δ΄.

Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὔα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἁγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 3:9-17

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 75.11,1

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 3:9-17 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἕκαστος δὲ βλεπέτω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ. Θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. Εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἑκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερὸν γενήσεται· ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἑκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὁποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τινος τὸ ἔργον μένει ὃ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται. Εἴ τινος τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 14:22-34 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ᾽ ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίους πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπεῖχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτῃ δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. Οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι Φάντασμά ἐστιν, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραξαν. Εὐθὺς δὲ ἐλάλησεν [ὁ Ἰησοῦς] αὐτοῖς λέγων, Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγώ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν, Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα καὶ ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξεν λέγων, Κύριε, σῶσόν με. Εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπελάβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὀλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες, Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν εἰς Γεννησαρέτ.