

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Holy Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy. Stachios was a helper of Andrew the First-Called, who made him bishop of Byzantium. He built a church in Argyropolis, and governed his flock with faithfulness and zeal. After sixteen years as bishop, he entered peacefully into rest in the Lord. Amplias and Urban were also fellow-workers with St. Andrew, and were made bishops by him: Amplias in Lydda and Urban in Macedonia. They both died as martyrs for Christ the Lord. Narcissos was made Bishop of Athens by the Apostle Philip, and holy Apellos was Bishop of Heraklion in Trachis. Aristobulus, the brother of the Apostle Barnabas, preached the Christian faith in Britain and died peacefully there.



100,000 Martyrs of Tbilisi by the Mongols

In 1227 Sultan Jalal al-Din of Khwarazm and his army of Turkmen attacked Georgia. On the first day of the battle the Georgian army valorously warded off the invaders as they were approaching Tbilisi. That night, however, a group of Persians who were living in Tbilisi secretly opened the gates and summoned the enemy army into the city.

According to one manuscript in which this most terrible day in Georgian history was described: "Words are powerless to convey the destruction that the enemy wrought..." The Turkmen castrated young children, raped women, and stabbed mothers to death over their children's lifeless bodies. The whole city shuddered at the sound of wailing and lamentation. The river and streets of the

city were filled with death.

The sultan ordered that the cupola of Sioni Cathedral be taken down and replaced by his vile throne. And at his command the icons of the Theotokos and our Savior were carried out of Sioni Cathedral and placed at the center of the bridge across the Mtkvari River. The invaders goaded the people to the bridge, ordering them to cross it and spit on the holy icons. Those who betrayed the Christian Faith and mocked the icons were spared their lives, while the Orthodox confessors were beheaded.

One hundred thousand Georgians sacrificed their lives to venerate the holy icons and confess their faith in Christ.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, October 31 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School following Liturgy; Lunch following; All Saints Day Harvest Celebration Festival 5:00pm

October 28 – November 11 – Fr. Basil Pilgrimage to Holy Land

Wednesday, November 3 – Reader's Vespers 6:00pm

Friday, November 5 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, November 6 – Readers Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, November 7 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Sunday School following Liturgy; Lunch following

EPISTLE READERS

Oct 31 - Anastasia Epling

Nov 7 - Joy Corey

Nov 14 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

Nov 21 - Tabitha Townsend

CHURCH CLEANING

Week of Nov 1 – Schaefer

Week of Nov 8 – Goolsby

Week of Nov 15 – Townsends

Week of Nov 22 - Fellegy/Holman

*Contact Adam Roth if you would like to help.

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

Oct 31- Team 4 - Townsend, Rush, Caldaroni, Sanman, Handeen

Nov 7 - Team 5 - Poland, Schaefer, Gallatin, Nolan, Milojevic, Johnson

Nov 14 - Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub D., Ayoub M., Vlahos

Nov 21 - Team 2 - Corey, Tecca, Roth, Ranson, Holman

*Contact Mark Ayoub if you would like to join a lunch team, or have questions or comments.

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:

Paul Truebenbach, Rick Miller, Inna Epling, Mike Kerr, Jim Ayres, Moses (Michael) Fillmore, Brian Finegan (husband of Shirley Jenkin's cousin), Mark & Christina Bischoff (friends of Bartimaeus), Mike Allen, Bonnie Christensen, Tammy (cousin of Nanette Sanman), Jess Akins & her daughter Hallee (friends of Trudy Olinger), Johanna Barnett, Bill Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jacob Hunter (Dan Monaghan's cousin in Afghanistan), Pamela Olsen, Mat. Michaela Fenn (wife of Fr. Mark Fenn), Fr. Michael Lewis, Jill Foss (friend of Jeane Wood), Joan (Allyson Gross' Mother), Nancy Schrom (Mary Charles' mother), Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Wanda (Mother of Lavonne Ayoub), Moses Kemper, Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, Lynda (Michelle Fellegy's mother), George Kucera, Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's mother).

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

John Paras, Nikolay, (father of Oksana Johnson), Sam (Karen Karres' daughter's finance), Archbishop Augustinos of Florina, Devin Austin & Ryan Reinhardt (friends of John Charles and Nanette Sanman), George El Hayek, Fr. Matthew MacKay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT – All Saints Day Harvest Celebration Festival – 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Please plan on joining us tonight at the barn for a FUN festival for the WHOLE FAMILY! All ages are welcome! There will be games, live music, yummy food and weather permitting, a bonfire! If you have any questions, please contact LaVonne Ayoub at (208) 818-3641 or email her at lavonne@relaxedyou.com.

Icon Workshop Hosted by Eleni Shumacher + Diane Nolan – Nov 8 – 12th

Please consider coming to a four-day Icon Workshop hosted by two local iconographers, Eleni Schumacher and St. John's own Diane Nolan. The workshop will be held November 8th through 12th, from 10am to 4pm at Holy Trinity Church in Spokane. The cost is \$250, which includes all materials. If you are interested, please call Diane at 208.667.2222 or Eleni at 208.88.5361.

Missing Table Cloths - We are missing seven of the white linen tablecloths for the round tables. Perhaps someone from the parish took some home at one time or another to wash and iron them and forgot to bring them back. We really need these tablecloths and would ask that if this be the case, that they be returned ASAP. If they are not washed or pressed, please just bring them to the church the way they are and we will take care of it. There's no way we could have misplaced seven tablecloths (all square). Perhaps, someone borrowed them for an event in which case again we would ask that they be returned ASAP as we have the hall rented in November and December and need them for these events. Many thanks. Either call Joy Corey or leave them in the hall to be picked up. Thanks very much.

Pilgrimage to Greece - You are invited to participate in a comprehensive tour/pilgrimage "ANCIENT AND HOLY IN GREECE" May 1-14, 2011. Pilgrimage will include visits to the Classical, Byzantine & Monastic Centers of mainland Greece along with a 4-day cruise of the Aegean (Patmos, Ephesus, Rhodes, Crete and Santorini). For more info please contact Jeane Wood at: 208-660-3046 or email at jeaneplastinowood@ymail.com or Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky at: ortours@gmail.com. All information about the pilgrimage is also available at: www.orthodoxtours.com.

Winter Youth Retreat 2011 – January 14th-17th

Attention all 7th through 12th Graders: Save the date for the 2011 Pan-Orthodox Youth Winter Retreat: Martin Luther King Weekend, January 14-17. The Retreat will be held at Cedar Springs Camp (same camp as last year) and we will be skiing (or playing games in lodge) at Stevens Pass!!! Come see old and new friends, hang out, play games, challenge yourself on the ropes course, play laser tag, watch or perform in the talent show, and soak in spiritual truths.

Inquirer's/Catechism Class – Tuesday (Classes will be held as normal Tuesday)

Our Inquirer's/Catechism Class meets each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Eric & Joanna Townsend! All are invited to please attend! This is an opportunity to learn (or re-learn!) the basics of Holy Orthodoxy in the context of a discussion format. Fr. Basil will be teaching the Symbol of our Faith, the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed which we confess every Sunday just before the Holy Anaphora in the Divine Liturgy. We hope to see you there!

Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday November 14th and Financial Update

Our Parish Annual Meeting is coming up! Sunday, November 14, during lunch after Liturgy -- be sure to mark your calendars. There are three main items on the agenda:

1. A report of the ministries being accomplished for God's glory here at St. John.
2. Election of a new member of the Parish Council and the announcement of the pastoral appointment of a new member of the Council.
3. The presentation of the parish budget for 2011 and a vote to either approve or disapprove that budget.

Regarding the third item: we have received many of the pledges of the membership over the last month. The Financial PMT has met to cut the budget as close to the bone as we possibly can. But we are still roughly \$7,700 short of the annual amount needed to fund our basic needs. If your family has not pledged for next year, we need to hear from you soon! If you have already pledged -- thank you!

However, if you have already pledged, please consider raising your pledge to help us meet our budgetary needs as a community! There are pledge cards available on the little table in the narthex -- please fill one out and give it to our hard-working treasurer, Mary Jo Neyman -- or simply drop it in the tithes and offerings box at the back of the nave. If you do not have a pledge card you can simply speak to Mary about your pledge and she will make note of it. We need your help!

Thank you, good brothers and sisters, for your generosity! The Lord has blessed us all richly -- let us bless Him in return by giving sacrificially to His work here in our beloved parish! Our Lord has promised us in Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, crushed down, full and running over, they will give to you. For in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again."

Join Hall Rental Team – Need assistance Dec 9 + 11th – please volunteer

As you are aware, finances in the parish have been very tight, especially in the past four or five months. Consequently we need to raise funds in other ways. One great opportunity is the continued rental of our beautiful parish hall. We have two events coming up in early December for which we need your help! We will need help cleaning the hall on both the nights of **Thursday, December 9th after the Windermere Realty Office party which ends at 8:00 p.m.** This is reasonably early. We need people to come sweep the hall floor, and then do a wet mop on the floor in the hall and the kitchen, wipe down all the kitchen counters plus thoroughly clean both the men's and women's bathrooms. This will be in preparation for the Empire Airlines Party two days later, **Saturday, December 11th.** Likewise, we will need the same things done after the Empire Airlines Party in preparation for the use of the hall on Sunday for coffee hour. Again, the bathroom floors, sinks and toilets will all have to be cleaned. Again, **we will need **at least 4-6 people**** to clean up the bathrooms and the hall and the hallway from the temple to the hall. The more help we get for these two events the quicker and easier the jobs will be accomplished.

Thank God that we have such a beautiful hall and that there are rental opportunities to help the parish! Please get back to me at frbill@caldaroni.net to let me know you will help out! God bless you, good brothers and sisters! Love in Christ, +Fr. Basil

THE EPISTLE

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

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 Lazarus, 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 Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus 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 Lazarus 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 someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

NAC TEEN SOYO



As NAC Teen SOYO prepares to sponsor the **30th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp**; we ask that you be generous in helping our teens in this ministry. More than 225 athletes and coaches participated in our camp last summer. Teen SOYO members come from all over North America to volunteer their time, to reach out to others, and fulfill the Gospel: “Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Special Olympics Awareness Day is your opportunity to support this ministry and enrich the lives of our teens who participate in helping others. Your generosity makes this ministry possible.

Today, our teens will solicit your financial donations to enable them to sponsor the **30th Annual Special Olympics Sports Camp** at the Antiochian Village in the summer of 2011. Please be generous in helping our teens raise \$50,000. As an expression of our teens’ gratitude for your support of this important project, you will receive an icon bookmark of intercessory the Apostles Communion.



Thank you for your help!

*Please make checks payable
to your local teen group.*

