

SUNDAY BULLETIN - WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DURING COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY.

TODAY

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY: VETA PAROS

USHERS SERVING IN THE NARTHEX TODAY: Will Dennis & Pam Valakas

GREETING YOU THIS SUNDAY IS: Gene Bass

Altar Boys Team Serving Today: Saint Markella

(Matthew Boolos, Chris Bastian, Zacharias Fletcher, Alexander Kratsas, Nathan Lloyd)

Altar Boys Team Serving Next Sunday: Saint Demetrios

(Rafael Bultz, Dustin Fitzwilliams, Samuel Fletcher, Justin Hunt, Zack Verzwylvelt)

✠ LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK ✠

****Sunday, June 5th • Archangel Michael Nominations Due ****

Monday, June 6th • 6:00PM • Greek Festival Meeting

Tuesday, June 7th • 10:30AM • Prospora & Kolyva Cooking Series

• 6:00PM • Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 8th • 6:00PM • Orthodoxy 101

• 7:00PM • Bible Study

Saturday, June 9th • 10:00AM • Greek Dancing

• 5:00PM • Teen Bible Study

***** Notice: Father Gabriel will be out of town May 18th – June 11th *****

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WELCOME FR. DEAN GIGIKOS!

We are so happy to have you today and truly appreciate you giving up a portion of your vacation to conduct services with us! It is always a pleasure to see you and we hope you enjoy celebrating Liturgy with us.

OLAN MILLS CHURCH DIRECTORIES NOW AVAILABLE

Our Olan Mills Church directory is now available. Those who had their pictures taken for the directory by Olan Mills will receive a free directory. Additional copies are available for \$5 each, while supplies last. Please see Vicki Boolos and Jason Schneider in the Fellowship Hall to receive your copy.

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY!

Nominations for the 2011 Archangel Michael Awards are due today. These persons (one youth, one adult) must exemplify the true Orthodox Christian way of life by their deep faith, commitment, dedication and service to the Church and our Lord and Savior. Additional copies of the form can be found in the Narthex or in the Church office. **In order for your vote to count, please be sure to print your name on the ballot;** your name will be kept confidential.

GREEK FESTIVAL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 6th AT 6PM

Wondering how you can help with our annual Church fundraiser? Join us at our upcoming meeting on **Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** We want to hear your ideas and suggestions on how to make this our best Greek Festival to date! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office at (850) 244-0822.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN COOKING SERIES: PROSPHORA and KOLYVA

The fourth class of the annual Orthodox Christian Cooking Series takes place on **Tuesday, June 7th at 10:30 am** in the church kitchen. Mary Gardner will demonstrate how to make Prospora and John Walker will demonstrate how to make Kolyva. At the end of the class, you'll receive the recipe and a prayer card. Bring the whole family! No charge, but donations are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mary Gardner at 678-8145 after 5 pm, or email ladymarigold9@aol.com.

MISSIONARY PRESENTATION: SUNDAY, JUNE 19th IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Erin Hunt will be having a lecture/presentation from her Guatemala Missionary Trip on Sunday, June 19 following Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and hear about her wonderful experience and learn more about OCMC Missionary Trips.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY JUNE 25 at 7PM

Please join us for our Parish Movie Night on Saturday, June 25 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. We will be viewing the internationally acclaimed and award winning movie OSTROV (The Island) filmed in Russia. This movie is a masterpiece of cinematography and focuses on the journey of repentance of a fool-for-Christ.

GREEK DANCING BEGINS SATURDAYS AT 10AM

Are you interested in learning Greek Dances? Would you like to have fun with your fellow parishioners? Would you like to support your church by performing at the Greek Festival? Greek Dancing will be held **Saturdays at 10:00AM** in the Fellowship hall. Comfortable clothing recommended. If you have questions, call Kathryn Bastian at 368-3449 or email at smadimc@gmail.com.

2011 STEWARDSHIP CARDS

We have received 48 Pledge Cards. Please fill out and return your pledge cards as soon as possible to the Church Office. Stewardship cards are available in the Church Office and in the Narthex.

ITEMS NEED FOR ELDER SERVICES

Through a major volunteer effort the Old Fort Walton Beach Hospital Building, Autumn House, is being refurbished to provide an assisted living facility for the low and modest income elderly. The following items are needed to furnish 14 additional rooms at this facility:

Beds (single size only)

Mattresses

Mattress covers

Mattress pads

Bed Spreads

Pillows

Pillow cases

Platform Rockers

Bedside Tables

Wardrobes

Please contact Nancy Gauthman at (850) 833-9165 for more information.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If your contact information has changed, please notify the Church Office so that we might update our records. Please help us keep your information up to date so that you don't miss out on events and services.

ARE YOU TRAVELING TO GREECE THIS SUMMER?

Do you have travel brochures, maps, postcards, posters, and tickets? Our Greek Festival Decorating Committee would like you to keep these items in mind as you travel this summer. We are always in need of decorative Greek items to decorate the Emerald Coast Conference Center for the Greek Festival in September. If you have any questions, or you have items that we can use, please contact Hannah Hunt at (850) 286-7099.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS – BY APPOINTMENT

New to this parish, interested in Orthodoxy or seeking membership to this parish? This one-time class is an orientation into the community of Saints Markella and Demetrios church; as well as a basic introduction to the Orthodox Church. The class is held by appointment. Please contact Father Gabriel or Hannah Hunt for more info.

CARE PACKAGES

The Philoptochos Ladies are requesting Church members' participation to donate items for troops stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Items should be abide by the TSA 3-1-1 rule. If you would like a copy of the requested items, please contact the Church office (244-0822) or Janice Hewlett (850-897-1890).

PRAYER REQUESTS: MAY GOD GRANT THEM HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

* Drew Kuritz

* Vonni Cobb

* Sonia Dudek

* Bobby Walter

* Lucia Bottenfield

* Zachary Fletcher

* Joe Mosley

* Jeanette Abraham

* Aimee Walter

* All service members who are currently overseas.

Do you need prayer? Do you have a loved one who needs prayer? With permission, we will list the names of those who would like the parish to pray for them. Your need does not have to be only health-related, but can be of any nature. The names will remain on the list for that month. If you want to continue on the list, when the new month approaches, please contact the office and let us know.

LIGHT THE ALTAR VIGIL & PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES: PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE EFFECTIVE

We light candles for different reasons. One reason is to seek the intercession of a particular Saint. We might place it in the sand or in front of an icon. On an Orthodox Altar, a vigil candle burns constantly. We give everyone the opportunity to receive a blessing for lighting the Altar Vigil candle (more than one may sign-up for the week). Please include in your personal prayers the names of those for whom the vigil candle is lit. This does not replace the traditional Memorial Service. Altar Vigil Forms are available in the Narthex or the office.

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| <p>SUNDAY – June 5 <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council</i></p> <p><i>No Fasting</i></p> <p>Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; John 17:1-13</p> | <p>Run from places of sin as from the plague. For when fruit is not present, we have no frequent desire to eat it. <i>St. John Climacus</i></p> |
| <p>MONDAY – June 6</p> <p><i>No Fasting</i></p> <p>Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27—15:7</p> | <p>The most effective means for the education of true taste in the heart us a church-centered life, in which all children in their upbringing must be unfailingly kept, Sympathy for everything sacred, pleasure in remaining in its midst for the sake of quietness and warmth, separating from what is bright and attractive in worldly vanity – all this cannot better be imprinted in the heart (than by a church-centered life). <i>St. Theophan the Recluse</i></p> |
| <p>TUESDAY – June 7</p> <p><i>No Fasting</i></p> <p>Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13</p> | <p>Christ, the Son of God, the Most Holy God, is not ashamed to call us sinners brethren; therefore do not at least be ashamed to call brothers and sisters poor, obscure, simple people, whether they be your relatives according to flesh or not, do not be proud in your ... (interaction) with them, do not despise them, for we are all actually brothers in Christ; we were all born of water and the Spirit in the baptismal font and became children of God... <i>St. John of Kronstadt</i></p> |
| <p>WEDNESDAY – June 8 <i>Removal of the Relics of Theodore the Commander</i></p> <p><i>Abstain from meat, meat products, fish, and dairy products.</i></p> <p>Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 10:16-22</p> | <p>Every time we chant, in order to attract the Grace of God, it is not essential and entirely necessary for the melody to be in accordance with the rules of melody (we would say the rules of Byzantine Music). There should be harmony, in fact, there should be sweet melody – they are essential – nevertheless what is needed above all is for our hearts to be “broken and humbled.” <i>St. John Chrysostom</i></p> |
| <p>THURSDAY – June 9</p> <p><i>No Fasting</i></p> <p>Acts 25:13-19; Luke 16:23-33</p> | <p>Let us knock on the door of the most beautiful most fragrant, most sweet, graceful, paradise of the Holy Scriptures, which touches our heart and when it is sorrowful, consoles it then again when the heart is upset the Holy Scripture consoles it, it elevates it. <i>St. John of Damascus</i></p> |
| <p>FRIDAY – June 10</p> <p><i>Abstain from meat, meat products, fish, and dairy products.</i></p> <p>Acts 27:1-44, 28:1; John 17:18-26</p> | <p>Why does the Lord command us to love our enemies and to pray for them? Not for their sake, but for ours! For as long as we bear grudges, as long as we dwell on how someone offended us, we will have no peace. <i>Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica</i></p> |
| <p>SATURDAY – June 11 <i>Saturday before Pentecost</i> <i>Commemoration of the Departed</i></p> <p><i>No Fasting</i></p> <p>Acts 28:1-31; John 21:14-25</p> | <p>Pride is the most abominable sin, but hardly anyone recognizes it since it is hidden deep in the heart. Not knowing one’s self is the beginning of pride. This ignorance blinds a man and thus he becomes full of pride. O that man would know himself! He would know his own misfortunate, poverty, and wretchedness; he would never become full of pride. <i>St. Tikhon of Zadonsk</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">This information is copied from: The 2011 Daily Lives, Miracles and Wisdom of the Saints and Fasting Calendar By: Tom and Georgia Mitrakos, Orthodox Calendar Company</p> | |