

# NATIVITY OF THE HOLY FORERUNNER, JOHN THE BAPTIST

VENERABLE ATHANASIOS OF PAROS

Sunday, June 24, 2018

## Sermon: The Birth of the Baptist

### Orthros

Tone: Three

Fourth Eothinos: Luke 24:1-12

### Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14 & 14:1-4 (of St. John)

Gospel: Luke: 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (of St. John)

Epistle Reader: Karen Hood

Prospora: St. Katherine Philoptochos & Russell Pierson (sponsored by Rosalind Halikis)

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Dina Andrews & Maria Smith

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Helen Brock, Dena Flokas, Chrysa Servou

Parish Council: Bill Marutsos, Philip Rausch, George Mitsanas

40 Day Blessing & Churching: Brandi & Noah Vlassis Andrews

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: One

| Parish Schedule for the Week June 24, 2018 |   |                     |
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| Sunday, June 24                            | Orthros<br>Divine Liturgy   | 9:00 AM<br>10:00 AM |
| Monday, June 25                            |   |                     |
| Tuesday, June 26                           | Festival Cooking (kourambiethes)  | 9:00 AM             |
| Wednesday, June 27                         | Festival Cooking (amygdalota)<br>Parish Council Meeting (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor conference room) | 9:00 AM<br>6:00 PM  |
| Thursday, June 28                          | Festival Cooking (melomakarona)   | 9:00 AM             |
| Friday, June 29                            | Holy Apostles Peter & Paul (observed 6/30)  |                     |
| Saturday, June 30                          | Orthros<br>Divine Liturgy   | 9:00 AM<br>10:00 AM |

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Three): Εὐφραίνεσθε τὰ οὐράνια

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death. And first born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

**Festival coupons & posters have arrived – Give'em out and put'em up!**

Festival coupons and posters are here now and available at the coffee hour. We need everyone's help in distributing coupons to family, friends and neighbors in our local communities. Post those posters... but be a good neighbor, ask first and then after festival is over remove any posters you put up.

### St. Katherine Organizations – Let us organize

All groups using our facilities for meetings or other events: please fill out a Room Request form so our church calendar (July 2018 thru June 2019) may be completed. As a reminder, services of the Church take precedence over all other functions. Great Lent 2019 begins March 11 and Pascha falls on April 28. We request that *no meetings be scheduled during Lent* or in the *two weeks before or after Festival*. Blank room request forms have been emailed to group/ministry leaders and are also available from the office.

### FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!! Fill out a Festival Volunteer Reg form and let us know how you can help:

Volunteering is fun and you meet so many people. Submit a volunteer registration form as soon as possible so our beloved Andrea can organize our army of volunteers, or contact Andrea at [avballas@gmail.com](mailto:avballas@gmail.com) or 310-325-5002.

### Festival food / ingredient sponsorships available – Be a Festival Booster!

You can make a meaningful impact to the success of the South Bay Greek Festival by becoming a *Festival Food Sponsor!* Choose one (or more) of the many ingredients used in the preparation of our homemade festival foods and best-in-town Greek sweets (see enclosed list). Partial sponsorships (\$250 minimum) are also appreciated! **PLEASE NOTE:** Sponsorships will be on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be confirmed until your donation is received. Sponsors will be acknowledged on a special poster in the dining room throughout festival weekend (and in the *Festival Ad Book* if you set up your sponsorship by 6/24). “Anonymous” sponsors will gladly be accommodated. To arrange your sponsorship contact Karen Causey at 310-871-5831 or [karencausey@gmail.com](mailto:karencausey@gmail.com).

### 2018 Greek Festival Scrip (Gift Certificates)

Want an easy way to treat your friends, family, and business associates to our Greek Festival? Food gift certificates (aka *scrip*) will be available for purchase in \$10 increments. Scrip will be sold during coffee hour TODAY and July 1 & 8. Purchase early, last year we sold out! Scrip is good for food and beverage only, no cash value, no change given, and valid July 13-15, 2018. Checks payable to St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (Memo: Scrip). Questions? Contact: Dr. Frank or Maria Scolinos at 310-544-7721 or at [mscolinos@icloud.com](mailto:mscolinos@icloud.com).

### Festival food prep and cooking is under way – Remember, “many hands make for easy work”

There are many opportunities for you to come and help make our famous, delicious foods. It's cookie time! This week we are going to be molding and shaping thousands and thousands of sweet little packages of Greek deliciousness. We need helping hands. Hope to see you bright and early on Tuesday, June 26 and throughout the week. Check out the enclosed cooking schedule for more opportunities to help.

### Vacation Bible School – Save the dates – August 6-10

Be sure to mark your calendars for the return of our ever popular and fun VBS program. More details coming soon.

### Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2018

If you desire to experience your faith in a new and meaningful way, serve in the Lord's vineyard and help build up the Church around the world. Upcoming mission trips: **Alaska** (7/10-19 & 7/20-31); **Albania** (9/17-24); **Ghana** (8/6-21); **Guatemala** (8/1-8); **Kenya** (8/8-20, 11/28-12/8); **Indonesia** (6/26-7/9 & 7/3-16); **Jamaica** (8/2-11); **Mexico** (8/11-18). Applications/info available at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) or call 877-463-6787 (xt142).

### A “Summertime Feast” at George's Greek Café – August 25

You are invited to join in a “*Summertime Feast*” with the members of the Theseus Chapter of the Daughters of Penelope, on the courtyard patio of George's Greek Café (135 Pine Avenue, Long Beach.) The cost is \$35 and proceeds will benefit the DOP charities. RSVP by 8/16 to Dolores Louros at 310-548-1610.

**The Information Station:** Tidbits of news and info about local events and other items of interest.

- **Loved into Being:** Aug 12 at 12PM, St. Katherine's *Prepare/Enrich Family Ministry* will host a lecture geared toward everyone who cares for pregnant women and children. RSVP to Corina Gheorghiu [2corinag@gmail.com](mailto:2corinag@gmail.com)
- **St. Sophia Summer Camp 2018:** Summer fun in the mountains, laughing, swimming, hiking, campfires, and religious education. 2 sessions (July 22-28 & July 28-Aug 4). Register online at: [www.SaintSophiaCamp.org](http://www.SaintSophiaCamp.org).
- **A night at the Hollywood Bowl:** On July 31 our sister parish of St. Paul invites us to join them at the bowl to enjoy Edward Elgar's “Enigma Variations” and Igor Stravinsky's “Pulcinella” Suite. Purchase your tickets for section “S” around row 7 so we can all sit together as one big Orthodox classical-music-loving family. Pre-purchase tickets at: <https://my.hollywoodbowl.com/syos/performance/2146>. Contact Dean Langis 949-733-2366.
- **Life-Giving Spring Monastery Fundraiser:** Save the date, Sat., Aug. 25 at St. Sophia. Please help the sisters raise the funds to finish their building project. These pure souls pray for us, let's help them. Info 310-214-6711.