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UPCOMING SERVICES

Monday, July 2

St. Jude the Brother of the Lord &
St. John Maximovitch Archbishop of SF
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 7

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 8

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am Matins
10:30 am Divine Liturgy

FASTING SCHEDULE

6/4-7/11	Apostles Fast
July 2	Fish & Oil Allowed
July 3	Fish & Oil Allowed
July 4	Strict Fasting
July 5	Fish & Oil Allowed
July 6	Strict Fasting
July 7	Fish & Oil Allowed
July 8	Fish & Oil Allowed

COFFEE & LUNCH HOUR

Lunch this Sunday will be provided by Monty and Jihan Swaiss & Family. God Bless those who provide to the church!

LOOKING AHEAD

6/4-7/11	Apostles Fasting
July 11	Board Meeting
August 12	Festival Kick-off Event
Sept. 14-16	Annual Food Festival
Nov. 17	Christmas Dinner

Bulletin for July 2 - July 8

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Holy Apostle Jude - July 2



St. Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the son of Joseph and Salome and the brother of James, the brother of the Lord. Even though he could call himself the brother of the Lord as much as James, he did not do this, out of humility and shame, for he did not at first believe in Christ the Lord. Jude preached the Gospel throughout Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Idumea, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia and Armenia. In Edessa, the town of Abgar, he augmented the preaching of the other Thaddaeus. When Jude was preaching in the regions

around Ararat, he was captured by pagans, crucified on a cross and killed by being shot with arrows, that he might reign eternally in the Kingdom of Christ.

Youth/Young Adults!

We would like to update our contact list for all members over the age of 12. Please email your name, email address, phone number and a parent's email address to info@sjorthodox.org, or provide in person to Fr. Deacon Joseph. We will start scheduling summer events and social activities every Thursday.

Food Festival Planning

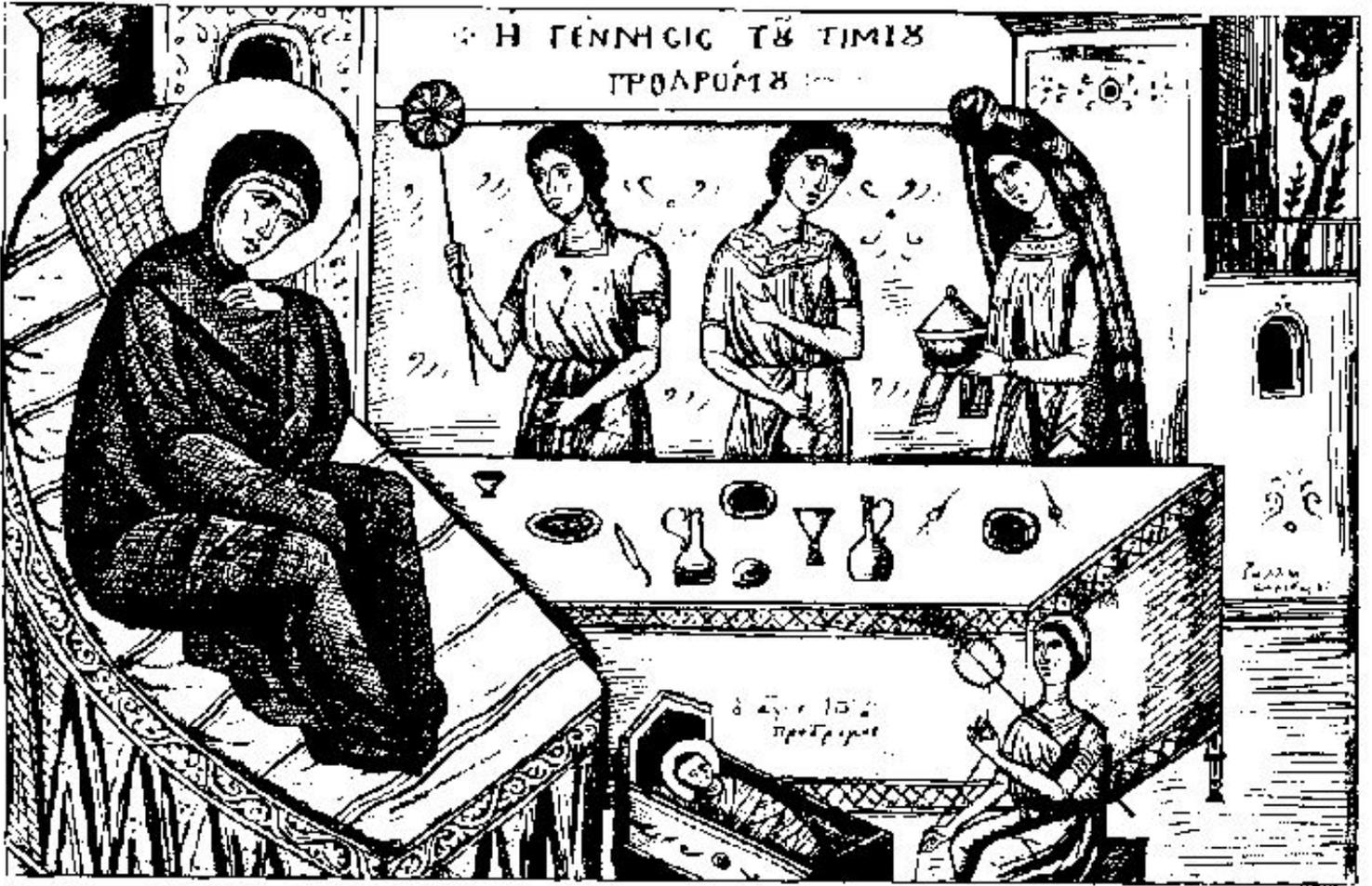
Our 12th Annual Food Festival will be on September 14-16th. As many of you know, it takes a lot of planning and resources to make our event successful. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Yousef Hanna by emailing him at yockey99@hotmail.com.

Debkeh Groups

If you would like to have your children be a part of our Debkeh dance groups for this year's festival, please contact Luma Theodossy at 408-666-8864

Lost and Found

A pair of gold earrings, possibly belonging to a young girl were found this past Sunday. If you believe that they belong to you, please contact either Fr. Dcn. Joseph or Fr. Jeries.



تذكار مولد النبي الكريم والسابق المجيد يوحنا المعمدان - السبت ٧ تموز ٢٤ حزيران

وُلد القديس يوحنا المعمدان من والدين تقيين وهما الكاهن زكريا وأليصابات . وبينما زكريا يصلي في الهيكل ويخبر ظهر له ملاك الرب قائلاً : لا تخف يا زكريا لأن طلبك قد تحقق وستلد زوجتك أليصابات ابناً وتسميه يوحنا ويكون لك فرح وابتهاج وسوف يكون عظيماً أمام الرب وخمراً ومسكراً لا يشرب فقال له زكريا: كيف يتم هذا وأنا شيخ وزوجتي متقدمة في العمر ، فأجاب الملاك قائلاً ستكون صامتاً ولا تقدر أن تتكلم لأنك لم تصدق كلامي

وبعد تلك الأيام حبلت أليصابات وأخفت نفسها خمسة أشهر وفي الشهر السادس حبلت السيدة العذراء وذهبت لزيارة نسيبتها أليصابات ومكثت عندها ثلاث أشهر ، ولما تمت ولادة أليصابات فرح الجميع وفي اليوم الثامن جاؤوا ليختنوا الصبي ويسموه باسم زكريا فأجابت أمه لا بل يسمى يوحنا ثم طلب من أبيه ، فطلب لوح وكتب عليه اسم يوحنا فتعجب الجميع وفي الحال انفتح فمه ولسانه وتكلم وبارك الله

لقد نمت الصبي يتقوى من الروح القدس وكان في البراري إلى يوم ظهوره لاسرائيل ، وكان يقول : توبوا وأصلحوا حياتكم واعتمدوا في الأردن لمغفرة الخطايا كل ذلك ليتحقق قول النبي أشعيا : صوت صارخ في البرية أعدوا طريق الرب . فلما كان الجموع يأتون إلى يوحنا ليعتمدوا كانوا يظنون أنه المسيح صرخ وقال : أنا أعمدكم بالماء ولكن يأتي من بعدي من هو أقوى مني ، أنا لا استحق أن أحل سيور حذائه فهو يعمدكم بالروح القدس

ولما بلغ السيد المسيح سن الثلاثين ذهب لنهر الأردن واعتمد من يوحنا المعمدان وللحين انحدر عليه الروح القدس على هيئة حمامة

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Among the Church's feasts, there are three in honor of God's saint which in their significance stand out from the others devoted to the saints and are numbered among the great feasts of the Church of Christ. These feasts glorify the economy of God for our salvation.

These three feasts are the Nativity of St. John the Forerunner, his Beheading, and the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

The apparition of the holy Archangel Gabriel to the priest Zacharias in the Temple, with the announcement of the birth to him and the righteous Elizabeth, of a son who would prepare the way for the Lord, the Savior of the world, and the subsequent fulfillment of this promise, are the first of the events related by the Evangelists.

The announcement of the holy Archangel Gabriel to Zacharias in the Temple begins the New Testament Gospel. The announcement of the same Archangel Gabriel six months later in Nazareth to the Virgin Mary concerning the birth from Her of the Son of God, Who was to become incarnate, is a continuation of the revelation of the Pre-eternal Counsel concerning the salvation of the human race. Three months after, the Annunciation, St. John the Forerunner was born "in a city of Judah," and six months after him Christ Himself was born in Bethlehem.

These events are closely bound together. "The glorious conception of the Forerunner proclaimeth beforehand the King Who is to be born of a Virgin" (Exapostilarion, Sept. 23, Feast of the Conception of John the Baptist). The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel in the Temple, announced later to all living nearby by Zacharias, in the magnificent hymn, which he sang after the birth of the child, John and the restoration to him of the gift of speech (Luke 1:67-79), is the forerunner of the angelic hymn: "Glory to God in the highest;" which was sung in Bethlehem by the angels when they announced to the shepherds the Nativity of Christ. The Nativity of John the Baptist is the first joy sent down by God to the human race, the beginning of its deliverance from the power of the devil, sin and eternal death.

It is true that even before the Forerunner, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was born, and angels announced Her birth to Her parents. However, at that time, only Her parents knew of the exalted lot that was prepared for the Virgin Who was born, and they themselves were not fully aware of what had been announced to them beforehand. Therefore, it was only they, who celebrated at the birth of their Daughter, while the rest of the world only later understood the joy that had been announced (to it), by this birth.

For this reason, the feasts of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos and Her Entrance into the Temple were established in the Church and began to be solemnly celebrated significantly later than the other great feasts, whereas the Nativity of John the Forerunner is one of the most ancient and most venerated of Christian feasts. Sermons on this feast have been preserved from the first centuries.

Involuntarily the thought arose: Is this not the Messiah Himself? Judea was in an especially tense state of expectation of the Savior. Thus, the child John prepared the way for the Lord by his very birth; and even while he was still in the womb of His mother, by his leaping (Luke 1:41) he announced the coming birth of the Child Jesus, as if crying out: "Christ is born, give ye glory. Christ comes from heaven, meet ye Him" (Irmos, Canticle One of the Canon, Feast of the Nativity of Christ).

Being born exactly half a year before Christ, John the Forerunner by the exact time of his birth depicted his mission of preparing the way for the Lord. He was born at the time of the year (June 24) when the day begins to grow shorter after the summer solstice, whereas the Nativity of Christ occurs (December 25) when the day begins to grow longer after the winter solstice. These facts are an embodiment of the words spoken later, by the Forerunner, after the beginning of Christ's preaching: He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30).

Festival Wish-List

Below is a list of only half of the expected expenses for our next festival, please help if you can. Thank you and God Bless! Festival this year will be on Sept. 14-16

Item	Amount	Donated By
Chicken Shawarma	\$450	
Gyro	\$400	
Kefta Meat A	\$350	
Kefta Meat B	\$350	
Chicken Kabob	\$500	
Pork Souvlaki	\$200	
Lamb Shanks	\$400	
Falafel/Hummus	\$400	
Rice & Salad	\$200	
Utensils A	\$250	Already Donated
Utensils B	\$250	
Water	\$300	Already Donated
Soda A	\$150	Already Donated
Soda B	\$150	Already Donated
Beer & Wine	\$500	
Kanefeh	\$1300	Already Donated
Ice cream/Ice	\$300	
Chairs, Tables, Dance Floor	\$1500	
Games (Youth Section)	\$1500	
Permits & Fees	\$3000	
Advertising, Marketing, Prints	\$6000	

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