

St. John Greek Orthodox Church

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May 31, 2026 ~ Holy Pentecost

TODAY AT ST. JOHN

8:45AM Orthros ~ 10:00AM Divine Liturgy

- Sunday School Graduation ■ Goya Car Wash

Farewell lunch for Fr. Niko, Presvytera Ivey and the kids following the divine liturgy at our Hall

Opportunities for the Week

Thursday, June 4

St. John Senior Citizen Meeting & Luncheon at our Hall 12 noon

Wedding: John Tsarkos and Jennifer Liagre

Mark your Calendars

June 7 St. John General Assembly ((if no quorum Monday June 8)

June 8 St. John Philoptochos Meeting and POTLUCK

August 17 St. John Golf Outing

❖ Please support St. John Summer Survival!
[give.tithe.ly Summer Survival](http://give.tithe.ly/Summer%20Survival)

Epistle Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4 Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

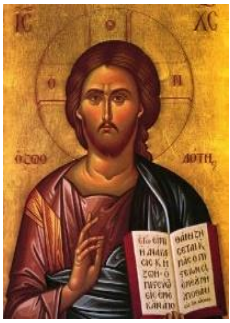
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."



Gospel Lesson The Gospel According to John 7:37-52; 8:12



On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

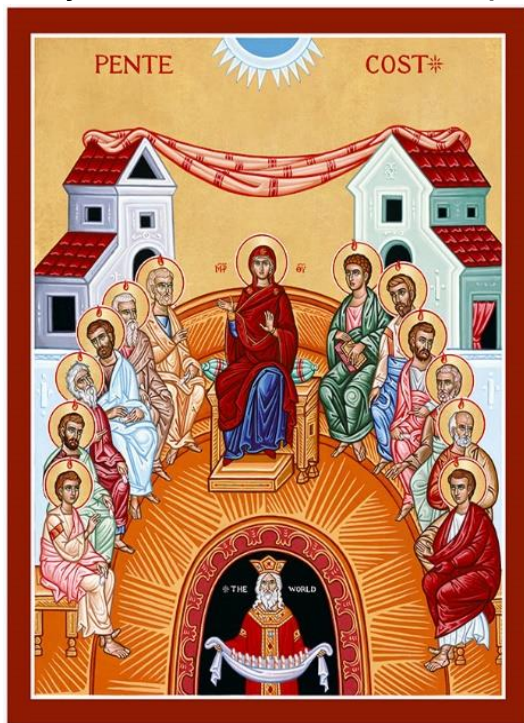
When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of

them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Pentecost

Today, we celebrate one of the most important feast days of the Christian church - the birthday of the Church.



All Christian denominations, Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic observe this magnificent feast day of Pentecost. The Pentecost is a Greek word meaning fiftieth.

Just before Jesus Christ was ascended into heaven on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, he promised his faithful disciples and followers that very soon the power of the Holy Spirit would be with them to give them spiritual strength to carry the message of Christ throughout the world. The followers of Christ, however, were simple fishermen, and they had very little education. They gathered in the "upper room" waiting for a sign from heaven. Suddenly on the fiftieth day after Easter, there came a great sound from heaven, which was like a rushing mighty wind. It filled the house where the disciples were waiting. Then a miracle happened. Great tongues of fire were seen over each of the heads of the disciples. It was the power of the Holy Spirit, which brought divine inspiration to all in the house. They began to speak many different languages, and they were "filled with the Holy Spirit." This was the fulfillment of the promise which the Lord had given to them.

St. Peter delivered the first sermon in Jerusalem on this first Pentecost. Over 3,000 people became Christians. The disciples traveled to the far corners of the earth to bring the message of Jesus Christ to all men. All this was made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit on that eventful and historic day of Pentecost in the city of Jerusalem almost 2,000 years ago.

During the Divine Liturgy today, all Orthodox Christians take part in the beautiful service known as "the service of kneeling." The priest reads three beautiful prayers about the miracle of Pentecost. During each prayer the entire congregation kneels and prays also. It is during this time that we pray very hard that the power of the Holy Spirit will enter our hearts also and give us spiritual strength to live out our lives according to the will of God. Let the Holy Spirit enter your heart today. This is the true meaning of Pentecost.

SUPPORT SUMMER SURVIVAL 2026

Lawn Care \$800	Mary & Nick Souris	Steve & Angela Kotsonis	
Building Maintenance \$750	Nicholas & Erin Papakonstantinou and Family	Daniel & Paulette Szajna	
Dear Friends Front Cover \$650			
Dear Friends Back Cover \$600			
Youth \$550	Yanni & Becky Patouhas and Family	George & Ellene Balalas*	
	Sotiri & Shanelle Kalliantasis and Family		
Electric \$450	George & Kathy Demetriou and Family	Alex & Irene Kourtesis	
Consumers Energy \$350			
Water \$250			
Office Supplies \$200	Alex, Linda, Felicia Boosalis	Koutelas Family*	
Phone \$150	Andreas Demetriou	Alexander Demetriou	Tasso & Terry Ayan*
Cleaning Supplies \$125.00	Taylor & Kristina Sourvelis*		
Insurance \$100			

All parishioners are invited to the General Assembly

JUNE 7, 2026

(If no quorum is Monday June 8)

Immediately after Divine Liturgy

Agenda

1. Quorum
2. Invocation
3. Election of General Assembly Chairman
4. Approval of last assembly minutes
5. Clergy Report – **Father Nicolaos Tzetzis**
6. Treasurer's Report – **Spiro Pliakos** Income and Expense for January, February, March, April, and May 2026.
7. Council President's **Alex Kourtesis** general remarks and reports on behalf of committees
8. Parish Auxiliary Organizations
 - a) Philoptochos – **Paulette Szajna**
 - b) St. Sophia Support Ministry- **Angie Stathakios**
 - c) Endowment Report- **John Tangalos**
 - d) Senior Citizens – **Nick Prantzalos**
 - e) Sunday School – **Dr. Zoy Patouhas and Dimetra Mansoor**
 - f) Greek School – **Elli Patouhas**
 - g) Choir – **John Tangalos and Dr. Andy Kotsis**
 - h) College Connection – **Cathy Kondoleon, Dina Demetriou**
 - i) G.O.Y.A. – **Anthony Mansoor**
 - j) HOPE, JOY, and LITTLE ANGELS – **Megan Douros, Becky Patouhas, Sarah Marselis, Irene Papastamatis**
 - l) Altar Boys – **Matthew Vasilakis**
 - m) Basketball – **Dennis Theodorou**
9. Board of Auditors Statement – Income and Expenses 2025
10. Old Business
11. New Business- Election of Delegates for Metropolis Clergy Laity
12. Adjournment – Closing Prayer

ST. JOHN GREEK SCHOOL

SUMMER CLASSES

Dear Parents,

Our school is willing to form summer classes if we have enough students. If you are interested, please return this form to the church or call the office (586) 977-6080.

Summer classes: for July and/or August. The classes will be 1 hour on

Tuesdays – Conversational Classes for children, grades 1st – 6th, starting
July 7 – July 28, and August 4 – August 25, from 5-6 pm

Also,

Tuesdays – Conversational Classes for adults, starting
July 7 – July 28, and August 4 – August 25, from 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuition is \$40 per class per month, prepaid when you sign up.

Deadline is Friday, June 26, 2026.

Yes, I am interested in _____ class.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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advertising with St. John:

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**SAINT
PANTELEIMON
GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH**

FESTIVAL AND FEAST DAY

**SUNDAY,
JULY 26, 2026**

9:30am
Orthros

10:30am
Divine Liturgy

**Festival Following
Divine Liturgy**

**MONDAY,
JULY 27, 2026**

Feast of St. Panteleimon

9:30am
Orthros

10:30am
Divine Liturgy
Refreshments available

**FESTIVAL
INFORMATION**

SUNDAY after Divine Liturgy

**FREE PARKING AND
PICNIC AREA**

LAMBS ON THE SOUVLA

SOUVLAKIA AND RICE

**PASTRIES AND
BEVERAGES**

**GREEK MUSIC AND
DANCING**

SAINT PANTELEIMON CHAPEL
7143 Cedar Road - Lexington, Michigan



Put on those apron's,
it's time for...

OPA!FEST 2026!

*OPA!FEST is right around the corner, get ready to participate
in our largest community event!*

*This weekend takes countless man hours in preparation, but none of it can happen
without YOU! Come help out our congregation anyway you can, any amount of time
spent will be a valued addition to making this festival a success for our Church.*

*Please scan the QR code for further information or go to
Opafest@StNicholasTroy.org to access the Sign-Up Genius.*



Scan me!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

For additional questions, please contact Val Badamo at (248) 854-5949

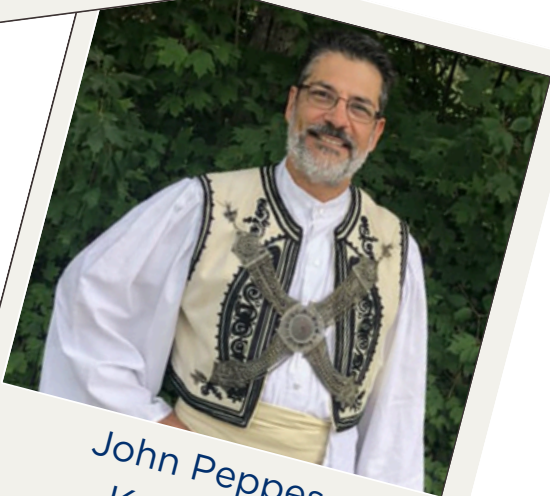
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Aris Yortzidis
Pontos



Aristoula Toli
Epiros



John Peppes
Kalymnos



ENDASI

XOROS HELLENIC DANCE CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 9-11 2026
DAYTON, OHIO

Guest Instructor Discussion Panel
& Service Project
Workshops & Dinner-Glendi with Endasi
Divine Liturgy & Workshop Exhibition



METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT



www.detroit.goarch.org/xoros

Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan (OCW) presents
ANNUAL OCW RETREAT

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 8:45 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
(Divine Liturgy, Memorial, Lunch, and Presentation)

Why It's Important to be an Unmercenary



Special Guest Speaker

Dr. Carla Thomas

ER doctor, author, board member of the Fellowship
of St. Moses the Black, Axia (Orthodox Women),
St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary,
and Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery
3389 Rives Eaton Road, Rives Junction, MI 49277-9739
www.dormitionmonastery.org
Mother Gabriella, Abbess

Driving Directions from the east: Take I 94 West to Exit 138-Rte. 127 North. Go approximately 7.5 miles and exit at Berry Road/Rives Junction. Turn left. Go to the end of Berry Rd. and turn right at the stop sign.

Go approximately 0.3 mile. The monastery is on the left side of the road.

Appropriate attire must be worn at all times: no shorts, revealing tops, or miniskirts.

Head covering is recommended for Church. Smoking is strictly prohibited on the monastery grounds.

Pets are not permitted

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

2026 Retreat Cost: OCW Members: \$30; Non-members: \$35

Please contact us at
ocwmichigan@gmail.com
for more information

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 23-25, 2026

**Fellowship of St.
Moses The Black 33rd
Annual Conference**

Saints Peter & Paul
Romanian Orthodox Church
Dearborn Heights, MI



Annual Stewardship Pledge

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Sterling Heights, MI



**Stewardship is how we manage the gifts God gives us:
time, talent, and treasure.**

We share our time by **volunteering** where help is needed.

We share our talent by using **our special skills** to help the Church.

We share our treasure by sharing our **resources**.

This stewardship pledge form is for committing to share our **resources**. It helps the parish to be able to plan our budget ahead of time, when we know what we are able to give. It also asks for some info like ages and religion for planning what ministries may need extra focus.

It costs roughly \$450,000 per year to run our parish.

My Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you an Orthodox Christian? _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My Spouse's Information

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you an Orthodox Christian? _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My Children's Information

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Y N Baptized Orthodox?

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Y N

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Y N

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Y N

My household wants to commit to donating...

\$_____ per month

\$_____ per year

Credit Card _____ Exp: _____ CSV: _____

Signature _____ Date _____