St. John Greek Orthodox Church

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Parish Priest: Father Nicolaos Tzetzis

June 14th ~ 2nd Sunday of Matthew

TODAY AT ST. JOHN

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

Memorials:

Panagiotis Kribis 40Days, Gus Patouhas 4 years, Sofia Patouhas 5 years
Fr. John Moutafis 6 year

Mark your Calendars

August 17 **St. John Golf Outing**

- Please support St. John Summer Survival!

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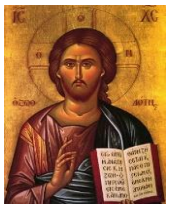
We have exciting news!

St. John has updated both our website and our credit card processing system for online stewardship and donations. If you currently make contributions online, please visit our giving page at: www.stjohngoc.net/give and click the "DONATE NOW" button to set up your account in the new system.
For those who are making recurring donations, when you set up your giving on the new platform, we will cancel your recurring payments on the previous platform. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Chris Shafkalis of our IT Committee at 586-292-6657

Epistle Lesson

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16 Prokeimenon. Mode 1 Psalm 32.22,1
Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16
Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel Lesson



The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23
At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

SUPPORT SUMMER SURVIVAL 2026

Lawn Care $800	Mary & Nick Souris	Steve & Angela Kotsonis	Ted & Mary Tangalos*	Katherine Kotsis*	
Building Maintenance $750	Nicholas & Erin Papakonstantinou and Family		Daniel & Paulette Szajna*		John & Katina Papakonstantinou and Family*
Dear Friends Front Cover $650					
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	Jeff Bontsas*		Jeff Bontsas*		
Cleaning Supplies $125.00	Taylor & Kristina Sourvelis*				
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$25.00 donation for 18 yrs. and under

Kosta Patouhas*	Niko Patouhas*	Thanasi Patouhas*	Dimitri Patouhas*	Kosta Kourtesis	Anna Kourtesis	Liana Cusumano
Thomas Tzetzis	Elpida Tzetzis	Felicia Boosalis	Charlie Stewart*	Eva Stewart*	Jimmy Stewart*	
Other Donations	Spiro & Sharon Sassalos Family*	Anonymous*				
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH · STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

An open call from the Byzantine Chant Ministry

Cantors Wanted

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν

"COME, LET US WORSHIP"

This art is not a relic, and it is not fading.
It is a living tradition, two thousand years unbroken, and it endures only through hands willing to take it up.

No Experience Required
Beginners are welcome.

I
THE CALLING

We are seeking stewards of an art form. Those who hear in Byzantine chant a tradition worth a lifetime, and who will treat it as such. Reverence outweighs talent; resolve outweighs all.

II
THE TRADITION

You will be trained in the Patriarchal method of Byzantine chant: the Eight Modes, the neumatic notation handed down from the Fathers, and the hymnography of the Orthros and Divine Liturgy in both Greek and English.

III
THE DEMAND

Weekly group Psaltic Sessions. Faithful attendance at Sunday services and the major feasts of the liturgical year. Personal practice between sessions. This is the work of a lifetime.

IF YOU ARE CALLED

Speak with one of the cantors after Divine Liturgy, or write to parish@stjohngoc.net.
Include your name, age, and phone number.

"Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises." (Psalm 47:6)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST · STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

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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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 succcess 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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GREEK ORTHODOX
Metropolis of Detroit
Summer Camp
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The 75th Anniversary of

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SUMMER CAMP

SATURDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026
AT ST. NICHOLAS IN TROY, MI

COME JOIN US FOR A STROLLING DINNER, OPEN BAR, DANCING, CAMP AUCTION, A WALK THROUGH CAMP HISTORY, AND MUCH MORE!
AGES 21+

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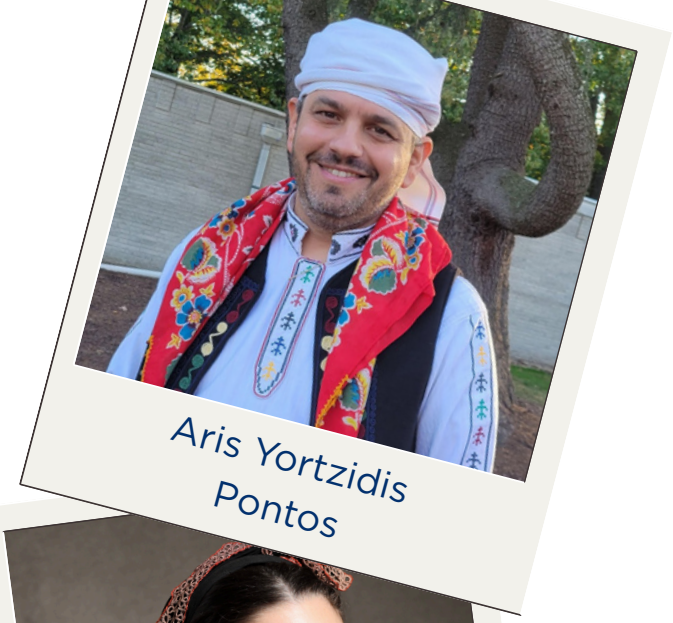

Aris Yortzidis
Pontos

Aristoula Toli
Epiros

John Peppes
Kalymnos

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HELLENIC DANCE CONFERENCE

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

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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

FSMB

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:	Baptized Orthodox?
		Y N
		Y N
		Y N
		Y N

My household wants to commit to donating...

☐ $_____ per month ☐ $_____ per year

Credit Card _____ Exp: _____ CSV: _____

Signature _____ Date _____