

St. John Greek Orthodox Church

Sterling Heights, Michigan

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July 26th, 2026 ~ 8th Sunday of Matthew

TODAY AT ST. JOHN

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

Memorial: George Fronimos 40 Days

❖ Festival of St. Panteleimon @Lexington

Orthros 9:30 am ~ Divine Liturgy 10:30am

Followed by their annual Festival

Mark your Calendars

July 27 ~ Feast Day of St. Panteleimon @ Lexington

Orthros 9:30 am ~ Divine Liturgy 10:30am

August 17 ~ St. John Golf Outing

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NEWS

As you all know St. John has updated both our website and our online credit card processing system for stewardship and donations.

Please note that our current recurring online stewardship **service has been discontinued** since July 20, 2026. We kindly ask you to set up your recurring donation on our new system.

To do so, please visit www.stjohngoc.net/give and click the "DONATE NOW" button. From there, you can create your account and set up your recurring stewardship donations in the new system.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our church!

If you have any questions or need assistance with the transition, please contact the church office at 586-799-6080.

Epistle Lesson

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4 Psalm 67.35,26
God is wonderful among his saints. Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves



to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Gospel Lesson

The Gospel According to Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

July 27th ~ Feast Day of St. Panteleimon (The All-Merciful)

One of the four Evangelists of the New Testament, St. Luke, was known as the "glorious physician." The Saint whom we honor today was also a "glorious Physician," having practiced his noble profession in the ancient and famous city of Nicomedia, Asia Minor. St. Panteleimon was born in the year 275 A.D. and was a handsome lad. His father was an intellectual and a scholar. He was also a pagan who did not believe in the new Christian Faith. His mother was a saintly woman who had become a devout Christian at an early age. St. Panteleimon studied medicine under the most famous physician in the empire, Euphrosinos. For years Panteleimon worked and studied at the side of Euphrosinos. He soon became equally as talented as his teacher. He loved his chosen profession. He was the envy of all other physicians, admired by everyone. The Emperor Maximinian was also fond of Panteleimon and followed his amazing career in the field of medicine. Panteleimon spent many hours each day in the Emperor's court. His reputation as a skilled physician quickly spread throughout the empire.



As you Panteleimon left his home each morning to go about his appointed rounds, he was observed by a pious old man by the name of Ermolaos, who lived just across the street. Ermolaos was one of the most devoted Christians of the Church. He remained in hiding since the purge against the Christians was resumed under the cruel hand of Emperor Maximinian. Ermolaos approached Panteleimon one day and invited him into his sanctuary, where he told him about, he is meaning of Christianity. Panteleimon soon became a devout Christian and was baptized by Ermolaos. Panteleimon became known as the "great healer" and worked many miracles by invoking the name of Jesus Christ upon those who came in search of assistance. He soon persuaded his father to abandon his beliefs in pagan gods, and both were united by the love of Christ.

The Emperor soon learned of Panteleimon's Christian Faith and quickly demanded that he swear allegiance to the pagan gods. When Panteleimon refused to abandon his faith, the Emperor ordered that he be tortured until he gave up Christ. The tortures that the young physician underwent were among the worst suffered by a human being. Just to mention a few, he was stretched across a pole and burned by soldiers holding lighted candles to his bare skin. He was cast into pits of fire and thrown into a den of ferocious beasts. Yet he escaped unharmed, and word spread that Panteleimon could not be killed. The Emperor, believing that the young physician was under a spell of witchcraft, ordered a huge stone tied about his waist and then he was tossed into the river. The stone floated, together with Panteleimon, and many hundreds of soldiers watching from the banks of the river accepted Christ. Panteleimon was then subjected to the henchman's axe. The soldiers refused to take part in the execution, and it was only upon the insistence of Panteleimon that they carried out the Emperor's orders. As the axe fell, a voice was heard from heaven saying, "well done Panteleimon (the all-merciful one)." As the head of Panteleimon fell, tradition tells us that milk flowed for the saintly body of Panteleimon rather than blood. He suffered martyrdom on July 27, 304 A.D.

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Other Donations						

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12:30 PM SHOTGUN START

\$250 PER PLAYER ENTRY FEE

INCLUDED IN THE PLAYER ENTRY FEE

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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**

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**A bin will be located outside the chapel for our
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St. John Greek Orthodox Church

11455 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Any size will be accepted boys and girl

For questions: mktangalos@gmail.com





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.

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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

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III

THE DEMAND

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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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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

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