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CONCEPTION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Epistle: Galatians 4:22-27
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Tone: Eight

St. John The Baptist

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

BRETHREN, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Deeb, Carter and Olszewski Families.

The Deeb, Carter, and Olszewski families offer the coffee hour refreshments today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See

Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our **Bergen Street Fest** was held last Saturday and Sunday. We thank God for the wonderful parishioners and friends who came out to work at the many jobs such an endeavor includes. We especially thank the Co-Chairs, Brian Scarpa and George Tewfik, who lead us for these past weeks and months. May God bless them and those parishioners who worked so diligently for this, our second Bergen Street Fest. **MANY YEARS!**
2. Our Church School will celebrate "Unity Day" today, as we participate in our second Sunday of learning the Orthodox Faith.
3. **PARENTS:** please register our children for the new academic year by speaking with Nike Bach, Pam Scarpa or Ghiath Abdallah as soon as possible.
4. **September 12th, Wednesday**, the **Parish Council** will meet at 7:30 PM SHARP in the Jabara Media Room.
5. **Change of Dates: Mark your calendar from now.** Our **International Festival** is **November 2,3,4 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)** and we need everyone's help to get the word out! Please post flyers or posters in local businesses and give the postcards to your friends and neighbors. (If you plan to mail a postcard, please add a stamp - the permit is only for bulk mail). Materials are available in the Church Hall every Sunday.
6. OCTOBER is **TEEN SOYO YOUTH MONTH**. Look for their increased activity in the Liturgy. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TEENS!
7. **Orthodox Education Day** at St. Vladimir's Seminary, October 6th, celebrating its 50th year. Hierarchical Liturgy at the Seminary begins at 10:00 AM.
8. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**, is the beginning of our annual **Canned Food Drive**. **Please be generous!**
9. **Baking Schedule:** thank you to all that helped bake on Thursday. Please lend a hand if you can. This week we will work on **Wednesday, September 26th**, by preparing the MAMOUL dough, nuts and dates for baking. We will prepare and bake the MAMOUL on **Friday, September 28th**. Both sessions begin at 10:00 AM. Please come and help. No experience is necessary.
10. The deadline for the November/December edition of *Desert News* is October 1. Do you have a new baby (or grand baby) in the family? Was there a wedding? Other milestone news? Do you have Parish organization news (or photos) to share? Please send your info to cbogris@aol.com by October 1.

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers." (Acts 20:28)