

## From the Fathers (and others):

Let no one out of laziness or continuous worldly occupations miss these holy Sunday gatherings, which God Himself handed down to us, lest he be justly abandoned by God... If you are detained and do not attend on one occasion, make up for it the next time, bringing yourself to Christ's Church. Otherwise you may remain uncured, suffering from unbelief in your soul because of deeds or words, and failing to approach Christ's surgery to receive... holy healing.

St. Gregory Palamas

The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts.

St. John Chrysostom

A friend is more to be longed for than the light; I speak of a genuine one. And wonder not: for it were better for us that the sun should be extinguished, than that we should be deprived of friends; better to live in darkness, than to be without friends.

St. John Chrysostom

He who is at peace with himself and at peace with his neighbor is at peace with God. Such a person is filled with holiness, because God Himself abides in him.

St. Nectarios

Before temptation has the opportunity to draw the tempting thought into your mind, destroy it with prayer. Don't let it be!

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

Your children will always be sufficiently wealthy if they receive from you a good upbringing that is able to order their moral life and behavior.

St. John Chrysostom

The mind feeds the soul, and whatever good or bad thing it sees or hears it passes on to the heart, which is the center of the spiritual and physical powers of man.

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ January 14, 2018 ~*  
*Leave-Taking of Theophany*

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*Associate Pastor*

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*Assistant Pastor*

**V. Rev. Fr. Donald Berge**

*Attached*

**GREAT VESPERS**  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

**ORTHROS and CHURCH SCHOOL**  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**DIVINE LITURGY**  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*  
*"...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!"*  
*Acts 11:26*

## Leave-taking of Theophany

**Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17**

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Judy Terry**.

Welcome to all those visiting St. John Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

If you are from a non-Orthodox background you may see new things such as icons, incense, the sign of the cross, the veneration of saints, and a great deal of standing. These can be perplexing to the uninitiated eye. Rest assured that everything we do has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please feel free to participate where you feel comfortable, and feel equally as free only to observe when you prefer.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practice of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* The Holy Eucharist is reserved for those members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All visitors and unprepared Orthodox are invited to partake of the blessed bread as they come forward to venerate the cross at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you for your understanding.

## ST. JOHN CALENDAR

**January 14 - 21 (Wed & Fri. Fast)**

**Sunday** -Teen Group  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Crosstown  
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., The Divine Liturgy – Part 4  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.,  
-Teaching, 6:15 p.m., Salvation – An Orthodox Perspective  
-Small Compline, 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Men's Quarterly Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday** - First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** -Ninth Hour & Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
**Sunday** -**Orthros and Church School, 9:00 a.m.**  
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**  
-AWSJ Business Meeting, coffee hour

### DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.**

|                |                                    |         |             |
|----------------|------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| PRIEST:        | Fr. Philip                         | HOMILY: | Fr. Philip  |
| READER:        | Rod Ratliff                        | USHER:  | Aaron White |
| HOLY BREAD:    | Anna Pashchinskaya                 |         |             |
| ALTAR SERVERS: | Pavel, Max, Brody, Paul, volunteer |         |             |

### Memorials Today

Sue Ingram, 2 years

### Clergy Out of Town Dates

January 16: Fr. Philip - Camp St. Raphael Winter Camp  
January 25-27: Fr. Philip & Fr. Alex - Delegate's Meeting in Atlanta

## COMMEMORATIONS

**January 14:** The holy fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu; Virgin-martyr Agnes; Venerable Theodoulos and Neilos of Sinai; Nina, equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of Georgia.

**January 15:** Venerable Paul of Thebes and John the hut-dweller; Venerable-martyr Pansophios of Alexandria; Venerable Gabriel of Lesnovo.

**January 16:** The veneration of the precious chains of the Apostle Peter; Peusippos and Neonilla, and the martyrs of Cappadocia; Hieromartyr Damaskinos of Hilandar monastery on Athos; Honoratos, archbishop of Arles and founder of Lerins Monastery; Romil of Ravanica.

**January 17:** Venerable Anthony the Great; Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; New-martyr George of Ioannina.

**January 18:** Athanasios and Cyril, patriarchs of Alexandria; Martyr Theodoulis; Maximos, Serbian despot.

**January 19:** Venerable Makarios the Great; Arsenios, bishop of Kerkyra; Venerable Mark Eugenikos, metropolitan of Ephesos, pillar of Orthodoxy.

**January 20:** Venerable Eutymios the Great; New-martyr Zachariah of Moreah.

**January 21:** Venerable Maximos the Confessor, Zosimos and Neophytos; Virgin-martyr Agnes of Rome; Venerable Maxim the Greek.



| <b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b> |               |                  | <b>January 14 - 21</b> |          |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Sunday                          | Ephesians     | 4:7-13           | John                   | 1:29-34  |
| Monday                          | Galatians     | 5:22 – 26; 6:1-2 | Luke                   | 12:32-40 |
| Tuesday                         | Acts          | 12:1-11          | John                   | 21:14-25 |
| Wednesday                       | Hebrews       | 13:17-21         | Luke                   | 6:17-23  |
| Thursday                        | Hebrews       | 13:7-16          | Matt                   | 5:14-19  |
| Friday                          | Galatians     | 5:22-26; 6:1-2   | Matt                   | 22:35-46 |
| Saturday                        | 2 Corinthians | 4:16-15          | Luke                   | 6:17-23  |
| Sunday                          | 1 Timothy     | 4:9-15           | Luke                   | 19:1-10  |



**Pray for our catechumens: Memphis** – Kendall Ichniowski.

**Please remember in your prayers** - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Charles Ingram, Ted Greathouse (Shelley Snowden’s father), Allen Sudduth (Paul’s father), Janet Berry, Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe’s grandmother), Janine Smith (pregnant), Chelsea Yadron (pregnant), Heather Hetrick (pregnant), Julie Hight (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas’ family), Dot Lawson (Pam Bowick’s mother & Lawson’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Glenda Brooks, Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman’s granddaughter), Maria Bellaflora, Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



## ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



**Pre-Lenten Retreat!** February 9-10, Paul Finely, Executive Director of St. Herman House in Cleveland, OH will be offering a lively retreat on the Beatitudes. All are welcome to attend and be encouraged as we prepare for Great Lent!

### **Parish Council Update**

The council met on Tuesday and discussed different property management companies for the new property. No decision was made just yet. The council also discussed the end of year finances and the upcoming dinner and a show. For the minutes and financial statements, see the folder downstairs.

**Theophany House Blessings** – Be sure to sign up in the parish hall for the times and days which are most convenient for your family to have your home blessed by one of the priests.

**Dinner & a Show** – See insert for information regarding the AWSJ annual fundraiser including ways in which you can participate!

**Online Sign Ups for Coffee Hour and Wednesday Night Meals** are now available on the website under the Parish tab. There are many slots still available!

**Men’s Quarterly Dinner** – The men will meet for dinner at Central BBQ on Summer Ave. on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome!

**Lost and Found** – There is now a box in the back of the old parish hall containing Lost & Found items. If you are missing something, check the box!

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### **Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays**

- Sunday, 1/14:** Isabelle Mansour, Manar Shleweet  
Anniversary: John & Lisa Curry
- Wednesday, 1/17:** Dashiell Ortwein  
*St. Anthony the Great: Nawar Mansour, Charles Ingram*
- Thursday, 1/18:** Clare Freeman, Cindy Karnaghan, Zach White
- Friday, 1/19:** Mary Clark, Luke Heisig  
*St. Macarius: Mickey Hodges*
- Saturday, 1/20:** Ella White

