

From the Fathers (and others):

Flee from the bad thoughts as from a fire. Don't take notice of them at all, so they can't take root in you; and don't despair, for God is great and forgives sinners. When you err, repent and force yourself not to repeat the offense.

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

A wife should respect her husband even when he shows her no love, and a husband should love his wife even when she shows him no respect.

St. John Chrysostom

All things here on this earth, all that is good and also all that is not, everything comes from our thoughts. Our thoughts determine our whole life. If our thoughts are destructive, we will have no peace. If they are quite, meek and simple, our life will be the same, and we will have peace within us. It will radiate from us and influence all beings around us -- rational beings, animals and even plants. Such is our 'thoughts apparatus', which emits thoughts with which we influence all other beings. And everyone expects peace, consolation, love and respect from us.

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

Christianity proclaims that Christ died for the life of the world, and not for an "eternal rest" from it.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

If someone wanted to live with me, he would hear my prayers and sighs and would see the tears I shed for all my brethren. All night I pray and shout, "Lord, save all my brethren, or else blot me out as well! I don't want Paradise if I am on my own! "

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

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Zaccheus Sunday*

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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

Zaccheus Sunday

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Anna Pashchinskaya**.

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 21 - 28 (Wed & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -AWSJ Business Meeting, coffee hour
-Teen Group, 5:00 p.m., movie night
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Crosstown
- 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.
-Chanter Workshop, 6:00 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.

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, January 28, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. Basil	HOMILY:	Fr. Basil
READER:	Jack Turner	USHER:	Ervin Romero
HOLY BREAD:	Harvey family		
ALTAR SERVERS:	James, Nick, Elijah, Eli, Gabe		
COFFEE HOUR:	Thea Wallace, Justin Bowles		

Memorial Today

Sue Ingram, 2 years

Clergy Out of Town Dates

January 25-27: Fr. Philip & Fr. Alex - Delegate's Meeting in Atlanta

COMMEMORATIONS

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

January 22: Apostle Timothy; Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian; Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete.

January 23: Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Agathangelos; Paulinos, bishop of Nola.

January 24: Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily; Venerable Xenia the merciful of Rome; Venerable Philonos, bishop of Karpason; Venerable Neophytos the recluse of Cyprus; Venerable Dionysios of Olympos, abbot of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Hieromartyr Felician, bishop of Folingio in Umbria, Italy; Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, fool-for-Christ.

January 25: Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Demetrios; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople.

January 26: Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John, of Constantinople; translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite.

January 27: The translation of the relics of John Chrysostom; Marciana the empress; New-martyr Demetrios of Constantinople; Venerable Clement.

January 28: Venerable Ephraim the Syrian; Venerable Palladios of Antioch; Martyr Charita; Venerable Theodosios of Totma; Isaac the Syrian, bishop of Ninevah.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

			January 21-28
Sunday	1 Timothy	4:9-15	Luke 19:1-10
Monday	2 Timothy	1:3-8	Matt 10:32-33; 27-38; 19:27-30
Tuesday	Philippians	3:20-21; 4:1-3	Mark 2:23-28; 4:1-3
Wednesday	Galatians	5:22-26; 6:1-2	Mark 12:28-37
Thursday	Hebrews	7:26-28; 8:1-2	John 10:9-16
Friday	2 Peter	1:1-10	Mark 13:1-8
Saturday	Hebrews	7:26-28; 8:1-2	John 10:9-16
Sunday	2 Timothy	3:10-15	Luke 18:10-14

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 Bellaflores, 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!

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. They will call you to set a specific day and time for your blessing.

Dinner & a Show – See flyer 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!

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!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 1/21:** Mike Hill
Maximos the Confessor: John Sneed, Max Mendenhall, Ervin Romero, Max Wallace
- Monday, 1/22:** *Apostle Timothy: Dn. Tim, Tim Elliott*
- Wednesday, 1/24:** Dn. Tim
- Friday, 1/26:** Anniversary: Fr. John & Kh. Pamela
- Saturday, 1/27:** William Maas, Aleksander Klimkowski

Master Plan updates

St Raphael Hall – Efforts are being made to continue to work on the sound in the hall. An outside company is stepping in to do tests and make recommendations for how to help. Stay tuned in the new year for a comprehensive plan!

A NEW PROJECT – Thanks for your comments, questions and the vote last week. Lord willing, we will soon receive the approval from Metropolitan JOSEPH and close around January 25. May God continue to provide wisdom and discernment as we move forward!

Fund raising – Our final debt amount for the new construction is \$775,000. Thank you for all of your help! Any additional contributions to the mortgage are appreciated!

Women of St. John Calendar

- Jan. 21** **Business Meeting** - Lots to discuss & exciting things ahead...Come join us!
- Feb. 2** **Dinner & a Show** – see insert for details
- Feb. 3** **AWSJ Shower honoring Heather Hetrick**, 10:00 a.m., Claire van Drimmelen's home
- Feb. 5** **AWSJ Book Club** – *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- Feb. 8** **Women's Teaching** - 10:00 a.m.,

Library Lines

St. Maximus the Confessor (1/21) began his career in politics but resigned his position to serve the Church. Although the Fourth Ecumenical Council had condemned the monophysite heresy, he devoted himself to speaking against this falsehood which raged for many years. This story is recorded in *The Disputation with Pyrrhus of our Father Among the Saints Maximos the Confessor* (PAT/MAX) which defends the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. His defense of the Church angered the heretic emperor who imprisoned the saint and ordered his tongue and right hand severed. He was exiled to Sythia and died there in 662 A.D. His works include explanations of difficult passages of Scripture, commentaries on the Lord's Prayer and the Psalms, and treatises on St. Dionysius the Areopagite and St. Gregory the Theologian. See also St. John Library's *On the Cosmic Mystery of Jesus Christ* (PAT MAX) by St. Maximos and *Maximos the Confessor* by Andrew Louth (PAT MAX).

Sometimes saints capture our attention simply because of their unusual names. Wednesday, we honor two Xenias (1/24). Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg was widowed in her mid-twenties. She was considered a fool for Christ, partially because she dressed like her deceased husband and asked to be called by his name. She gave her inheritance away and roamed the poor sections of the city. She spent her nights praying in a field outside of town and brought bricks to a new church being built near the Smolensk cemetery. She foresaw events and loved to visit homes with children. Her intercessions are asked for those who are ill and for people seeking jobs. After you pray before her icon in our nave, visit the library and see *The Life and Miracles of Blessed Xenia* (HAG XEN HTM), *Recently Orthodox*

Canonized Saints (HAG - - - DEV), and "Our Blessed Mother Xenia" in *The Handmaiden*, fall 1997, p. 31.

St. Xenia of Rome left her family home with her two devoted servants to escape an arranged marriage. She founded a women's monastery and comforted the poor and bereaved. Her mentor was St. Euthymius (1/20). At her death in the 5th century, a shining wreath of stars surrounding a cross appeared and remained until her burial. Her relics brought healing to many.

Thursday, we commemorate St. Xenophon and his wife Maria and sons (1/26). They were fifth century, pious parents who sent their children to Beirut for schooling. The boys were shipwrecked and washed ashore at different places. They were presumed dead by their parents and independently became monks. Years later, Xenophon and Maria learned their sons had survived and joined them in the monastic life.

PERIODICALLY SPEAKING

You don't have to be around here too long before you begin to hear or read about the Optina Elders. Just who are these men and what is Optina? Optina Monastery, south of Moscow, renewed the hesychastic tradition in 18th century Russia. Enrich your life by uncovering the lives and wisdom of these men in:

The Orthodox Word # 117 Jul-Aug 1984 pp. 148 & 156
122 May-Jun 1985 pp. 125 & 129
267 Jul-Aug 2009 pp. 157 & 199
290 May-Jun 2013 pp. 105
Road to Emmaus # 44 winter 2011 p. 3.

St. John Library also offers books about and by **Elders Anatoly(1/25)**, Nektary (4/29), Anthony(8/7), Barsanuphius (4/1), Joseph(5/9), Leonid(10/11), Macarius (9/7), and Moses(6/16). Check out *Living Without Hypocrisy* (PAT - - - OPT) where you will find their spiritual counsels arranged by subject. You can look up their names in the library's subject catalog to find books about each of them.

REGULAR ALMS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Birthright ☩ St. John Alms Fund ☩ St. Brigid Food Pantry ☩ St. John Camping Fund ☩
☩ Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Mission Fund ☩ Michael & Abigail Bittle Fund