

From the Fathers (and others):

"The soul of a humble man is like the sea: throw a stone into the sea--for a moment it will ruffle the surface a little, and then sink to the bottom. Thus do afflictions disappear down into the heart of the humble man, because the strength of the Lord is with him."

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

"The Lord wants us to love each other; this is the essence of freedom — love for God and for your neighbor. This is both freedom and equality. But in earthly titles there can be no equality; this is of no concern to the soul, however. Not everyone can be a king or a prince; not everyone can be a patriarch or an abbot, or a leader, but no matter what your title you can love God and serve Him, and that is all that matters. And whoever loves God more on earth shall be in greater glory in the Kingdom."

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

First of all, you must learn to sit with yourself and face boredom. Once you learn not to fidget, you can do anything.

Metropolitan ANTHONY Bloom

The patient endurance of the saints exhausts the evil power that attacks them, since it makes them glory in sufferings undergone for the sake of the truth. It teaches those too much concerned with a life in the flesh to deepen themselves through such sufferings instead of pursuing ease and comfort; and it makes the flesh's natural weakness in the endurance of suffering a foundation for overwhelming spiritual power. For the natural weakness of the saints is precisely such a foundation, since the Lord has made their weakness stronger than the proud devil.

St. Maximos the Confessor

David's Lord was made David's Son, and from the fruit of the promised branch sprang One without fault, the two-fold nature coming together in one Person, that by one and the same conception and birth might spring our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whom was present both true Godhead for the performance of mighty works and true Manhood for the endurance of sufferings.

St. Leo the Great

St. John Orthodox Church



*~ October 1, 2017 ~
17th Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Reem Mansour**.

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

October 1 – 8 (Wed & Fri Fast)

- Sunday** -Teen Group, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-AWSJ Book Club
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., Sanctification of Time
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
-Work Day, 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
-Atrium, Level 1 & 2, 6:15 – 7:00 p.m.
-Supplication to St. Raphael, 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 and Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
Sunday -Orthros, 9:00 a.m.
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip HOMILY: Fr. Philip
READER: Matt Spinolo USHER: Bill Harter
HOLY BREAD: Stephanie Harants
ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Nick, Elijah, Eli, Gabe
COFFEE HOUR: Margaret McKelroy, Anne Katherine Vanlandingham

TODAY:

Removal of Crowns for Ben and Leah Shull

COMMEMORATIONS

Oct. 8: Venerable Pelagia the penitent; Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Antioch; Martyr Taisia of Egypt; Hieromartyr Artemon; Venerable-martyr Ignatios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable Philotheos, patriarch of Constantinople; Martyr Ignatios of Bulgaria.

Oct. 9: Apostle James, son of Alpheos; Venerable Andronikos and Athanasia of Egypt; Venerable Poplia the confessor of Antioch; Righteous Forefather Abraham and his nephew the Righteous Lot; Stephen the Younger, king of Serbia; Dionysios, bishop of Paris.

Oct. 10: Martyrs Eulampios and Eulampia at Nicomedia; Venerable Theophilos the confessor of Bulgaria; Venerable Ambrose of Optina.

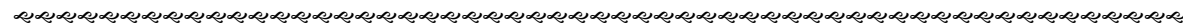
Oct. 11: Apostle Philip, the deacon, of the Seventy; Venerable Theophanes the branded; Nektarios, Arsakios, Philotheos and Sisinius, patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Jonah.

Oct. 12: Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Cosmas the hymnographer, bishop of Maiuma.

Oct. 13: Marytrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros, and Agathonika at Pergamos; Martyr Benjamin the deacon; Martyr Florentios of Thesalonika; New Virgin-martyr Chrissa (Zlata) of Meglin in Bulgaria.

Oct. 14: Martyrs Nazarios, Gervase, Protase and Kelsos of Milan; Venerable Kosmas and Nicholas; Venerable Paraskeva of Epivat; Ignatios the wonder-worker, archbishop of Methymna; Venerable Nicholas Sviatosha, prince of Chernigov and wonder-worker of the Kiev Caves.

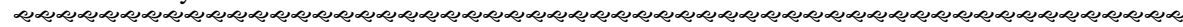
Oct. 15: Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos; Savvinos, bishop of Catania; Venerable Varsos.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 1 - 8

Sunday	2 Corinthians	6:16-18, 7:1	Luke	6:31-36
Monday	1 Timothy	1:12-17	John	10:9-16
Tuesday	Acts	17:16-34	Matt	13:44-54
Wednesday	Ephesians	5:25-33	Luke	6:46-49; 7:1
Thursday	Ephesians	5:33, 6:1-9	Luke	7:17-30
Friday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	John	20:19-31
Saturday	Hebrews	11:33-40; 12:1-2	Luke	5:27-42
Sunday	2 Corinthians	9:6-11	Luke	7:11-16



Pray for our catechumens: Memphis –Justin Bowles, Lucas Whatley, Tom Ashworth, Allie Helms, Jon Mark and Heather Hetrick, Ian Curry, John Curry, Jamie Escue, Marissa Kizer and 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), Lawrence Elliott (pregnant), Janine Smith (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas’ family), Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick’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



Sons of Thunder will meet next on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 6:00PM at the Hodges home. We will be discussing four books: Animal Farm, Brave New World, Nineteen Eighty-Four, and Fahrenheit 451. Read one or more.

Parking – It has come to our attention that there are those in the neighborhood who are upset that we currently use the green-space across the street from the church for parking. As we continue to attempt to be good neighbors, the parish council recently decided to ask the community to refrain from parking on that space. Our security guard will continue to use that location in order to have a good view of the majority of the property. However, we do ask that no one else park on that space. I am truly sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. Thank you for your understanding!

“Orthodoxy and Evangelism” – Fr. Chad Hatfield will be speaking on “Orthodoxy & Evangelism” at St. George (formerly St. Seraphim) in Bartlett on October 16. Vespers will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. with Fr. Chad’s talk beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Master Plan Updates

Progress on the St Raphael Hall – The big day is almost here!!! There have been many crews here throughout this week working on many areas of the project. The irrigation has been put in, the guardrails are up, the ice machine and dishwasher have been installed! Lord willing, the floors will be receiving their final polish and we will be able to move our tables and chairs into place on Wednesday night! Thank God for his many mercies leading us to this point. May the Lord bless and guide us as we finish this important project!

Fund raising – Thank you for your help thus far!! We have begun drawing on the loan to complete the project. If you would like to help with our monthly commitment to the loan, please let Fr. Philip know.

SIGN UP!

Online sign-ups are available on our website, stjohnmemphis.org, under parish – online sign ups.

- 30th Anniversary & Hierarchal Visit
- Mercy Meals
- Wednesday Meal Pick Up (or cooking)
- Coffee Hour

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 10/1:** Don Sanderlin, Kathryn McWhorter
Anniversary: Don & Crystal Eastman
- Monday, 10/2:** Anniversary: Justin & Anne Katherine Vanlandingham
- Wednesday, 10/4:** Fran Tylavsky, Regina Fahhoun, Beth Autrey
- Thursday, 10/5:** Cailyn Ratliff, Lawson Bowick, Patty Harants
- Friday, 10/6:** Fr. Basil
St. Innocent: Dn. Sidney, Gavin van Drimmelen, Don Sanderlin
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New Wednesday Evening Schedule Begins October 4!

- 5:30 p.m. Parish Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Teaching
- Adults – parish hall
 - CGS Atria – open to existing atria children in both levels
 - Youth - tbd
- 7:00 p.m. Small Compline
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Upcoming Teaching Topics: October 4 – Workday October 11 – “What is the Church?”

Women of St. John AWSJ Calendar

- Oct. 2** AWSJ Book Club will be discussing *A City of Bells* by Elizabeth Goudge,
7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home
- Oct. 5** Women’s Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Judy Terry’s home

Library Lines

Newest titles at St. John Library:

- *Church, World, Mission: Reflections on Orthodoxy in the West* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (CAT GEN SCH) Fr. Schmemmann’s 20th century view of the future of the Church in America.
- *Father George Calciu: Interviews, Homilies, and Talks* (BIO CAL STH) The life and spiritual direction of one of Romania’s 20th century survivors of Communist prison camps.

We often don’t associate miracles with music, but they came together in the life of St. Romanos(10/1). The simple monk possessed a voice unfit for singing or reading in church and was made fun of by those around him. The Theotokos appeared to him and told him to eat a scroll she carried in her hand. His voice then offered beautiful praise to God. St. Romanos the Melodist composed nearly 1000 hymns before his repose. In fact, one of our favorite Nativity hymns, "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One" was composed by him. Look for his story in *Poets and Hymnographers of the Church* (HAG - - -TAR), in *Grandmother’s Spiritual Stories* (KID STS HRO), in *Orthodox Saints*, October-December (HAG - - - POU), and in *Sweet Song: a Story of Saint Romanos the Melodist* (KID STS ROM).

Sts. Cyprian and Justina(10/2) endured spells and powerful black magic. Cyprian was a sorcerer and used his power to help a young, pagan man to court the pious Justina. She rebuffed him, and Cyprian turned the suitor into a large, black bird so he could fly into her room. Next, he conjured up demons to trick her. St.Cyprian saw the futility of his tricks, repented and struggled to live a life of virtue. They were both eventually martyred and are intercessors for the faithful against the powers of darkness. See their stories in *A Child’s Paradise of Saints* (KID/MCL).

Tuesday we commemorate St. Dionysius the Areopagite (10/3), a scholar who first knew of Christ in Athens by seeing the sun darkened from His death at the Crucifixion. He became a Christian and traveled with St. Paul for three years. He was also blessed to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos in 57 A.D. Only some of his letter and four of his books are known to us today: *On the Celestial Hierarchy*, *On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*, *On the Names of God*, and *On Mystical Theology*. The OCA website tells us that, according to the saint, the first two tell us that the ranks of angels and humanity exist in a "spiritual light-bearing hierarchy." *On the Names of God* tells us of knowledge of God through a progression of Divine Names. *On Mystical Theology* shows us the theology of our Faith comes to us through "experience of divine knowledge" by drawing close to God with a pure heart in pure prayer. Read these books and more about his life in *Pseudo-Dionysius: the Complete Works* (PAT DIO LUI).

Friday we honor St. Thomas (10/6) who is remembered by the world as a doubter. Sometimes even we forget that after Jesus was threatened in Judea and he then asked his disciples to accompany Him there to raise Lazarus, St. Thomas said, “Then let us also go that we may die with Him.” The Church praises Thomas for his honest doubt after the Resurrection because it led to a life driven by belief. St. John Chrysostom, in comparing him to the other apostles, says he “toiled through the grace of God more...zealously than them all as he ended up preaching in most of the known earth.” He was martyred in India. Read more about him in *Orthodox Saints*(HAG - - - POU), October-December, in *Stories of Saints from the Prologue* (KID STS MAN), *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR) and in *The Lives of the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - HOL).

St. Innocent (1797-1879) is known as an Apostle to the Americas. He was born in one of the largest cities in Siberia. He labored for 45 years working in severe weather and harsh conditions in Alaska. His efforts in composing an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and in studying the geography of his new homeland were instrumental in his baptizing thousands of people and building numerous churches and schools. Read more about him in *From Earth to Heaven* (HAG INN WER) and in *Saint Innocent of Alaska: Apostle and Missionary* (KID STS INN). His most famous book, which is in our library and bookstore, is *The Indication of the Way in to Kingdom of Heaven* (PAT INN). He is commemorated on the day of his repose (3/31) and the day of his glorification (10/6).