

St. John Orthodox Church



~ October 30, 2016 ~
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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V. Rev. Fr. Basil Cushman
Associate Pastor

Rev. Fr. Alexander Mackoul
Assistant Pastor

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

October 30, 2016 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Sarah Hodges**.

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

Oct. 30 – Nov. 6 (Wed. & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -Teen Group, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Monday - First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's
-Catechumen/Inquirers class, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Parish Meal following
-NO Wednesday Teaching
-Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela's home
-AWSJ Secret Sister Potluck, 6:30 p.m., Sh. Corinne's home
-Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Friday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
- Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
-Great Vespers for St. Raphael, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday -**Divine Liturgy for St. Raphael, 9:00 a.m.**
-Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
Sunday -**Orthros, 8:45 a.m.**
-**Church School, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**
-Parish Meeting during Coffee Hour

DIVINE LITURGY – St. Raphael of Brooklyn Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Alex **HOMILY:** Fr. Alex
READER:
HOLY BREAD: Kh. Pamela
COFFEE HOUR: Mitch & Sandy Childress,

DIVINE LITURGY Sunday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Basil **HOMILY:** Fr. Basil
READER: Rod Ratliff **USHER:** John Sneed
HOLY BREAD: Reem Mansour
ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Trent, Max, Eli, Nicholas, Thomas
COFFEE HOUR: Margaret McKelroy, Joel & Sarah Finley

COMMEMORATIONS

Oct. 30: Martyrs Zenobios, bishop of Aegae, and his sister Zenobia in Cilicia; Apostles Cleopas and Artemas of the Seventy; Venerable Joseph and Kyriakos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Therapont and John the wonder-workers; Milutin, Serbian king.

Oct. 31: Apostles Stachios, Apellos, Amplias, Urban, Aristoboulos and Narcissos of the Seventy; Martyr Epimachos of Alexandria; New-martyr Nicholas of Chios.

Nov. 1: The holy wonder-working unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia and their mother Theodota; Venerable-martyr James and his disciples James the deacon and Dionysios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable David.

Nov. 2: Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphonios, Elpidophoros and Anempodistos of Persia.

Nov. 3: Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aeithalas the deacon of Persia; dedication of the church of the Great-martyr George the trophy-bearer in Lydda; Hieromartyr George of Neapolis.

Nov. 4: Venerable Ioanikios the Great; Hieromartyrs Nicander the bishop of Myra and Hermas the priest; Martyr Porphyrios; Emperor John the merciful.

Nov. 5: Martyrs Galaktion and Epistima of Homs; Apostles Hermas, Linos, Gaios, Patrobas and Philogos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Pamphilos; Jonah, bishop of Novgorod.

Nov. 6: Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Luke of Sicily; Paul the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Nicander; Venerable Barlaam of Khutyn; Herman, bishop of Kazan.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

			October 30 – November 6	
Sunday	2 Corinthians	11:31-12:9	Luke	16:19-31
Monday	Philippians	2:12-16	Luke	11:29-33
Tuesday	1 Corinthians	12:27-13:8	Matthew	10:1, 5-8
Wednesday	Philippians	2:24-30	Luke	11:42-46
Thursday	Ephesians	2:4-10	Luke	11:47-12:1
Friday	Philippians	3:8-19	Luke	12:2-12
Saturday	Hebrews	7:26-8:2	John	10:9-16
Sunday	Galatians	1:11-19	Luke	8:41-56

Pray for our catechumens: Memphis - Ben Arthur; Marshall & Kathryn McWhorter.

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), Janna Knight (pregnant), Angela Leopold (pregnant), Chelsea Yadron (pregnant), Sarah Finley (pregnant), Caitlin Romero (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), Elfreida Drobashevsky, Maria Bellaflores, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Parish Meeting – On Sunday, November 6, we will have a parish meeting to present the final plans and cost for our highly anticipated project. We want to hear from you!! Please, make every effort to attend this meeting and participate in this important step in our community!

Parish Pictures for the bulletin board – It has been some time since we last took parish pictures for the bulletin board downstairs. The bulletin board provides an easy way for newcomers to put faces with names. We have had many marriages, babies and new families since 2010! Trent Terry will be taking pictures each Sunday in October. Weather permitting, the pictures will be taken outside on the west side of the building.

Sons of Thunder men's book club will meet at 6:30 Sunday, November 6th at Dn. James Elliott's home to discuss Christ the Conqueror of Hell by Met. Hilarion Alfeyev. All men are welcome.

Men's Quarterly Dinner – Our next Men's dinner will be Thurs., Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m. at Central BBQ on Summer. It will be the last dinner of the year before the fast begins!

Young Adults – The Young Adults are beginning a Bible Study! Their first gathering will be on Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m. at Muddy's. Fr. Philip will lead the first session on the book of John. Join us!

Thanksgiving Baskets



It is time again to collect for our Thanksgiving Baskets! This year we will be giving large baskets to 3 families for whom we have provided items for many years, as well as handing out special bags to the patrons of St. Brigid's Food Pantry. An online sign up for items needed may be found on SignUp Genius, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aac23a75-thanksgiving3>, the link may also be found on the St. John website, or you may sign up downstairs. No donation is too small or insignificant - do not feel as though you need to provide the entire quantity of an item listed. **Items may be left in the room off the kitchen.**

All contributions should be at the church no later than **Wednesday, November 16** at which time an inventory will be taken and those items still needed will be purchased. If you would rather make a monetary donation you may do so by indicating "Thanksgiving Baskets" on your check.

teen group

TODAY: Meeting at church, 5– 7

NEXT WEEK, Oct. 30: Meeting at church, 5– 7

COMING UP: November 18-19, Deanery Lock-In

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN

Baptism

November 5:

Luna Marie Sumner

Memorials

TODAY:

Helen Luttrell, 19 years;

Margaret Layman, 4 years

Chrismation

November 13:

Marshall and Kathryn McWhorter

Services

Nov. 4: Vespers for St. Raphael, 6 p.m.

Nov. 5: Liturgy for St. Raphael, 9 a.m.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 10/30:

Kim Boone

St. Zenobias: Sarah Hodges

Tuesday, 11/1:

Sh. Margaret McKelroy

Anniversary: Michael & Joyce Grossman

Wednesday, 11/2:

Anniversary: Jared & Courtney Hammill

Thursday, 11/3:

Kh. Martha Berge, Emmelia Sanderlin

Friday, 11/4:

Zeke Yarbro

Anniversary: Ben & Julie Hight

Saturday, 11/5:

St. Raphael of Brooklyn: Mitch Childress, Jonathan Koplín

Women of St. John ~ AWSJ

Nov. 3

~Women's Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela's home

~Secret Sister Reveal Potluck – All are invited! 6:30 p.m. at

Sh. Corinne Elliott's home.

Nov. 11-12

~AWSJ Retreat

Nov. 14

~Book Club, 7:00 p.m., *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, Sarah Hodges' home.

Master Plan Updates

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc. – Next week at our parish meeting, we will have new visuals of our pending new building! We are getting closer and closer to being able to break ground!!

Fund raising – Thank you for your continued support! The total cost of our project is higher than anticipated. If you would like to support the new building let us know. There will be additional pledge cards at the parish meeting.

From the Fathers (and others):

The lips and the heart that give thanks to God in any trial or temptation receive His blessing and Divine grace.

Elder Justin Parvu of Romania

Humility is constant forgetfulness of one's achievements.

John Climacus

When we are compelled by our conscience to accomplish all the commandments of God, then we shall understand that the law of the Lord is faultless (cf. Ps. 19:8 LXX). It is performed through our good actions, but cannot be perfected by men without God's mercy.

St. Mark the Ascetic

Take care that you do not make fasting to consist only in abstinence from food. True fasting is to refrain from vice.

St Basil the Great

Our life and our death is with our neighbor. If we gain our brother, we have gained God, but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ.

St. Antony the Great

Every other evil is easier to conquer than pleasure, for all other evils are repulsive – while the evil of pleasure is attractive. He who frees himself from desires, frees himself from fear, for fear arises from desire.

St. Cyprian

"Prayer revives the Divine breath which God breathed into Adam's nostrils."

Father Sophrony

He who wishes to inherit the kingdom of heaven, yet does not patiently endure what befalls him, shows himself ungrateful. For he was created by God's grace, has received all things in this world, awaits what is to come, and has been called to reign with Christ eternally, who has honored him, in spite of his nothingness, with such great gifts, visible and invisible, to the extent even of shedding His most precious blood for him, not asking anything from him at all except that he should choose to receive His blessings.

St. Peter of Damaskos