

From the Fathers (and others):

He who has not yet attained divine knowledge energized by love is proud of his spiritual progress. But he who has been granted such knowledge repeats with deep conviction the words uttered by the patriarch Abraham when he was granted the manifestation of God: 'I am dust and ashes' (Gen. 18:27).

St. Maximos the Confessor

If you love meekness, you will see peace within your soul. And if you become worthy to acquire peace, you will rejoice in any trial.

Elder Justin Parvu of Romania

True hope seeks only the Kingdom of God, and is convinced that all earthly things necessary for this life in time will without doubt be given... The heart cannot have peace until it acquires this hope.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

"When we want to ask things for other people, we should ask for them secretly, with prayer which is in secret and does not appear outwardly. Worry and distraction do not help prayer. Forget about phone calls, communications and long conversations with people. If the Lord doesn't assist, what will our own efforts achieve? So what is required is prayer, prayer with love. It is preferable for us to help people from a distance with prayer. In that way we help them in the best and most perfect manner."

St Porphyrios

Nothing comes without effort. The help of God is always ready and near, but is given only to those who seek and work, and only to those seekers who, after putting all of their powers to the test, then cry out with their whole heart: Lord, help us!

St Theophan the Recluse

The man who loves God constantly lives and speaks with Him as a Father. He turns aside from every thought that is tinged with passion.

Evagrius Ponticus

St. John Orthodox Church



*~ October 9, 2016 ~
16th 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

October 9, 2016 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Caitlyn Maas**.

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. 9-16 (Wed. & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -Sons of Thunder, 6:30 p.m., Fr. Philip's home
- 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.; Divine Liturgy, Pt. 1, Fr. Philip
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Parish Meal following
-Wednesday Teaching, 7:00 p.m.; Orthodox Music, Fr. Alex
-Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Paraklesis, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -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.

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: Matt Spinolo
HOLY BREAD: Harvey family
ALTAR SERVERS: Cade, Pavel, James, Alex, Paul
COFFEE HOUR: Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Kumar, Nawar & Reem Mansour

HOMILY: Fr. Philip
USHER: Bill Harter

Churching

October 16: Julie and Violet Hight

Baptisms

October 22: Violet Hight

November 5: Luna Marie Sumner

Chrismation

November 13: Marshall and Kathryn McWhorter

Memorials

Today:

Matushka Sissy Yerger, 1 year;
Urania Alissandratos, 9 years

October 30:

Helen Luttrell, 18 years;
Margaret Layman, 4 years

COMMEMORATIONS

Oct. 9: Apostle James, son of Alphaeus; 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.

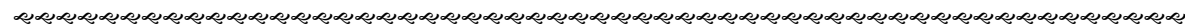
Oct. 12: Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Cosmas the hymnographer, bishop of Maiuma.

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.

Oct. 16: Martyr Longinos the centurion who stood at the cross of the Lord; Gall, enlightener of Switzerland.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 9-16

Sunday	2 Corinthians	6:1-10	Luke	7:11-16
Monday	Ephesians	1:22-2:3	Luke	7:36-50
Tuesday	Acts	8:26-39	Luke	8:1-3
Wednesday	Ephesians	3:8-21	Luke	8:22-25
Thursday	Ephesians	4:14-17	Luke	9:7-11
Friday	Ephesians	4:17-25	Luke	9:12-18
Saturday	1 Corinthians	14:20-25	Luke	6:1-10
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Luke	8:5-15



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



Food Pantry – St. Brigid Food Pantry is running low on food. Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned meat/pasta, crackers, individual fruit cups, snacks, Vienna sausages, etc. Donations may be left in bin next to the pantry.

Wednesday Teaching. Wednesday evening Fr. Alex will begin a series on Orthodox music, both Byzantine and Slavic customs. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the history of our tradition!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Take a look at the bulletin boards in the parish hall to get a glimpse of what we do in the atrium! There are many ways in which you can help us as our atrium grows. There is a list of items and projects we need assistance with on the bulletin boards for those who are interested. Please continue to pray for us!

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 beginning next Sunday, October 9. You can sign up downstairs or on Sign Up Genius for the day that is most convenient for you and your family, or just show up!

Quarterly Sign Up Sheets – The coffee hour **and** Wednesday Night meal pick up signup sheets for 4th Quarter are now available online and downstairs in the parish hall. These are both wonderful ways to serve your parish. Please call the office if you have any questions!

Men's Book Club, Sons of Thunder will be meeting at 6:30 on Sunday, October 9th at Fr. Philip's house. They will be discussing *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens. All men are welcome.

Worship and Liturgical Reminders

Just a reminder, following the Divine Liturgy we pray the Thanksgiving prayers. Remember to **wait to have conversations until after you have exited the nave.** Thank you for your help in allowing these prayers to be read without too much distraction.

teen group

TODAY: No Teen Group

NEXT WEEK, October 16: Church Tour and Minute to Win It

COMING UP: Lock-In, November 18-19

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Monday, 10/10:** Dianna Hildebrand
Tuesday, 10/11: *Apostle Philip: Fr. Philip, Philip McKelroy*
Wednesday, 10/12: Tyson Smith
Simeon, the New Theologian: Elinor Crenshaw
Thursday, 10/13: Billy Labonte
Friday, 10/14: Michael Williams

Women of St. John ~ AWSJ

- Oct. 22** **Baby Shower for Christina Moore**, 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 29 **Fall Fest and Chili Cook Off** – *see insert*
Nov. 3 **Secret Sister Reveal Potluck** – All are invited! 6:30 p.m. at Corinne Elliott’s home.
Nov. 3 **Women’s Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela’s home
Nov. 7 **Book Club**, 7:00 p.m., *The Giver by Lois Lowry*
Nov. 11-12 **AWSJ Retreat** – Our speaker will be Dr. Nicole Rocca, author of *Time and Despondency*, and best known for her blog and podcast, “Time Eternal.”

Master Plan Updates

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc. – Our kitchen committee had another productive meeting this week. All of the committee’s suggestions were given to the architects and they are working on updating the plans. Once we have the updated plans and costs, we will be having another parish meeting in order to give the final approval for this important project! Stay tuned!

Fund raising – Thank you for your continued support! If you would like to make any additional contributions to the master plan, feel free!!

LIBRARY LINES

Today, we remember the Righteous Abraham and his nephew Lot (10/9). God told him he would be the father of multitudes, and we even refer to God as “the God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac and their righteous seed” in some of our prayers, including ones in the funeral service and the Lenten Prayer of Manasseh.

Sts. Andronicus and his wife, Athanasia (10/9), lived out their faith in alms-giving. He was a craftsman and gave three equal portions of his income to the Church, the poor, and to his family’s support. After their children died, they mutually agreed to live the rest of their lives in separate monasteries. Twelve years later they met on a pilgrimage, but St. Athanasia had dressed as a man to ensure her safety while traveling. Also, because her ascetic efforts had changed her appearance, Andronicus didn’t recognize his wife. They returned to his monastery and lived in the same cell in a life of monastic silence. She left a letter telling her secret which was to be read after her death.

Frequently we hear of saints referred to as Elder. This practice goes beyond receiving advice from a priest to that of obedience to a pious, experienced holy man. It began in the deserts and was brought to Optina Monastery in Russia in 1829 by St. Leonid (10/11). He gleaned his wisdom through a disciple of St. Paisius Velichkovsky. Read his story 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 and in *Road to Emmaus* # 44 winter 2011 p. 3. For more information look at *Elder Leonid of Optina* (HAG LEO SED) in the hagiography section in St. John Library.

Wednesday we commemorate St. Cosmos the Hymnographer (10/12). He lived in the 8th century and was raised with St. John of Damascus. Together, they devised the system of the eight tones. He composed the Nativity Canon from which comes our Nativity greeting, “Christ is Born, Glorify Him.” If you want to learn more about him, other hymnographers, and our Church’s beautiful music, plan on attending Fr. Alex’s sessions for the Wednesday night teachings after Vespers!



REGULAR ALMS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Birthright ✦ St. John Alms Fund ✦ St. Brigid Food Pantry ✦ Rachel’s Kids, Inc. ✦ St. John Camping Fund ✦ Nativity Alms for the Homeless ✦ Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Mission Fund ✦ Michael & Abigail Bittle Fund