

From the Fathers (and others):

“Cry out, O sinner, with all your might, for the Lord is merciful and loves those who repent. As soon as you repent, your Father will come out to meet you and rejoice with you.”

St. Ephraim the Syrian

Is the soul by itself a man? No, it is but the soul of a man. Can the body be called a man? No, it can but be called the body of a man. If, then neither of these is by itself a man, but that which is composed of the two together is called man, and God has called man to life and resurrection, He has called not a part, but the whole, which is the soul and the body... The resurrection is of the flesh which died; for the spirit does not die.

St. Justin Martyr

We have the power of the Holy Cross, our holy symbol, the divine grace of Christ, only as long as we have the holy marking of the Holy Baptism, meaning we have denied the devil and sided with Christ, and received the Holy Marking, the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

Since the Resurrection of the Lord is the ever-present event by which He enters into unlimited Communion with all mankind, we can conclude that this same mystery should become a concrete reality within the sphere of our social life.

His Beatitude, Patriarch IGNATIUS IV

...the aim of every hierarchy is always to imitate God so as to take on His form... the task of every hierarchy is to receive and to pass on undiluted purification, the divine light, and the understanding which brings perfection.

St. Dionysius

Someone said to blessed Arsenius, ‘How is it that we, with all our education and our wide knowledge get no-where, while these Egyptian peasants acquire so many virtues?’ Abba Arsenius said to him, ‘We indeed get nothing from our secular education, but these Egyptian peasants acquire the virtues by hard work.’

The Sayings of the Desert Fathers

This is the sum of the Christian Kerygma: life has been manifested in Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God, and this life is communicated to us through His Death and Resurrection.

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St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ April 22, 2018 ~

Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women

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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

Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: John 15:43-47; 16:1-8

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Lori O'Brien**.

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

April 22-29 (F,W,O)

- Sunday** -
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Truly Human, 7:00 p.m., Malco at Forest-Hill Irene
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Parish Meal, 5:30 p.m.
-Truly Human, 7:00 p.m., Malco Studio on the Square
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Truly Human, 7:00 p.m., Malco Cordova Town Cinema
- Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -VECA Art Walk
-Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
- Sunday** -Orthros & Church School, 9:00 a.m.
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
-Parent/Teen Meeting, coffee hour in Teen Room

DIVINE LITURGY – Paralytic

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.

- PRIEST:** Fr. Alex
READER: Matt Spinolo
HOLY BREAD: Dn. Charles
USHER: Bill Harter
ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Nicholas, Eli, Gabriel, Elijah
COFFEE HOUR: Anne Dugan, Young Adults

* **Fasting Note:** With the blessing of the Synod of Antioch, a katalysis for fish, wine and oil is granted for all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Pentecostarion (the period between Pascha and Pentecost).

COMMEMORATIONS

April 22: Theodore Sykeote, bishop of Anastasiopolis; Apostle Nathanael; Martyr Nearchos; Vsevolod, prince of Psov; Martyr Epipodios of Lyons.

April 23: Great-martyr George the Trophy-bearer; Martyr Alexandra the Empress; Martyr Glykerios of Nicomedia; New-martyrs George of Ptolemais and Lazarus of Bulgaria.

April 24: Venerable Elizabeth the wonder-worker of Constantinople; Martyr Sabbas the General ('Stratelates') of Rome; Hieromartyrs Phylkos, Fourtunatos and Achilleos; New-martyrs Luke, Akylina, Nicholas and George; Iorest and Sabbas Brancovici, metropolitans of Ardeal and confessors in Romania; Martyr Alexander of Lyons.

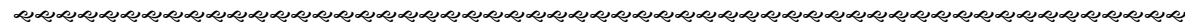
April 25: Apostle and Evangelist Mark; Martyr Niki; Macedonios, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyr George.

April 26: Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea; Venerable Glaphyra and George; Stephen, bishop of Perm; Ioanikios of Devitch.

April 27: Hieromartyr Simeon, the kinsman of the Lord; Venerable George, John and Eulogios the hospitable; Stephen, bishop of Vladimir; incineration of the relics of Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia, by Sinan Pasha (1595).

April 28: The Nine Martyrs of Kyzikos; Venerable Memnon the wonderworker.

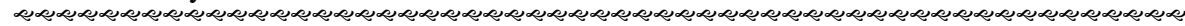
April 29: Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy; the martyrs of Kerkyra; John, metropolitan of Thebes; New-martyr John; Basil of Ostrog.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 22 - 29

Sunday	Acts	6:1-7	John	15:43-47; 16:1-8
Monday	Acts	12:1-11	John	15:17-27; 16:1-2
Tuesday	Acts	8:5-17	John	6:27-33
Wednesday	1 Peter	5:6-14	Luke	10:16-21
Thursday	Acts	8:26-39	John	6:40-44
Friday	Acts	8:40; 9:1-19	John	6:48-54
Saturday	Acts	9:19-31	John	15:17-27, 16:1-2
Sunday	Acts	9:32-42	John	5:1-15



Pray for our catechumens: Memphis – Calen and Katherine Verbist.

Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand's mother), Nicholas Hill, Chelsea Yadron (pregnant), Julie Hight (pregnant), Anne Katherine Vanlandingham (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill's mother), 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), Sharon (Larry Ichniowski's mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Teen Group Parents – There will be a meeting in the Teen Room next Sunday, April 29 during Coffee Hour.

Men's Quarterly Dinner – The men will meet at Central BBQ on Summer at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17. All men are welcome!

Contributions to Agape Picnic - If you would still like to donate toward the picnic, you may do so. You may write a check with "Agape Picnic" in the memo line.

Coffee Hour – A new white board has been set up in the parish hall to aid in coffee hour sign up. You will see all dates and services and can sign your name to whatever dates are most convenient for you. Online sign ups are still available as well - links for all sign ups can be found on our website under "Parish – Online Sign Ups and Assignments." Contact Anna Pashchinskaya with any questions.

Help is also needed for **Wednesday night meal pick up**.

VECA Art Walk – The annual VECA Art Walk will take place Saturday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. St. John will be open for tours of the nave as well as having an information table out front. While specifics are still being sorted out, we do know that we will need volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the office.

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will be meeting 6pm April 29th at Mark Ortwein's home. They will be discussing Time and Despondency by Dr. Nicole Roccas and The Willpower Instinct by Dr. Kelly McGonigal. All men are welcome.

Becoming Truly Human

St John is co-sponsoring with Annunciation and St George a screening of the Orthodox Feature Film, Becoming Truly Human. This documentary film explores the so-called 'nones,' those who claim no religious affiliation. The screenings will be held at 3 different Malco Theaters:

Malco Forest Hills, Tuesday, April 24 @ 7 pm;

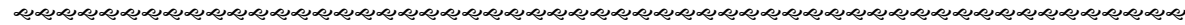
Malco Studio on the Square, Wednesday, April 25 @ 7 pm; and

Cordova Town Cinema, Thursday, April 26 @ 7 p.m.

There is no cost, but a ticket is required. You can follow the link for tickets on our website. Mark your calendars, spread the word and invite a friend!

Community Etiquette:

Reminder for Parents – Our new hall means that we have a lot of space! More spaces means more temptation to run. Please, ask your children to not run in the building. Thank you for your efforts to keep a particular watch on your children throughout the building.



Women of St. John Calendar

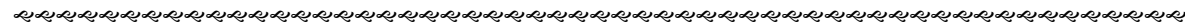
- May 3** Women's Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges' porch
May 7 AWSJ Book Club – *Catherine of Sienna* by Sigrid Undset
June 3 Baby Shower honoring Anne Katherine Vanlandingham

Baby Shower for Baby Vanlandingham

Sunday, June 3rd

12:30 p.m. at Sh. Margaret McKelroy's home

Anne Katherine & Justin are registered at Target and Amazon. If you would like to contribute to the group gift or would like to help with the shower in any way, please contact Sh. Margaret.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Monday, 4/23:** *St. George the Great Martyr: Dennis Daley, George Hatalowich, Oliver Iconaru, George Maas, Dashiell Ortwein, Peyton Sanderlin*
- Wednesday, 4/25:** Joseph Fahhoum, Matthew Yadron
- Thursday, 4/26:** Michael Grossman
- Saturday, 4/28:** JonMark Hetrick

Library Lines

Can you name all of the Myrrhbearers? Do you know that Sts. Joseph of Arimathea (7/31) and Nicodemus (8/2) are also numbered with the holy women? Do you know each of their connections to Christ? Read their stories in *The Life of the Virgin Mary: The Theotokos and Married Saints of the Church*. Also, look for Alexander Schmemmann's chapter on the Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women in his *Celebration of Faith* series, *The Church Year*.

Several of the Disciples are commemorated this week. Sts. Nathaniel and Luke on 4/22 and St. Mark on 4/25. Also known as John Mark, he was very close to St. Peter, Paul and Barnabas. He started a school and preached in Alexandria where he was martyred. Read more about them in *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR).

St. George (4/23), like St. Patrick, is a courageous and faithful soldier whose life has attracted legends. Raised by a pious family, he joined the imperial guard of Emperor Diocletian. Soon he was persecuted for his belief in Christ. After suffering many cruelties, he was beheaded. Many of his icons show him fighting a fierce dragon. Read more about this story in *St. George and the Dragon* (KID STS GEO).

This week we honor two women from very different backgrounds. The Church honors many saints who held positions of prestige and privilege within government and the military. St. Alexandra (4/23) was married to the emperor Diocletian. She raised their daughter, St. Valeria, in the Faith. They were both banished after Valeria refused to marry the succeeding emperor, Maximus. After his death, they returned to Rome, trusting the next emperor, Licinius, for their safety. He, along with St. Constantine, had extended religious freedom to Christians. However, he betrayed his promise and had them beheaded.

St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker (4/24) spent her life from childhood in a monastery. Her mother had been given a revelation that her daughter was chosen by God for special blessings. She was a strict ascetic and was given the gift of healing. She wore a hair shirt and kept a strict fast. Tradition says that she lived and died in the sixth century. Read more about her in *Holy Women of Byzantium* (HAG - - - TAL).



Yearbook Pictures

If you have pictures from Holy Week or Pascha (or any other time), please text or email them to Buddy Bowick.