

From the Fathers (and others):

Let us try to obtain love and compassion toward our neighbor, so that we can guard ourselves from slandering him, condemning and degrading him. Let us help one another since we are members of the same body.

Abba Dorotheos

For what reason were the martyrs tormented? Because having believed in the Lord and having been united with Him, they did not want to worship false gods. The false gods were the spirits of passions and evil deeds. For he who refuses to give in to passions does the same as he who refuses to bow down and worship idols.

St. Theophan the Recluse

If a man falls to any kind of sin and does not grieve in measure with the wrong which he has committed, he will easily fall again into the same net.

Abba Mark

When we speak of the wife obeying the husband, we normally think of obedience in military or political terms: the husband giving orders, and the wife obeying them. But while this type of obedience may be appropriate in the army, it is ridiculous in the intimate relationship of marriage. The obedient wife does not wait for orders. Rather, she tries to discern her husband's needs and feelings, and responds in love. When she sees her husband is weary, she encourages him to rest; when she sees him agitated, she soothes him; when he is ill, she nurses and comforts him; when he is happy and elated, she shares his joy. Yet such obedience should not be confined to the wife; the husband should be obedient in the same way. When she is weary, he should relieve her of her work; when she is sad, he should cherish her, holding her gently in his arms; when she is filled with good cheer, he should also share her good cheer. Thus a good marriage is not a matter of one partner obeying the other, but of each other.

St. John Chrysostom

No one can live without labour and no one is crowned without effort. Compel yourself to work for your salvation, and God will help you, for He will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth' (I Tim. 2:4).

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

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~ May 27, 2018 ~
Great Feast of 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

Great Feast of Pentecost

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Anne Castrodale**.

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

May 27-June 3

- Sunday** -Pentecost Potluck, following liturgy
-Kneeling Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday** -
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., “Who Is Jesus Christ?”
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Cookout and games
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
- Friday** -
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
- Sunday** -**Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, June 3, 10:00 a.m.

- PRIEST:** Fr. Alex
READER: Jack Turner
HOLY BREAD: The Harvey family
USHER: Dan O'Brien
ALTAR SERVERS:
COFFEE HOUR: Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Kumar, Dianna Hildebrand

Upcoming Special Services

- May 27** Potluck following following liturgy
Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost, 5:30 p.m.
- June 3** Chrismation: Calen & Kathryn Verbist
Baby Shower for Anne Katherine Vanlandingham
- June 28** Great Vespers for Ss. Peter & Paul
- June 30** Elijah Hetrick Baptism

COMMEMORATIONS

May 27: Hieromartyrs Halladios and Therapont, bishop of Sardis; Martyr Alypius; uncovering of the relics of Neilos the Younger, stylite of Seliger Lake; John the Russian, the confessor.

May 28: Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; Martyr Helikonidos of Thessalonika; Venerable Andrew; Germanos, bishop of Paris; Ignatios, bishop of Rostov.

May 29: Hieromartyr Olvian, bishop of Aneos; Venerable-martyr Theodosia of Tyre; New-martyrs Andrew and John (Nannos) of Smyrna; John of Ustug, fool-for-Christ.

May 30: Isaac, founder of the Dalmaton monastery in Constantinople; Martyrs Natalios and Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Martyrs Eusebios and Christina.

May 31: Martyrs Hermias and Eusebios.

June 1: Martyrs Justin the Philosopher, Pyrros the virgin, Chariton of Rome, and Thespesios of Cappadocia; Venerable Dionysios of Glushetsk.

June 2: Nikephoros the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyrs Demetrios of Philadelphia, John of Trebizond, and Constantine of Athos; Hieromartyr Pothinos bishop of Lyons and his companion Martyr Blandina; Erasmos of Ochrid.

June 3: Martyr Lukyllian of Byzantium; Virgin-martyr Paula; Venerable Athanasios the wonder-worker of Cilicia; Clotilde, queen of the Franks.

June 4: Metrophanes, first patriarch of Constantinople; Mary and Martha, the sisters of the Righteous Lazarus.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| | | | May 27 – June 3 |
| Sunday | Acts | 2:1-11 | John 7:37-52; 8:12 |
| Monday | Ephesians | 5:8-19 | Matt 18:10-20 |
| Tuesday | Romans | 1:1-7, 13-17 | Matt 4:23-25; 5:1-3 |
| Wednesday | Romans | 1:18-27 | Matt 5:20-26 |
| Thursday | Romans | 1:28-32; 2:1-9 | Matt 5:27-32 |
| Friday | Romans | 2:14-28 | Matt 5:33-41 |
| Saturday | Romans | 1:7-12 | Matt 5:42-48 |
| Sunday | Hebrews | 11:33-40; 12:1-2 | Matt 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 |



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), 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



Men’s Book Club - The Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will meet at Keith Parker's home at 6pm on Sunday June 10. We will be reading *Between Heaven and Hell* by Peter Kreeft. All men are welcome.

Vacation Church School – We are *tentatively* planning a Vacation Church School Monday, July 23 – 27. In order to make this happen, we will need volunteers to lead a craft time, music, and possibly time in the Sacristan garden. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Finley or Trish.

Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, May 27th – We will celebrate the feast with a potluck following Divine Liturgy next Sunday. Please sign up downstairs or online if you would like to do any of the following: coordinate or assist with the decoration of the nave for Pentecost, coordinate or assist with the set up and clean up of the potluck following liturgy that day.

Parish Council Update - The Acoustic Panels have been ordered! Lord willing, they will arrive in the next 3-4 weeks and the work will be done after that. Thank you for your patience through this process. The final cost for the panels was \$30,000. This will put the total project of the St. Raphael Hall only \$5,000 over the original budget. Knowing the variabilities of construction, this is not bad. Thank you for your support through this entire process!



Wednesday Night Summer Schedule Kick Off – THIS WEDNESDAY - Our summer schedule for Wednesdays will begin on May 30! We will get the summer started off with a fast-free Wednesday cookout and outdoor games. This will be BYOB&B, bring your own beverages and burgers (or anything else you would like to grill for your family) and chairs for sitting outside if weather permits. Sides and desserts will be potluck, so bring enough to share! We will **need to borrow some grills**, so please call the office if you have one that we can use.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 5/27:** Anniversary: Nathan & Ashley Powell
- Monday, 5/28:** Michael Heisig
Anniversary: Rod & Trish Ratliff
- Tuesday, 5/29:** Silas Powell
Anniversary: Thomas & Chelsea Yadron
- Thursday, 5/31:** Christine McGee
Anniversary: John & Nancy McGee



Women of St. John Calendar

- June 4** AWSJ Book Club – *Footfalls in Memory* by Terry Waite
- June 7** Women’s Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges’ porch



Baby Shower for Baby Vanlandingham

Sunday, June 3rd

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



Anne Katherine is 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.



Reminder for Parents – We love our new library space!! Please, help to keep it clean and welcoming for others. There have been cups and plates left in the library following coffee hour. Please, be sure to clean up after your children. In addition, please do not disrupt Judy’s desk and work space. Thank you for continuing to ensure that our beloved Church is always kept clean and presentable!



Library Lines

The Orthodox Church looks at time differently than the world. Sunday is called the “eighth day.” And, Pentecost is referred to as “the last and great day.” The descent of the Holy Spirit is “the end-the achievement and fulfillment-of the entire history of salvation.” And it is also the beginning, birthday, of the Church. According to the OCA website, Pentecost in Greek means fifty which in Bible symbolism refers to the fullness of time and that which is beyond time. For more information, see *The Church Year* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (CAT CAL SCH).

This week we honor saints who are on opposing ends of the spectrum of success in the world’s eyes. The Venerable Bede (5/27) was raised and educated in monasteries. He was ordained as a deacon at age 19 and a priest at 30. Tradition tells a story of his great love of the services of the Church. He believed that he should attend every service since the angels were present also. “What if they do not find me among the brethren when they assemble?” he asked. “Will they not say, ‘Where is Bede?’ ” He is well-known for his biblical commentary, hagiography and church history of England. See *Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles* (REF PAT BED), *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (HIS BED), *Homilies on the Gospels, Books 1-2* (REF PAT BED), and “Bede’s World: Early Christianity in the British Isles” in *Road to Emmaus*, #30, summer 2007, p. 3.

St. John the Russian (5/27) was a soldier under Tsar Peter I. He was captured by the Tartars and lived the rest of his life as a slave of the Muslim Turks. At first he suffered because of his refusal to deny Christ, but gradually his firm but gentle words softened his captor’s soul. He worked hard to please him and, consequently, incurred the anger of his fellow captives. However, he won them over by repaying their anger with kindness. His intercessions are asked by travelers and those transporting goods.

Tuesday, we commemorate the repose of Blessed John of Ustug, (5/29), the Fool-for-Christ. From his youth, he kept a strict fast, eating nothing on Wednesdays and Fridays and bread and water the other days. He began his asceticism by keeping silence and then embraced the life of a holy fool. Read more about fools-for-Christ in *The Freedom of Morality* (CAT GEN YAN), *The Inner Kingdom* (CAT GEN WAR), *Seraphim’s Seraphim* (HAG SER HTM), *Crazy John* (BIO JOH) and “Pillars to Heaven: Stylite Sites of the Levant” in *Road to Emmaus*, #22, summer 2005.

Many of us are familiar with a handful of the Holy Unmercenaries. Friday we commemorate the lesser known Venerable Agapitus the Unmercenary healer of Kiev (6/1). He lived in the 11th century and healed his brothers in the monastery as well as Vladimir, the Great Prince of Kiev. Agapitus incurred the envy of a well-known Armenian physician who predicted that the saint would die in three days after falling ill. But God had revealed to Agapitus that he would call him in three months. When the saint died in God’s timing, the physician begged to be admitted to the monastery for the further healing of his soul.