

**From the Fathers (and others):**

“The most important thing of all is for people to love Christ and all problems will be solved . . .”

Elder Porphyrios

“A certain father said, ‘If you are captivated by carnal beauty, go to a cemetery and see what the end of such beauty is.’”

Elder Sergei of Vanves

“Why are you concealed? Why do you avoid Him Whom you once longed to see? A guilty conscience is so burdensome that it punishes itself without a judge, and wishes for covering, and yet is bare before God.”

St. Ambrose Milan

“If I give all my goods to feed the poor . . . if I add to this sacrifice the fiery martyrdom of my flesh; if I hand my body over for the sake of Christ; if, nevertheless, I am impatient, prone to anger, jealous, proud; if I become enraged when wrongs are done to me; if I am on the lookout for my own interest; if my thoughts are evil; if I do not patiently and gladly endure all that happens to me; then the renunciation and the martyrdom of the outer man will be of no benefit to me as long as the inner spirit wallows in its old and sinful ways. It will be of no value that when in the first zeal of conversion I despised the simple substance of the world, which is neither good nor bad but neutral, if I took no care to throw out at the same time the evil goods of a corrupt heart and made no effort to achieve a Godlike love, a love which is patient and kind, which is not jealous, not boastful, which does not show annoyance or is wrong-headed, which is not on the lookout for itself, which thinks no evil, which endures all and sustains all, and which, finally, never allows itself to slip into the snares of sin. ‘

St. John Cassian

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## St. John Orthodox Church



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~ May 29, 2016 ~

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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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

## May 29, 2016 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Janine Smith**.

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 29 – June 5 (\*Wed. & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, Thomas Yadron & Chelsea Tabor, 3:30 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., meal following
- 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.  
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

### DIVINE LITURGY – Blindman

Sunday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. John	HOMILY:	Fr. John
READER:	Rod Ratliff	USHER:	Dan O'Brien
HOLY BREAD:	Janine Smith		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Jake, Zach, James, Alex N.		
WELCOME TEAM:	Brandon Maas		
COFFEE HOUR:	Corinne Elliott, <i>HELP NEEDED!</i>		

### UPCOMING WEDDINGS

Thomas Yadron & Chelsea Tabor, TODAY, 3:30 p.m.

\* *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

**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.

**June 5:** Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; New-martyr Mark of Smyrna; repose of Theodore Yaroslavich, brother of Alexander Nevsky; Peter Korishki.



### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

### May 29 – June 5

Sunday	Acts	11:19-30	John	4:5-42
Monday	Acts	12:12-17	John	8:42-51
Tuesday	Acts	12:25; 13:1-12	John	8:51-59
Wednesday	Acts	13:13-24	John	6:5-14
Thursday	Acts	14:20-15:4	John	9:39-10:9
Friday	Acts	15:5-12	John	8:21-30
Saturday	Hebrews	7:26-8:2	John	8:31-42
Sunday	Acts	16:16-34	John	4:5-42



**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, Lydia Tampanaric (Tupelo), Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe's grandmother), Julie Hight (pregnant), Christina Moore (pregnant), Janna Knight (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill's mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas' family), Kera White, Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick's grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha's daughter), Glenda Brooks, Naomi Young (Chelsea Tabor's grandmother), Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman's granddaughter), those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



## ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



**Graduate Sunday** – Many Years, Class of 2016! We will recognize the following new graduates this morning:

### High School:

Adam Sanderlin – Homeschool

Alex Mansour – Memphis University School

Caitlin Salloum – Houston High School

Jake Ratliff – Christian Brothers High School

Joe Hodges – Christian Brothers High School

Mary Elise O'Brien – St. Mary's Episcopal School

### College:

Joanna Spinolo – American University

Tyson Smith – PhD – University of Mississippi

**Stamo Latto Scholarship** – “Christos anēstē! I am happy to announce the 2016 Stamo Latto Scholarship recipient from St. John Orthodox Church in Memphis. **Congratulations to Mary Elise O'Brien**, whose studies have included four years of Mandarin Chinese and who is strongly motivated to prepare herself to help others. She is academically ready for rigorous advanced training.” ~ (Dr.) Asimoula Alissandratos

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)** - On Sunday, June 5 Claire van Drimmelen will be hosting a very brief meeting during coffee hour about what it means to be a catechist (teacher). Any and all interested parishioner are more than welcome to attend! We are blessed with an abundance of children and are thrilled that we have a need more catechists! We will meet over in the atrium (lower floor of the duplex) after everyone has had a chance to get a quick cup of coffee.

**Memphis Redbirds** – For those who have reserved tickets to the Redbirds game on *this* Thursday, June 2, you can pay for and pick up your tickets from Trish during coffee hour, or from the office this week.

**Men's Dinner** – The Men of St. John will meet for their quarterly dinner at Central BBQ on Summer, Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

**Young Adults** – Let's meet again! St. John Young Adults (for those in their 20's and 30's) will get together again next Sunday, June 5, 7:00 p.m. at Bosco's Squared on Madison.

**The Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club** will be meeting 6:00 pm, Sunday June 12th at Dn. James Elliott's home. We will be discussing Byzantium by Stephen Lawhead. All men are invited. Food and drink contributions are welcome.

**For all our members** – Remember, in many ways coffee hour is a ministry that we can all take part in. We should all be greeters whether we're official or not! Let's all take the opportunity to speak to

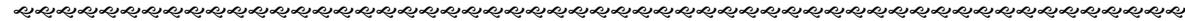
at least one person we don't know or someone who we haven't talked with in a while during coffee hour. So many of us are here in part because someone else made the effort to do the same with us!

**Coffee Hour** – Another aspect of the ministry of **coffee hour** as noted above is that of service to our fellow parishioners. As we know, great blessings come by serving others. There are numerous slots still available for Coffee Hour hosts. If you are able to assist, even for just one Sunday, please sign up online or contact Anna Pashchinskaya. Links for all sign ups can be found on our website under “Parish – Online Sign Ups and Assignments.”

### MASTER PLAN NOTES AND UPDATES

NOW is the time to go ahead and pay your pledge (one time gifts unless some is deferred) or to begin making your monthly payments as pledged. If you have not made a pledge or contribution, you may want to rethink and make a pledge, or to increase your pledge. Remember - every level of commitment helps! **No commitment is too small.** \$5 a month is meaningful!! May God continue to bless and guide our efforts!

Fr John



### *AWSJ Calendar*

**June 9**      **Women’s Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., Cindy Karnaghon’s home (\*note location change)

**June 13**     **Book Club**, 7:00 p.m. *Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis (of Memphis)

### *Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays*

<b>Sunday, 5/29</b>	Silas Powell
<b>Tuesday, 5/31</b>	Christine McGee Anniversary: John & Nancy McGee
<b>Saturday, 6/4</b>	<i>Mary of Bethany: Cindy Karnaghon</i> <i>Martha of Bethany: Kh. Martha, Sh. Margaret, Marjo Labonte</i>

### **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

### **LIBRARY LINES**

Today is the movable feast of St. Photini. Her feast days are the fourth Sunday after Pascha and February 26. She is the patron of several parishioners and is known to all of us as the woman of whom Christ asked water at Jacob’s well. She is commemorated with her two sons, five sisters, St. Sebastian, and Domnina, the daughter of Nero. When St. Photini learned that her sons and Sebastian had been arrested by Nero, she and her sisters journeyed to Rome and lived under the supervision of Domnina, the daughter of Nero, who was then converted by them. The emperor subjected Photini, her family and all the converts to cruel torments and then imprisoned them for three years. They were then flayed, one was torn apart and some beheaded. St. Photini gave her life to God after being thrown into a well.

Today, 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 SPEC YAN, *The Inner Kingdom* CAT SAC 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 have a fondness for saints from the British Isles. Two of them as well as one from Gaul are commemorated this week and next; venerable Kevin of Ireland (6/3), Venerable Cedd of Essex (6/7), and Queen Clotilde of the Franks (6/3). St. Kevin was from a royal family in Ireland and an angel prophesied his birth to his mother. He spent his youth in a monastery and was ordained as a priest. He lived a solitary life, wore animal skins and ate very little. It is said he spent nights in a cold lake and read the Psalms. Disciples were drawn to him, and one story relates that as they continued in a life of prayer, God sent an otter to bring them salmon every day. Once a monk planned to kill it for its fur, and it never returned. St. Kevin’s monastery grew, spreading Christianity across eastern Ireland. He died peacefully at age 120. Take a look at *The Blackbird’s Nest: Saint Kevin of Ireland* (KID KEV) for a delightful story about this saint whose icon is in our nave.

St. Clotilde (6/3) was born in Burgundy about the time of the collapse of the Roman Empire. She was given in marriage to Clovis, king of the Franks, to cement a political alliance. Four years later, her husband called on ‘the God of Clotilde’ for victory over the Alamans and was catechized and baptized on Christmas Day in 496. Tradition says that at the instruction of an angel, she sent Clovis into battle with a fleurs de lys, a symbol of the Trinity, on his shield. This became the emblem of the kings of France. She was widowed at age 40 and later saw tragedy in the lives of her children. She was an icon for Christian rulers in devotion to God and her family. Look at page 193 in *Marriage as a Path to Holiness* (HAG - - - FOR) for more about her.

Saturday we commemorate two of our favorite saints, Mary and Martha (6/4), the sisters of Lazarus. They are mentioned several times in the Scriptures and are numbered among the Myrrhbearers. Perhaps we particularly love these sisters because they were friends of Jesus. They also seem very real to us because of our need for prayer and our ‘busyness’ with life’s small cares. Read more about them in *Christ in His Saints* (HAG - - - REA), “Mary Has Chosen the Better Part” in *The Veil*, Nativity 2010 issue, on p. 7, “Finding the Balance” in *The Handmaiden*, winter issue of 1996, on p. 5, “The Necessary Thing” in *The Handmaiden*, fall issue of 1999 on p. 16, “Meditation on Martha and Mary” in *Life Transfigured* in the Pascha issue of 1998 on p. 6 and in “Martha, Martha” in *Life Transfigured* in the Pascha issue of 1998 on p. 14.