

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

Whatever gentleness you use in speaking with others, that very same gentleness will Christ use with you. With whatever measure you measure out to others, with that very same measure will He apportion out to you. Just as you forgive the failings of others, He forgives yours. With whatever love and gentleness you seek Him, likewise will He appear to you.

Elder Joseph the Hesychast

Never despise fallen man ... never refuse to do good to those who have need of you ... Give help. Help others to live. Give food, clothing, medicine, apply remedies to the afflicted, bind up their wounds, ask about their misfortunes, speak with them of patience and forbearance, come close to them...

St. John Chrysostom

From experience in the spiritual life, it can fairly be concluded that he who has zeal to pray needs no teaching how to perfect himself in prayer. Patiently continued, the effort of prayer itself will lead us to prayer's very summit.

St. Theophan the Recluse

By prayer, I mean not that which is only in the mouth, but that which springs up from the bottom of the heart. In fact, just as trees with deep roots are not shattered or uprooted by storms ... in the same way prayer that comes from the bottom of the heart, having its root there, rises to heaven with complete assurance and is not knocked off course by the assault of any thought. That is why the psalm says: "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord."

St. John Chrysostom

None of us are judged for what we do not know. And no one is called blessed because he has education and knowledge. Instead, each person will be judged according to whether they have kept the faith and truly observed the commandments.

St. Anthony the Great

Patience adorns the soul with diamonds which are not of the earth but belong to the Jerusalem that is above. Patience is a sweet word. Patience is a sweet breath. Patience is an invincible weapon. Patience is a priceless adornment of man. Patience is a blessing of God.

Sts Raphael, Nicholas and Irene of Lesvos

Do not listen to the calumnies of the enemy against your neighbor, his abominations, his various wickedness's, and his pride. Look upon everybody simply, respectfully, as upon the image of God...

St. John of Kronstadt

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ May 6, 2018 ~*

*Sunday of the Samaritan Woman*

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*Assistant Pastor*

**V. Rev. Fr. Donald Berge**

*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 Samaritan Woman

**Epistle: Acts 11:19-30**

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Trish Ratliff**.

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 6 – 13 (F,W,O)**

- Sunday** -Teen Group  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Divine Liturgy for St. John, 6:00 p.m.  
-Potluck meal to follow  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Parish Council, 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Parish Meal, 5:30 p.m.  
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., Ask Abouna  
-Small Compline, 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
**Sunday** -Orthros & Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

### 40 Day Memorial Today

Maria Belaflores

Charles Ingram

### DIVINE LITURGY – St. John

**Monday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.**

PRIEST: Fr. Philip  
READER: Jack Turner  
HOLY BREAD: Lavinia Dumitrache  
POTLUCK: Help Needed

### DIVINE LITURGY – Blindman

**Sunday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.**

PRIEST: Fr. Alex  
READER: David Twombly  
HOLY BREAD: Anna Pashchinskaya  
USHER: Thomas Yadron  
ALTAR SERVERS: Max, Brody, Paul, vol  
COFFEE HOUR: Corinne Elliott,

\* **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).

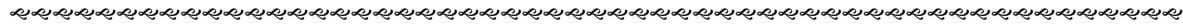


# Divine Liturgy for St. John

Monday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.

*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*  
~John 13:34-35

There will be a potluck following liturgy. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship as we celebrate the feast day of our patron.

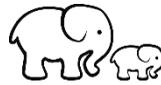


## Women of St. John Calendar

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**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.



## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

**Sunday, 5/6:** Terry Harter  
**Tuesday, 5/8:** Pauline Koplín, Nathan Powell  
*St. John:* Fr. John, Dan O’Brien  
*St. Emmelia:* Julie Sanderlin, Emmelia Sanderlin, Emmelia Finley  
**Wednesday, 5/9:** Anniversary: Fr. Don & Kh. Martha Berge  
**Thursday, 5/10:** Joel Finley, Dan O’Brien  
**Friday, 5/11:** Sh. Mary Elliott  
**Saturday, 5/12:** David Twombly

## 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, Sts. 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, whom they converted. The emperor subjected Photini, her family and all the converts to cruel torments and then imprisoned them for three years. St. Photini gave her life to God after being thrown into a well.

This week we remember an Old Testament figure who joined us during Holy Week. Job (5/6), as we learned on Holy Saturday, was a fifth generation descendant of Abraham. He is an icon to us of faith and patience in the face of grief, poverty, rejection and bodily suffering. The Book of Job is considered a masterpiece of world literature, and we rejoice in his story as a picture of Christ. He is remembered at Pascha because the later verses of the Book record that he will “rise again with those whom the Lord resurrects.” Learn more about him in *The Trial of Job* (SCR COM REA) by Fr. Patrick Reardon and in *Lessons of Joy from the Book of Job* (SCR COM BET) set of CDs by Fr. John Bethancourt.

This week we commemorate two of the Apostles, our own St. John the Evangelist (5/8) and St. Simon the Zealot (5/10). According to the OCA website, Tradition tells us that St. Simon was the bridegroom at the wedding of Cana. From then on, he became a zealous believer in Christ. After Pentecost, he travelled and evangelized extensively from the Black Sea to Britain. He was crucified and is also commemorated on June 30 with the other Apostles. Read more about them in *Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR) and *Notes of the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - -MAS).

Sts. Cyril and Methodius (5/11) are known as equal to the apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs. Equal-to-the-Apostles is a special title given to some saints in recognition of their outstanding service in the spreading the Gospel, which is comparable to that of the original Apostles. Sts. Cyril and Methodius devised a Slavonic alphabet and translated books used in celebrating the divine services and almost the entire Old Testament. Investigate more about them in *Byzantium and the Slavs* (HIS OBO), *Orthodox Alaska* (HIS OLE), and *A Gift for Ianko* (KID STS CYR).

### AND MORE NEW BOOKS!!!

- *Despondency: the Spiritual Teaching of Evagrius of Pontus* (SPR LIV BUN) by Gabriel Bunge
- *Easter Stories: Classic Tales for the Holy Season* (FIC LEB) Short stories by C. S. Lewis, Leo Tolstoy, Anton Checkov, Elizabeth Goudge and others
- *Echoes of a Native Land: Two Centuries of a Russian Village* (HIS SCH) by Serge Schmemann
- *Holy Week: a Series of Meditations* (CAT LNT HLWK STV) a Short book of meditations with a variety of types of illustrations on the events of Christ during Holy Week.
- *Icon and the Axe, The: an Interpretative History of Russian Culture* (HIS BIL) A history of the culture of Russian spirituality from 1300 to the 1960s.
- *Jesus Christ: His Life and Teaching*, vol. 1(CAT GEN HIL) by Met. Hilarion Alfeyev A study of the life of Christ and the Gospels.
- *Pascha at the Duckpond* (KID MEL) Children’s story of the lessons the animals learned during Lent.