

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

“Love suffers long” (I Cor. 13:4) - that is, it does not immediately punish the one who sins, but patiently endures his lapses, teaching and correcting him; whilst the nature of malice is to immediately strike an antagonist, or to make him unhappy, pushing him to extremes.

St. John of Kronstadt

The whole of our earthly life, from birth to our last breath, in the end will look like one concise act. Its content and quality will be seen in a flash. Imagine a glass of the clearest crystal full of water. A glance will tell whether the water is clean or not. So will it be with us when we have crossed into another sphere.

Archimandrite Sophrony

"Who will give us back this present time if we waste it? We are not yet perfect, but at least we desire to be so; and this is the beginning of our salvation."

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

Who can depict the pleasure you can enjoy when you have love for your neighbor? This is especially evident when you show him also the results and fruits of true love, which are compassion, charity, sympathy, forgiveness of his wrongs, patience with his shortcomings and simply every beneficent work and grace.

St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ June 10, 2018 ~*

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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**His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**  
*Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America*  
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**V. Rev. Fr. Philip Rogers**  
*Pastor*

**V. Rev. Fr. Basil Cushman**  
*Associate Pastor*

**V. Rev. Fr. John Troy Mashburn, Jr.**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Rev. Fr. Alexander Mackoul**  
*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*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Romans 2:10-16

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:18-23

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Anna Pashchinskaya**.

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

**June 10-17 (Apostles' fast)**

**Sunday** - Sons of Thunder, 6:00 p.m., Keith Parker's home  
**Monday** -  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.  
-Dinner & games following Vespers  
**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.**

## Upcoming Memorial

July 1 - Kinney Graham & Marlene Kraker

## DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, June 17, 10:00 a.m.**

**PRIEST:** Fr.  
**READER:** John Cameron  
**HOLY BREAD:** Trish Ratliff  
**USHER:** Ervin Romero  
**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**COFFEE HOUR:** Calen & Katherine Verbist, Justin & AK Vanlandingham

**COMMEMORATIONS**

**June 10:** Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina of Constantinople; Venerable Theophanes the monk of Antioch and Pansemne the former harlot; John of Tobolsk, metropolitan and wonder-worker of Siberia.

**June 11:** Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas; Venerable Barnabas; The commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Athos and the revelation of the hymn “It is Truly Meet.”

**June 12:** Venerable Onouphrios the Great; Venerable Peter the Athonite; Venerable Arsenios of Konevits.

**June 13:** Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria; Antipater, bishop of Bostra in Arabia; Triphyllios, bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) in Cyprus.

**June 14:** Prophet Elisha; Methodios the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos; Cyril, bishop of Crete.

**June 15:** Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fourtunatos of the Seventy; Venerable Jerome of Stridonium and Augustine, bishop of Hippo; Jonah, metropolitan of Moscow; Martyr Lazarus, Serbian prince.

**June 16:** Tikhon the wonder-worker, bishop of Amathos in Cyprus; Venerable Tikhon of Kaluga.

**June 17:** Martyrs Isauros, Basil, Innocent, Hermes, Felix and Peregrinos of Athens; Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ismael of Persia; Venerable Joseph and Pior, disciples of Anthony the Great; Martyr Nectan of Hartland.

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<b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>			<b>June 10-17</b>	
Sunday	Romans	2:10-16	Matt	4:18-23
Monday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	Luke	10:16-21
Tuesday	Romans	7:14-8:2	Matt	10:9-15
Wednesday	Romans	8:2-13	Matt	10:16-22
Thursday	Romans	8:22-27	Luke	8:23-27
Friday	Roman s	9:6-9	Matt	10:16-22
Saturday	Romans	9:28-31; 4:1-3	Matt	7:1-8
Sunday	Romans	5:1-10	Matt	4:18-23

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**Please remember in your prayers** - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, 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 planning a Vacation Church School Monday, July 23 – 27. Contact Sarah Finley or Trish if you would like to volunteer!

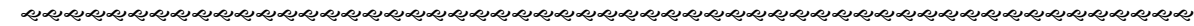
**Lost, Found, & Left** – There is a table set up in the old parish hall which has all lost & found items, as well as gifts left from parishioners. Check it out and see if any of those items belong to you!

**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!



**Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays**

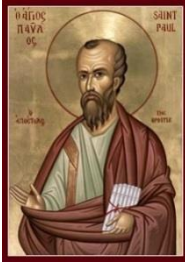
- Sunday, 6/10:** Anniversary: Mickey & Sarah Hodges
- Wednesday, 6/13:** Sh. Corinne Elliott  
Anniversary: Fr. Basil & Kh. Susan  
*St. Aquilina: Chelsea Yadron*
- Thursday, 6/14:** Adam Boone, Ethan van Drimmelen  
*St. Niphon: Bru Wallace*
- Friday, 6/15:** Anniversary: Nawar & Reem Mansour



***Women of St. John Calendar***

- July 2** AWSJ Book Club – *Icon* by Georgia Briggs
- July 12** Women’s Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges’ porch

## ***LETTER FROM THE SKETE:***



*St. Paul Orthodox Skete  
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May 2018

Greetings in Christ!

We again reach the time of year to celebrate the patronal feast of the skete. We thank you all for your continuing prayers and support, in both monetary pledges and labor, without which we could not continue to concentrate on our life of repentance and prayer for the world, receiving guests, and keeping up the property. May God receive your efforts for His holy skete and the efforts of the local workers hired to help maintain the property.

This year's celebration of the feast will be on Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Following is the schedule of services, to which all are invited.

***8:00 a.m. – Akathist to Sts. Peter and Paul, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour, 6<sup>th</sup> Hour***

***9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy***

***Followed by a meal provided by the skete***

***Please let us know if you plan to come so we can arrange for the meal.***

We humbly ask your continued prayers for the skete – you all remain always in our prayers, unworthy though they be. May God bless and protect you now and always.

Please bring this letter to everyone's attention and keep us in your holy prayers.

In Christ,  
Mother Nektaria

## **Library Lines**

This month we honor several icons of the Theotokos. Monday (6/11) we commemorate a beautiful story behind a hymn and an icon, It Is Meet, of the Theotokos. One night, as a monk was alone and reading the hours, a monk he did not know knocked on his door and joined him in prayer. As they sang a hymn by St. Cosmos to the Theotokos, the stranger interjected the words “It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God,” and then continued with “More honorable than the Cherubim...” The icon glowed and the stranger wrote the “new” words to the hymn on a tile with his finger. He said, “Sing in this manner, and all the Orthodox as well.” Then he disappeared. These words began to be sung in the Divine Liturgy, and the icon was later sent to the Holy Mountain. See the picture of the icon and read more about it in Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary. (ART ICO KHO)

We frequently confuse the Prophet Elisha (6/14) with his predecessor Elias (Elijah). He boldly asked him for a double portion of the grace of God when Elias was taken up into heaven in a fiery chariot. He served for over 65 years as a prophet during the reign of six kings. The Wisdom of Sirach says, “And no one oppressed him. No word could overcome him.” He raised the dead, healed a leper, and worked miracles over water and dry land. St. Nicholas Planas was very devoted to the prophet and was granted visions of him.

Friday, we commemorate the Prophet Amos (6/15). Unlike most prophets, he came from a family of shepherds and was unschooled. He also was a pruner of sycamore trees. Being an outdoorsman, he employed vivid imagery in his writing – wagons, grasshoppers, birds, and cattle. He spoke well, using poetic devices and picturesque speech to prophesy the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension of Christ. In some of his icons he is shown as an old man who resembles St. John the Theologian. Read more about him in The Old Testament: Prophetic Traditions (REF SCR COM TAR) and The Holy Prophets. (REF HAG HOL)

## PERIODICALLY SPEAKING

Would you like to visit Orthodox churches in China, Russia, or France? How about seeing them from the comfort of an easy chair?

Browse through Road To Emmaus: a Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture which is St. John Library's most popular periodical. Each issue is filled with illustrations of and interviews with clergy and lay people worldwide about their traditions, history and culture. Take a look at the new bulletin board in the library to see issues on display.