

From the Fathers (and others):

Those who do not know must be taught, not punished. We do not hit the blind. We lead them by the hand.

St. Dionysius

Amma Matrona said, "There are many in the mountains who behave as if they were in the town, and they are wasting their time. It is better to have many people around you and to live the solitary life in your will than to be alone and always longing to be with a crowd."

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Abba Evagrius said, "Take away temptations and no one will be saved."

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

"Let us dedicate the spirit to the Father, the soul to the Son and the body to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit which will raise it again from dust."

St. Ephraim the Syrian

No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak in anger.

St John Chrysostom

Make sure that you do not limit your prayer merely to a particular part of the day. Turn to prayer at any time.

St John Chrysostom

Prayer for our enemies is the very highest summit of self-control.

St John Chrysostom

We have such a law: If you forgive, it means that God has forgiven you; but if you do not forgive your brother, it means that your sin remains with you.

St Silouan the Athonite

St. John Orthodox Church



*~ June 11, 2017 ~
All Saints Sunday*

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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

June 11, 2017 All Saints Sunday

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Mindy Williams**.

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.

**Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33,
37-38; 19:27-30**

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

June 11 - 18 (Apostles Fast)

Sunday -St. John choir sings @ Robinwood, 3:30 p.m.

Monday *Apostles fast begins*

-First Hour, 6:45 a.m.

-AWSJ Book Club, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.

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-Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Meal following vespers

-NO Wednesday Teaching

Thursday **-OFFICE CLOSED**

-AWSJ Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Claire van Drimmelen's

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.

CLERGY OUT OF TOWN

June 15 – 17 Parish Life Conference, Fr. Philip & Fr. Alex

June 19 Fr. Alex leaves for Camp St. Thekla

Upcoming Baptisms

Anna Finley June 24

Joseph Romero August 19

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, June 18, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Alex

HOMILY: Fr. Alex

READER: Matt Spinolo

USHER: John Sneed

HOLY BREAD: Mindy Williams

ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Eli, Thomas, Paul, James

COFFEE HOUR: Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Kumar

COMMEMORATIONS



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.

June 18: Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios and Theodoulos of Tripoli in Syria; Venerable Leontios the Hagiorite of Dionysiou monastery on Athos.

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| <b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b> |        |                 | <b>June 11 - 18</b> |                              |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday                          | Acts   | 11:19-30        | Matthew             | 10:32-33, 37-38;<br>19:27-30 |
| Monday                          | Romans | 2:28-29; 3:1-18 | Matthew             | 6:31-34; 7:9-11              |
| Tuesday                         | Romans | 4:4-12          | Matthew             | 7:15-21                      |
| Wednesday                       | Romans | 4:13-25         | Matthew             | 10:16-22                     |
| Thursday                        | Romans | 5:10-16         | Matthew             | 8:23-27                      |
| Friday                          | Romans | 5:17-21; 6:1-2  | Matthew             | 9:14-17                      |
| Saturday                        | Romans | 3:19-24         | Matthew             | 7:1-8                        |
| Sunday                          | Romans | 2:10-16         | Matthew             | 4:18-23                      |

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Pray for our catechumens: Memphis –Justin Bowles, Lucas Whatley.

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, Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe’s grandmother), Caitlyn Maas (pregnant), Lawrence Elliott (pregnant), Beth Autrey (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas’ family), Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Glenda Brooks, Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman’s granddaughter), Maria Bellaflones, Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

The **Apostles Fast** – *The fast begins tomorrow!* The *traditional fasting discipline* is observed during the Apostles Fast which lasts from the Monday after All Saints Sunday through June 28th (with *katalysis* for wine & oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and fish, wine & oil on Saturdays and Sundays).

Choir Sings at Robinwood! – The choir will be singing for the Clifford McWhorter and his fellow residents of Robinwood Retirement Home on Sunday, June 11 at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend! If you do not normally sing with the choir, but would like to join them for this event, please contact Bill Stanek.

Looking ahead to our move into St. Raphael Hall – Housekeeping – There are several items of clothing hanging on the hooks in the hallway as well as several dishes left in the parish hall. Please do your best to take any items that belong to you home in the next couple of weeks. *If you have left something for someone else to pick up*, please be sure they have done so; we all need reminders on occasion. Additionally, there are vases and candle holders in the vase room which do not belong to the church, but have been lent to party coordinators for past events. Thank you for their use, but please help us get them to their proper homes.

As we approach our move next door, and more specifically renovations to our existing building, we will need to clean up, clean out, and reorganize the downstairs. There will be much moving and dust and we don’t want your belongings to disappear or be ruined in the process!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Tuesday, 6/13:** Sh. Corinne
Anniversary: Fr. Basil & Kh. Susan
St. Aquilina: Chelsea Yadron
- Wednesday, 6/14:** Adam Boone, Ethan van Drimmelen
St. Niphon: Bru Wallace
- Thursday, 6/15:** Anniversary: Nawar and Reem Mansour
- Friday, 6/16:** Ben Hodges
- Saturday, 6/17:** Samir Rustom
Anniversary: Dn. James & Sh. Corinne

Women of St. John – AWSJ Calendar

- June 12** AWSJ Book Club will be discussing *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell
Upcoming: July 17 - *The Summer before the War* by Helen Simonson
- June 15** **Women's Bible Study**, 6:30 p.m. – Social Time, 7:00 p.m. discussion begins Claire van Drimmelen's home
- July 13** **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined

A note about the new AWSJ Bible Study – The women of St. John are embarking on a study of the book of Job using Patrick Henry Reardon's *Trial of Job* as a guide. We will be reading the (actual) book of Job along with the corresponding chapters from Reardon's work. For our June meeting, we will be discussing chapters 1-3 of both books. Xerox copies of the Reardon chapters are available in the office.

This night is about growing closer as a community of women by reading God's word, discussing it and sharing our thoughts/struggles/joys. I hope that you can make it for all or part of it. Even if you don't have time to read ahead of time- join us. Even if you don't know one other person going- join us. Even if you NEVER cross the Parkways- carpool and join us. If you can't make it Thursday- join us in reading along on your own time. And if none of these apply- please pray for us (which is joining us, too!)

Master Plan Updates

Progress on the St Raphael Hall – All of the sheetrock has arrived and the crews are putting the finishing touches on the electrical and the plumbing to prepare for closing the walls. They are cutting through the walls for the second floor elevator lobby. Lots of progress continues to be made!

Fund raising – Thank you for your help thus far!! After paying our bills for this month, we will begin drawing on the loan to complete the project. If you would like to help with our monthly commitment to the loan, please let Fr. Philip know.

REGULAR ALMS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Birthright ☩ St. John Alms Fund ☩ St. Brigid Food Pantry ☩ St. John Camping Fund ☩
☩ Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Mission Fund ☩ Michael & Abigail Bittle Fund

Library Lines

The Sunday after Pentecost is set aside to remember All Saints, those known and unknown to us. St. Peter of Damascus tells us of five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs and Monastics. St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain adds a fifth group, that of the Righteous. These saints attained holiness in their lives on earth. Abraham and Joseph the Betrothed are in this designation. A category not included in those groups is the Confessors. They courageously confessed Christ and came close to martyrdom. This feast became prominent because of the love of an emperor for his wife. Leo VI the Wise wanted to build a church in honor of his wife, Theophano (12/16). She cared deeply for the poor and was very generous to monasteries. She refused in humility to allow him to dedicate the church to her. So, Leo declared the Sunday after Pentecost to commemorate all the saints, believing his wife would be honored on this feast. Read more about the categories of saints in "About the Saints" in *Orthodox America*, #18, Mar.-Apr. 1982, on p. 8.

This month we honor several icons of the Theotokos. Today (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.

Thursday 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)