

From the Fathers (and others):

We ought to confess our sins more frequently, in order to strike and scourge the sins by the open avowal of them, and in order to feel a greater loathing for them.

St. John of Kronstadt

The Good... at first... deals out the light in small amounts and then, as the wish and the longing for light begins to grow, it gives more and more of itself, shining ever more abundantly on them because they 'loved much' (cf. Luke 7:47), and always it keeps urging them onward and upward as their capacity permits.

St. Dionysius

'A faithful friend is a strong defense' (Ecclus. 6:14); for when things are going well with you, he is a good counselor and a sympathetic collaborator, while when things are going badly, he is the truest of helpers and a most compassionate supporter.

St. Maximos the Confessor

If you do something in accordance to God, temptation will always appear. All good things are either preceded or followed by temptation.

Abba Dorotheos

It is not good to give oneself ease in everything. He who seeks this lives for himself and not for God, for such a man cannot cut off his will.

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

Avarice occasions a waste of love, and inspires hatred against those who deprive or rob us of our property; whilst hearty generosity arouses love for those to whom we are liberal; forced generosity, however, also produces dislike.

St. John of Kronstadt

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ June 17, 2018 ~
Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

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

June 17 - 24 (Apostles' fast)

Sunday -
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 Baptism

June 30 - Elijah Hetrick

Upcoming Memorial

Today – Emil Mansour (Nawar's uncle)

July 1 - Kinney Graham, 6 years

Marlene Kraker, 8 years

July 8 – Galina (Kate Kumar's mother), 10 years

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Basil
READER: Matt Spinolo
HOLY BREAD: Karen Bell
USHER:
ALTAR SERVERS:
COFFEE HOUR: Karen Bell, Justin & AK Vanlandingham

COMMEMORATIONS

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.

June 19: Apostle Jude (Thaddeus), brother of the Lord; Venerable Paisios the Great and Zenon; Martyr Zosimas the Soldier at Antioch in Pisidia.

June 20: Hieromartyr Methodios, bishop of Patara; Kallistos Xanthopoulos, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Nahum of Ochrid.

June 21: Martyr Julian of Tarsus; New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes.

June 22: Hieromartyr Eusebios, bishop of Samosata; Martyrs Zeno and his servant Zenas of Philadelphia; Alban, protomartyr of Britain; Venerable Anastasia of Serbia.

June 23: Martyrs Agripinna of Rome, Aristokleos, Eustochios, Demetrian, and Lollias; Venerable Barbaros Pentapolites; translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan.

June 24: The Nativity of the Forerunner; New-martyr Panayiotis of Caesarea in Cappadocia.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS			June 17 - 24
Sunday	Romans	5:1-10	Matt 6:22-33
Monday	Roman	9:18-33	Matt 11:2-15
Tuesday	Jude	1:1-25	John 14:21-24
Wednesday	Romans	11:2-12	Matt 11:20-26
Thursday	Romans	11:13-24	Matt 11:27-30
Friday	Romans	11:25-36	Matt 12:1-8
Saturday	Romans	6:11-17	Matt 8:14-23
Sunday	Romans	13:11-14; 14:1-4	Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80



Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Julie Hight (pregnant), Anne Katherine Vanlandingham (pregnant), Janna Knight (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



AWSJ Workday at the Skete – Saturday, June 23 - As you know, a liturgy will be celebrated at St Paul’s skete on June 29th. To prepare for visitors, Mother Nektaria has asked for help to straighten things up. If you have not been to the skete before, it’s in a very pretty and peaceful spot near Grand Junction, TN (about an hour drive from Memphis). As the days get hot early, we will need to be there around 8 am, and work through noon. There would be both inside and outside tasks. Lunch will be served. We should be home by 2 pm. If you are able to come, please email Anna to anna.pashchinskaya@fedex.com.

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 - Thanks be to God, that acoustic panels should arrive by the first week of July. Lord willing, they will be installed quickly. We’re almost there! Also, the parish council has interviewed two strong candidates for the position of Youth Director to fill some of the very large shoes that Fr. Alex is leaving behind. May God provide the right fit for our youth and for our community. Starting in July, we will be taking nominations for the upcoming term of the parish council.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

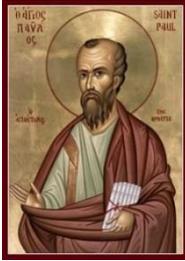
- Sunday, 6/17:** Samir Rustom
Anniversary: Dn. James & Sh. Corinne Elliott
- Tuesday, 6/19:** Eli Steele
- Friday, 6/22:** Janine Smith
- Saturday, 6/23:** Buddy Taylor, Christi Yadron



Women of St. John Calendar

- July 2** AWSJ Book Club – *Icon* by Georgia Briggs
- July 12** Women’s Teaching - 10:00 a.m., *Contact office if you would like to host*

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 29th. Following is the schedule of services, to which all are invited.

8:00 a.m. – Akathist to Sts. Peter and Paul, 3rd Hour, 6th 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

We commemorate many icons to the Theotokos in June. Monday, we remember the Theotokos and an event in Russia in 1155. Prince Andrew was transporting to his homeland an icon of the Mother of God written by St. Luke. After traveling some distance, the horse pulling the cart stopped and wouldn't budge. The Theotokos appeared to him with a scroll in her hand and said that the icon should stay at Vladimir and that he should build a church and monastery in that very spot. He commissioned an iconographer to write an icon of her, scroll in hand, and looking toward her Son, as she did in the vision. Andrew and the city which grew up around the monastery, were called Bogolub which means God-lover. This is icon #7 ("Bogolioubsk"). Look for this icon and others of the Theotokos in *Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and Prayers for her Intercession* (ART ICO KHO).

As we remembered our earthly fathers Sunday, it is appropriate that the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Jude (6/19). We often think of the saints as perfect, solitary, and far removed from our struggles. However, St. Jude was one from among us. We call him the brother of the Lord, because he was the son of Joseph the Betrothed. However, he was very possessive of his inheritance from him. Later, in humility and awareness of his lack of faith and love for Christ, he always referred to himself as the brother of James, his brother who willingly shared his inheritance with Jesus. St. Jude was married with children and was the cousin of the Forerunner. He exhorts us in his short epistle to persevere in faith and good works. Read more about him on the St. John website under the *Iconography* section, *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR), and in *The Holy Apostles* (REF HAG HOL).

The icon *Directress* (6/20) was painted by St. Luke. It has traveled to many places, and there have been at least 2 exact copies made. It has led Russian soldiers to victory and has healed wounded and sick soldiers. The *Directress*, also known as *Hodigitra* (She who leads the way), is one of the most important holy objects of the Russian Orthodox Church, and believers have received grace from it throughout history. Also, many times during the Dormition Fast we pray the Paraklesis to The Theotokos. Towards the end, we sing of the "revered icon which is known by the name Directress and which hath been depicted for us by the Apostle Luke the Evangelist."

Saturday, we commemorate the Vladimir Icon of the Mother of God (6/23) which was painted by Luke, the Evangelist. It was brought from Constantinople to the land of the Rus in 1131 and then to Vladimir where it received its name. In 1395 Khan Tamerlane advanced on Moscow, and clergy were sent to Vladimir to bring the icon to Moscow. Along the route, throngs of people lined the road kneeling and asking the Theotokos to save Russia. At the same time Tamerlane had a dream in which the Theotokos, accompanied by the hierarchs of Russia, commanded him to leave the country.

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.