

From the Fathers (and others):

“First the memory brings some passion-free thought into the intellect. By its lingering there, passion is aroused. When the passion is not eradicated, it persuades the intellect to assent to it. Once the assent is given, the actual sin is then committed.”

St. Maximos the Confessor

“Watchfulness and the Jesus Prayer, as I have said, mutually reinforce each other, for close attentiveness goes with constant prayer, while prayer goes with close watchfulness and attentiveness of intellect.”

St. Hesychios the Priest

“Malicious skeptics visited Abba Agathon to see if they could annoy him. They had heard that Agathon possessed great discretion and self-control. They spoke directly to him, ‘Agathon, we heard you are an adulterer and full of pride.’ He answered, ‘Yes, that is true.’ ‘Are you the same Agathon who gossips and slanders?’ ‘I am.’ ‘Are you Agathon the heretic?’ ‘No, I am not a heretic.’ ‘Why did you patiently endure it when we slandered you, but refuse to be called a heretic?’ Agathon answered, ‘Your first accusations were good for my soul., but to be a heretic is to be separated from God. I do not want to be apart from God.’”

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

When someone asked a hermit to define humility, he answered “Humility is when you forgive someone who has wronged you before he expresses regret.”

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

“It is no great thing not to judge, and to be sympathetic to someone who is in trouble and falls down before you, but it is a great thing not to judge or to strike back when someone, on account of his own passions, speaks against you and to disagree when some else is honored or than you are.”

St. Dorotheus of Gaza

St. John Orthodox Church



*~ June 19, 2016 ~
Holy Pentecost*

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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 19, 2016 Holy Pentecost

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Caitlyn Maas**.

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 19 - 26 (NO FASTING)

- Sunday** -Kneeling Vespers for Pentecost, 5:30 p.m.
-Potluck to follow vespers
- 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** -OFFICE CLOSED
-No Vespers or parish meal
- 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, 8:45 a.m.
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY – All Saints

Sunday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. John	HOMILY:	Fr. John
READER:	Matt Spinolo	USHER:	Thomas Yadron
HOLY BREAD:	Karen Bell		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Joe, Pavel, Trent, Max		
WELCOME TEAM:	Brandon Maas		
COFFEE HOUR:	Mitch & Sandy Childress, Mindy Williams, Billy Labonte, Keith Parker		

UPCOMING MEMORIAL

Kinney Graham, June 26 – 4 years

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE DATES FOR CLERGY

June 19 – 25	Fr. John, vacation
June 20 – July 11	Fr. Philip, Camp St. Thekla
July 18 – 22	Fr. Philip, Clergy Symposium

COMMEMORATIONS

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.

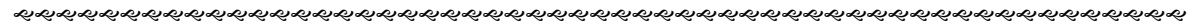
June 22: Hieromartyr Eusebios, bishop of Samosata; Martyrs Zeno and his servant Zenas of Philadelphia; Alban, protomartyr of Britain; Venerable Anastasia of Serbia.

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.

June 25: Venerable-martyr Febronia of Nisibis; Martyr Longinos; Venerable Prokopios of the skete of Iviron on Athos; Venerable Dionysios the Hagiorite, founder of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; Venerable Dometios, abbot of Dionysiou monastery on Athos; Prince Peter (Venerable David) and Princess Febronia (Venerable Euphrosyne), wonder-workers of Murom.

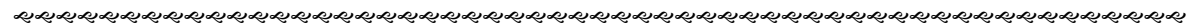
June 26: Venerable David of Thessalonika; John, bishop of the Goths.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 19 - 26

Sunday	Acts	2:1-11	John	7:37-52; 8:12
Monday	Ephesians	5:8-19	Matthew	18:10-20
Tuesday	Romans	1:1-7, 13-17	Matthew	4:23-5:13
Wednesday	Romans	1:18-27	Matthew	5:20-26
Thursday	Romans	1:28-2:9	Matthew	5:27-32
Friday	Romans	13:11-14:4	Luke	1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80
Saturday	Romans	1:7-12	Matthew	5:42-48
Sunday	Hebrews	11:33-12:2	Matthew	10:32-38, 19:27-30



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), Elfrieda Drobashovsky, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Wednesday Night at St. John – Fathers John, Basil, and Philip are all out of town this Wednesday, June 22. Consequently, we will NOT PRAY VESPERS Wednesday night, nor will there be a meal.

St. Paul Skete - All are invited to St. Paul Skete for the Divine Liturgy to celebrate their patronal feast on Wednesday, June 29th; the schedule is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. As noted, please let Mother Nektaria know if you do plan to come so she can better arrange for the meal. In any case, please remember the skete in your holy prayers.

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!

MASTER PLAN NOTES AND UPDATES

Work continues on the schematic design, and finalized drawings should be done in a week. We will then work on detailed changes needed for working drawing.

How much of the one-time gifts have collected?

About 80% of the one-time gifts will have been received by the start of this week.

How many of those who have made monthly pledges are making them?

About 60% of those who have pledged to make monthly contributions have begun doing so.

Why is it important to go ahead and start paying my monthly pledge?

Soon we will be approaching lending institutions to secure the loan commitments we need to fund the entirety of the project. To secure the best deal possible, it is imperative that we can show we are already collecting the pledges to service that debt.

NOW is the time to go ahead and pay your pledges! If you have not made a pledge or contribution, you may want to rethink and make a pledge, or even 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

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

POTLUCK MEAL FOLLOWING KNEELING VESPERS TONIGHT

Bring a dish to share to celebrate the feast following Kneeling Vespers this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Women of St. John - AWSJ

- July 14** **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., location TBD
July 18 **Book Club**, 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home
Killer Angels: The Classic Novel of the Civil War



St. John Summer Pool Party

at the Rhodes College pool

Monday, July 11th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

(Upcoming: July 25)

What to Bring:

- Swim suits, towels, etc.
- Items to grill for your family (The grill will be fired up!)
- Drinks for your family (no alcohol, please)
- Side and/or dessert to share with everyone

LIBRARY LINES

The Orthodox Church looks at time differently than the world does. Sunday is called the “eighth day.” And, Pentecost is referred to as “the last and great day.” The descent of the Holy Spirit is “the end-the achievement and fulfillment-of the entire history of salvation.” And it is also the beginning, birthday, of the Church. According to the OCA website, Pentecost in Greek means fifty which in Bible symbolism refers to the fullness of time and that which is beyond time. For more information, see *The Church Year* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (CAT SAC SCH).

As we remember our earthly fathers today, 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, in *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR), and in *The Holy Apostles* (REF HAG HOL).

This month we commemorate several icons of the Theotokos. 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. 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). Also, many times during the Dormition Fast we prayed the Paracletis to The Theotokos. Towards the end, we sang of the “revered icon which is known by the name Directress and which hath been depicted for us by the Apostle Luke the Evangelist.”

Thursday 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. Who has more feast days than any other saint? Hint: his birthday is Friday. Jesus was his cousin, and he was the last Old Testament prophet. Like Moses, he had devout parents, had enemies from his childhood and spent time in great rivers and around locusts. He wore animal skins and is shown with wings in some icons. See the icon of the nativity of St. John the Forerunner (6/24) and the account of his birth on display in St. John Library. His icons and that of his mother, St. Elizabeth, are in our nave.



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