

St. John Orthodox Church



~ June 26, 2016 ~
All Saints

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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

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Epistle: Hebrew 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-38; 19:27-30

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Karen Bell**.

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 26 – July 3
(*Mon.-Wed & Fri. Fast)

Sunday -
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's
-Great Vespers for Ss. Peter & Paul, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday -**Divine Liturgy at St. Paul Skete**, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Parish Meal 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, 8:45 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 3, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. John HOMILY: Fr. John
READER: USHER: Bill Harter
HOLY BREAD:
ALTAR SERVERS: Whoever is available
COFFEE HOUR: **HELP NEEDED! Please sign up!**
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eabac2aa0fb6-coffee2>

Memorials

Today: Kinney Graham – 4 years
July 10: Galina, Kate Kumar's mother, 8 years

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE DATES FOR CLERGY

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

Apostles 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).

COMMEMORATIONS

June 26: Venerable David of Thessalonika; John, bishop of the Goths.
June 27: Sampson the host of strangers; Mary and Joanna the myrrh-bearers.
June 28: The translation of the relics of Cyros and John the unmercenary healers; Martyrs Papios and Paul; Venerable Moses the anchorite; Venerable Simeon; Venerable Sergios and Herman, wonder-workers of Valaam.
June 29: Apostles Peter and Paul.
June 30: The synaxis of the Twelve Apostles. New-martyr Michael.
July 1: Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian, martyrs in Rome; New-martyr Constantine; translation of the relics of Venerable John of Rila from Trnovo to Rila.
July 2: The commemoration of the placing of the Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae. Juvenaly, archbishop of Jerusalem; the new-martyrs of Samothrace; repose of Job, first patriarch of Moscow.
July 3: Martyrs Hyacinth and Theodota of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Anatolios, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable-martyr Gerasimos the New of Carpenision; Venerable Joachim; translation of the relics of Philip the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow; Venerable Nikodemos of Kozhe Lake.

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| <b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b> |               |            | <b>June 26 – July 3</b> |                    |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday                          | Hebrews       | 11:33-12:2 | Matthew                 | 10:32-38, 19:27-30 |
| Monday                          | Romans        | 2:28-3:18  | Matthew                 | 6:31-34; 7:9-11    |
| Tuesday                         | Romans        | 4:4-12     | Matthew                 | 7:15-21            |
| Wednesday                       | 2 Corinthians | 11:21-12:9 | Matthew                 | 16:13-19           |
| Thursday                        | 1 Corinthians | 4:9-16     | Matthew                 | 9:36-10:8          |
| Friday                          | 1 Corinthians | 12:27-13:8 | Matthew                 | 10:1, 5-8          |
| Saturday                        | Hebrews       | 9:1-7      | Luke                    | 1:39-49, 56        |
| Sunday                          | Romans        | 2:10-16    | Matthew                 | 4:18-23            |

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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), Angela Leopold (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.

Welcome Dmitry!! – We are very blessed today to have “our” iconographer, **Dmitry Shkolnik**, visiting with us. He has adorned our church beautifully, far beyond all our expectations, and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. Many years, Dmitry! We love you!

Catechumen/Inquirers Class – There will be NO class this Tuesday, June 28 due to the praying of Great Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Bulletin Board – Please see the bulletin board downstairs for various announcements and invitations.

Divine Liturgy at St. Paul Skete – Mo. Nektaria invites the parishioners of St. John in celebrating the patronal feast of the skete on Wednesday, June 29th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Paul Skete in Grand Junction. Please email her if you are planning on attending.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Monday, 6/27: Fiona Harvey
St. Johanna: Joanna Spinolo, Fiona Harvey

Tuesday, 6/28: Michael Yadron

Wednesday, 6/29: Anniversary-John & Sue Brownlow
Apostle Paul: Pavel Harvey, Paul Elliott, Silas Powell
Apostle Peter: Weston Leopold

Thursday, 6/30: *Synaxis of the 12 Apostles* – Matthew Hammill

Friday, 7/1: Anniversary: Tyson & Janine Smith

Saturday, 7/2: Joseph Labonte
St. John Maximovich: Dn. Charles McKelroy, Brandon Maas, Joseph Labonte, Gary Karnaghon

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.

St. Sampson the Hospitable (6/27) is a saint who intended to pursue his salvation by living in the wilderness but was given a different path by God. Christ directed him to spend his time among men rather than live in solitude. He welcomed homeless wanderers, the sick and the poor to his small house. God gave him the gifts of healing and wonderworking, and he served the needy until his old age. After his peaceful death, his intercessions to God saved the hospice he founded from a powerful fire.

Tuesday we commemorate another icon. The Theotokos of "the Three Hands" (6/28) is connected with St. John of Damascus, the hymnographer. Because of the saint's love for icons, the iconoclast emperor, Leo III, made an accusation of treason against him to the caliph of Damascus. As punishment, the caliph ordered his hand to be cut off. St. John prayed to the Theotokos for healing, and his hand was restored to his wrist with a faint red visible line. He placed a hand of silver on her icon, and the icon has been known by its name, "Of the Three Hands" since then. Read about it in *The Orthodox Word*, #241, 2005 p. 77, in *Orthodox America*, #50, 1985, p. 4. Find more about all these icons in *Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary and Prayers for Her Intercession* (ART/ICO/KHO).

The Blessed Angelina (7/1) was a Serbian princess. She and her husband Stephan were the parents of St. John of Serbia. When the Turks threatened them, they fled to Albania and Italy. She lived as a monastic after the death of her husband and son. Their relics were incorrupt and many were healed by those who venerated them. Read about her life in *Married Saints of the Church* HAG/ - - -/MOS and in "Saint Angelina of Serbia" in *The Handmaiden*, fall 2005, on page 38. She is also commemorated in December and later in July.

From the Fathers (and others):

" . . . there is nothing more dangerous than self indulgence. It prepares the ground for all the vices because I chast out from the soul the fear of God. . . May God deliver us from the deadly disease of self indulgence.

"Self-indulgence takes many forms. A man may be self-indulgence in speech, in touch, in sight. From self-indulgence a man comes to idle speech and worldly talk, to buffoonery and cracking indecent jokes. There is self-indulgence in touching without necessity, making mocking signs with the hands, pushing for a place, snatching up something for oneself, approaching someone else shamelessly. All these things come from not having the fear of God in the soul and from these a man comes little by little to perfect contempt. For this reason when God delivered the Commandments of the Law, he said, 'Treat with respect the sons of Israel (Lev 15:21).' For without mutual respect, God himself is not honored, nor is it possible to fulfill a single commandment. Therefore, there is nothing worse than this abuse of freedom and it is the seed-bed of all the vices. For it does away with the respect of others, drives away the fear of God, generates contempt. Exercising this dangerous liberty towards one another leads to effrontery, speaking ill of one another, and coming to blows.

If one of you see, sometime, something unedifying and so much (as go on) to pass it on and put it into the heart of another brother, in doing so you not only harm yourself but you harm your brother by putting one more little bit of knavery into his heart. Even if that brother has his mind set on prayer or some other noble activity, and the first arrives and furnishes him with something to prate about, he not only impedes what he ought to be doing, but brings a temptation on him. There is nothing graver or more deadly than this doing harm, not only to himself but also to his neighbor."

St. Dorotheus of Gaza



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