

From the Fathers (and others):

The moment you realize at the bottom of your heart that you are nothing and that God is everything, then the truth shall have set you free.

Matthew the Poor

A man stands before an earthly monarch, but he turns his face away and talks to the enemies of the king--the king will be offended. In the same way, the Lord will be offended by someone who at a time of prayer turns away toward unclean thoughts.

St. John Climacus

If you would know of the Lord's love for us, hate sin and evil thoughts, and day and night pray fervently. The Lord will then give you His grace, and you will know Him through the Holy Spirit, and after death, when you enter into paradise, there too, you will know the Lord through the Holy Spirit, as you knew Him on earth.

St. Silouan of Mt. Athos

When the Lord withdraws to put the soul to test, He quickly returns once more when it begins to call out to Him. But when He withdraws as a punishment, He does not soon return - not until the soul has realized the sin it has committed, has repented, has wept over it and done penance.

St. Theophan the Recluse

It is sinful to give up sadness. We are exiles on earth. Exiles do not wonder at insult or injury. We are under God's penance and a penance consists of deprivations and difficulties. We are ill in soul and body and bitter medicine is useful for the ill.

St. Theophil of Kiev Caves

Everyone needs diligence, force and attention, but not to the same extent. Those exalted in honour, wealth and power, and those who concern themselves with words and the acquisition of wisdom by means of them, even if they wish to be saved, are in greater need of force and diligence, since they are less obedient by nature.

St. Gregory Palamas

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



*~ June 3, 2018 ~
Sunday of All Saints*

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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

Great Feast of Pentecost

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

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

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 3 – 10 (Apostles' fast)

Sunday -AWSJ Baby Shower, 12:30 p.m., Margaret McKelroy's home
Monday **Apostles' Fast begins**
-AWSJ Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
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.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 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.**

Chrismation Today

Calen & Kathryn Verbist

DIVINE LITURGY

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

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: David Twombly
HOLY BREAD: Anna Pashchinskaya
USHER: Bill Harter
ALTAR SERVERS:
COFFEE HOUR: Matt & Lynda Spinolo, Mitch & Sandy Childress

COMMEMORATIONS

June 3: Martyr Lukyllian of Byzantium; Virgin-martyr Paula; Venerable Athanasios the wonder-worker of Cilicia; Clotilde, queen of the Franks.

June 4: Metrophanes, first patriarch of Constantinople; Mary and Martha, the sisters of the Righteous Lazarus.

June 5: Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; New-martyr Mark of Smyrna; repose of Theodore Yaroslavich, brother of Alexander Nevsky; Peter Korishki.

June 6: Venerable Hilarion the New, of the Dalmaton monastery; Venerable Vissarion of Egypt and Attalos the wonder-worker.

June 7: Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastian the wonder-worker; Venerable Cedd, bishop of Essex.

June 8: The translation of the relics of Great-martyr Theodore the General (“Stratelates”); Martyrs Nicander and Kalliope; New-martyr Theophanes of Constantinople.

June 9: Cyril, patriarch of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Beloezersk; Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland.

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.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



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).

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

Monday, 6/4: *Martha of Bethany: Kh. Martha, Margaret McKelroy, Marjo Labonte*

Mary of Bethany: Cindy Karnaghon, Bethany White

Wednesday, 6/6: Lawrence Elliott, Mary Elise O’Brien

Thursday, 6/7: Anniversary: Fr. Alex & Kh. Amanda

Friday, 6/8: John David Williams, John Cameron

Saturday, 6/9: Ben Arthur

St. Columba: Sean Paden

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 3 - 10

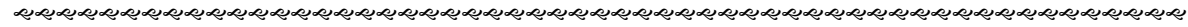
Sunday	Hebrews	11:33-40; 12:1-2	Matt	10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30
Monday	Hebrews	7:26-38; 8:1-2	John	10:1-9
Tuesday	Romans	4:4-12	Matt	7:15-21
Wednesday	Romans	4:13-25	Matt	7:21-23
Thursday	Romans	5:10-16	Matt	8:23-27
Friday	Ephesians	2:4-10	Matt	10:16-22
Saturday	Romans	3:19-24	Matt	7:1-8
Sunday	Romans	2:10-16	Matt	4:18-23

Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Chelsea Yadron (pregnant), 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.

Women of St. John Calendar

June 4 AWSJ Book Club – *Footfalls in Memory* by Terry Waite

June 7 Women's Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges' porch



Baby Shower for Baby Vanlandingham

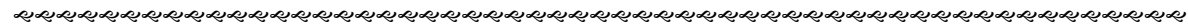
Sunday, June 3rd

12:30 p.m. at Sh. Margaret McKelroy's home



Anne Katherine is registered at Target and Amazon.

If you would like to contribute to the group gift or would like to help with the shower in any way, please contact Sh. Margaret.



Library Lines

The Sunday after Pentecost is set aside to remember all of the 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.

Many of us have a fondness for saints from the British Isles. Two of them as well as one from Gaul are commemorated this week; Venerable Kevin of Ireland (6/3), Venerable Cedd of Essex (6/7), and Queen Clotilde of the Franks (6/3). St. Kevin was from a royal family in Ireland and an angel prophesied his birth to his mother. He spent his youth in a monastery and was ordained as a priest. He lived a solitary life, wore animal skins, and ate very little.

It is said he spent nights in a cold lake and read the Psalms. Disciples were drawn to him, and one story relates that as they continued in a life of prayer, God sent an otter to bring them salmon every day. Once a monk planned to kill it for its fur, and it never returned. St. Kevin's monastery grew, spreading Christianity across eastern Ireland. He died peacefully at age 120. Take a look at *The Blackbird's Nest: Saint Kevin of Ireland* (KID STS KEV) for a delightful story about this saint whose icon is in our nave.

St. Clotilde (6/3) was born in Burgandy about the time of the collapse of the Roman Empire. She was given in marriage to Clovis, king of the Franks, to cement a political alliance. Four years later, her husband called on 'the God of Clotilde' for victory over the Alamans and was catechized and baptized on Christmas Day in 496. Tradition says that at the instruction of an angel, she sent Clovis into battle with a fleurs de lys, a symbol of the Trinity, on his shield. This became the emblem of the kings of France. She was widowed at age 40 and later saw tragedy in the lives of her children. She was an icon for Christian rulers in devotion to God and her family. Look at page 193 in *Marriage as a Path to Holiness* (HAG - - - FOR) for more about her.

This week we commemorate two of our favorite saints, Mary and Martha(6/4), the sisters of Lazarus. They are mentioned several times in the Scriptures and are numbered among the Myrrhbearers. Perhaps we particularly love these sisters because they were friends of Jesus. They also seem very real to us because of our need for prayer and our 'busyness' with life's small cares. Read more about them in *Christ in His Saints* (HAG - - - REA), "Finding the Balance" in *The Handmaiden*, winter issue of 1996, on p. 5, and "The Necessary Thing" in *The Handmaiden*, fall issue of 1999 on p. 16.

St. Cedd (6/7) was the eldest of four brothers, all of whom were trained by St Aidan of Lindisfarne and became monks and priests. St Aidan came to Northumbria from Iona, bringing with him the Celtic way of practicing Christianity. The Celtic church was organized around monasteries with itinerant monks/bishops serving in rural areas, as well as superficial differences over the calculation of the date of Easter and the cut of the tonsure. Take a look at "Saints of the British Isles" in *Orthodox America*, issue 57 on page 5 for more on him.

St. Kalliope (6/8) is one of several saints who first attracts our attention because of her name, which in Greek, means "the beautiful voiced." After rebuffing a pagan suitor, she suffered great tortures for her faith and was martyred in 250 A.D.

Today we remember one more Celtic saint, Venerable Columba of Scotland (6/9). Those of us senior citizens will enjoy his biography, *The Legend of Saint Columba* by Padraic Colum and illustrated by E. Mackinstry. This old book will bring back memories of similar, old books that have silhouette illustrations.