

From the Fathers (and others):

O Lord our God. Who has given Your peace unto mankind, and Who did send down the gift of the Holy Spirit upon Your disciples and apostles, and in your might did open their lips with the tongues of fire. Open also the lips of us sinners and teach us how and for what we must pray. Be the Helmsman of our life, O calm haven of tempest-tossed. Make known to us the way in which we should walk. Renew a right spirit within us, and with Your governing Spirit establish our unstable mind.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
by St Basil the Great

“Our stay on earth is not for sojourning, but for a personal choice for good or for evil, for truth or for falsehood.”

St. Nicholai of Zica

Don't criticize or judge other people – regard everyone else as an angel, justify their mistakes and weaknesses, and condemn only yourself as the worst sinner. This is step one in any kind of spiritual life.

Fr. Seraphim Rose

A brother came to see a certain hermit and, as he was leaving, he said, "Forgive me Abba for preventing you from keeping your rule." The hermit replied, "My rule is to welcome you with hospitality and to send you away in peace."

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Why does the Lord command us to love our enemies and pray for them? Not for their sake, but for ours! For as long as we bear grudges, as long as we dwell on how someone offended us, we will have no peace.

Elder Thaddeus

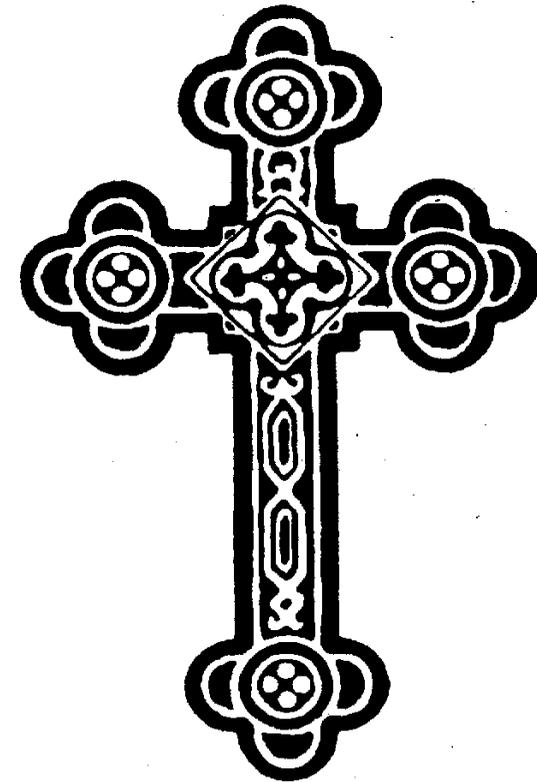
The holy Syncletia said, "I think that for those living in community obedience is a greater virtue than chastity, however perfect. Chastity carries within it the danger of pride, but obedience has within it the promise of humility."

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Know this, that as we pray the holy angels encourage us and stand at our side, full of joy and at the same time interceding on our behalf.

Evagrius the Solitary

St. John Orthodox Church



~ June 4, 2017 ~
Great Feast of 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 4, 2017 Great Feast of Pentecost

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:35-52, 8:12

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Ben Arthur**.

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 4 – 11 (Fast free)

- Sunday** -Kneeling Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Potluck meal
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., “Holy Spirit”
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m. Meal following vespers
-NO Wednesday Teaching
-Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m., at the church
- Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
-Holy Baptism of Andrew Yadron following Vespers
- Sunday** -Orthros, 9:00 a.m.
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

CHURCHING TODAY

Caitlin & Joseph Romero

Upcoming Baptisms

Andrew Yadron June 10

Anna Finley June 24

DIVINE LITURGY – ALL SAINTS

Sunday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip HOMILY: Fr. Philip
READER: Rod Ratliff USHER: Bill Harter
HOLY BREAD: Mindy Williams
ALTAR SERVERS: Pavel, Trent, Nicholas, Max
COFFEE HOUR: Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Kumar,

COMMEMORATIONS

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.

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.”



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 4 – 11

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	4:23-25; 5:1-13
Wednesday	Romans	1:18-27	Matthew	5:20-26
Thursday	Ephesians	2:4-10	Matthew	10:16-22
Friday	Romans	2:14-28	Matthew	5:33-41
Saturday	Romans	1:7-12	Matthew	5:42-48
Sunday	Acts	11:19-30	Matthew	10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30



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 Bellaflores, Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Wednesdays at St. John – We will pray vespers and eat a meal together as we normally do each week, but Wednesday Teachings will be suspended for the summer. We will start back in the fall!

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 3:00 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.

Men’s Clean Up for Pentecost Potluck – The following are on the clean-up crew for the potluck following Pentecost Kneeling Vespers on June 4:

Austin Brown	Brandon Maas	Dn. Sidney
Jack Turner	Philip McKelroy	Tyson Smith
Weston Leopold		

Graduate Sunday – Today we recognize the following new graduates.

High School

Cade Calcote	White Station High School
Deon Crum	St. Georges Independent School
Cailyn Ratliff	St. Agnes Academy

College/Graduate School

Billy Labonte	Ben Hight	Michael Williams
Luke Spinolo	Keith Parker	

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!

Master Plan Updates

Progress on the St Raphael Hall – One word: **WOW!!** This week, the crew continued to prepare the walls and ceiling to be closed in with sheetrock and began the process of officially connecting the two buildings. They should begin hanging the sheetrock this next week. Thank you for your prayers!!

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 6/4:** *Martha of Bethany: Kh. Martha, Sh. Margaret, Marjo Labonte*
Mary of Bethany: Cindy Karnaghon, Bethany White
- Tuesday, 6/6:** Mary Elise O'Brien, Lawrence Elliott
- Wednesday, 6/7:** Anniversary: Fr. Alex & Kh. Amanda
- Thursday, 6/8:** Zach Lyons, John David Williams, John Cameron, Laura Graham
Anniversary: Frank & Betsy Larker
- Friday, 6/9:** Ben Arthur
St. Columba: Sean Paden
- Saturday, 6/10:** Anniversary: Mickey & Sarah Hodges

Women of St. John – AWSJ Calendar

- June 8** **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m. – Meeting at the church
- 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

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!)

Library Lines

The Orthodox Church looks at time differently than the world. Sunday is called the “eighth day.” 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).

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), “Mary Has Chosen the Better Part” in *The Veil*, Nativity 2010 issue, on p. 7, “Finding the Balance” in *The Handmaiden*, winter issue of 1996, on p. 5, “The Necessary Thing” in *The Handmaiden*, fall issue of 1999 on p. 16, “Meditation on Martha and Mary” in *Life Transfigured* in the Pascha issue of 1998 on p. 6 and in “Martha, Martha” in *Life Transfigured* in the Pascha issue of 1998 on p. 14.

St. Dorotheus of Palestine (6/5) is becoming a familiar name to us the more we read the back of our Sunday bulletins. As a young man, he was a voracious reader and science scholar. After entering the monastery, he was given the obedience of caring for pilgrims and travelers. Bearing their spiritual and physical needs was invaluable experience when in later life he wrote *Discourses and Sayings* (PAT DOR) and other works of spiritual wisdom. These popular books are easy to read and filled with practical advice.

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.

Friday, 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.