

**From the Fathers (and others):**

“God sends us trials out of His mercy, so that after we have suffered these ordeals we may be crowned by Him. Without temptation, no one has ever been crowned.”

St. Nilos of Sora

“The goal is to rise spiritually, not simply to avoid sin.”

Elder Paisios of Mount Athos

“In short, let every action be a cause of your remembering and praising God, and lo! you will be praying without ceasing and therein your soul will always rejoice.”

St. Peter of Damascus

“It is no great thing not to judge and to be sympathetic to someone who is in trouble and falls down before you; (it is, however) . . . 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 someone else is honored more than you are.”

Dorotheus of Gaza

Question: When I am with worldly people and idle talking begins, should I remain or leave?

Answer: If you have no special need (to remain), then leave; but if there is need (to remain), then turn in your mind to prayer, not judging them, but acknowledging your own weakness.

Saints Barsanuphios and John

“We must not return anger for anger, pride for pride; those who are angry or proud towards us we must pity as overcome by the flames of hell, and by spiritual death; we must pray for them from the depths of our hearts, that the Lord may take away the darkness from them, enlighten them by the light of His grace.”

St. John of Kronstadt

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## St. John Orthodox Church

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*~ June 5, 2016 ~  
Sunday of the Blindman*

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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 5, 2016 Sunday of the Blindman

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Janine Smith**.

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 5 - 12 (\*Wed. & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -Young Adults, 7:00 p.m., Bosco's
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Pool Party, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Rhodes College Pool
- Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's  
-Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-**Divine Liturgy for Ascension, 6:00 p.m.**, potluck meal to follow
- Thursday** -AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Cindy Karnaghton's home  
-Men's Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Central BBQ
- Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Paraklesis, 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
-Holy Baptism of Andrew Lee Labonte following Vespers
- Sunday** -**Orthros, 8:45 a.m.**  
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

### DIVINE LITURGY – Ascension

**Wednesday, June 8, 6:00 p.m.**

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
READER:	Caleb McGee	HOLY BREAD:	Mindy Williams
ALTAR SERVERS:	Lawson, Joe, Cade, Pavel, Zach, James		
CLEAN UP CREW:	Keith Parker, Charlie Harvey, Bill Stanek, Don Sanderlin		

### DIVINE LITURGY – Holy Fathers

**Sunday, June 12, 10:00 a.m.**

PRIEST:	Fr. John	HOMILY:	Fr. John
READER:	Matt Spinolo	USHER:	Bill Harter
HOLY BREAD:	Harvey family		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Alex, Cade, Elijah		
WELCOME TEAM:	Gary Karnaghton		
COFFEE HOUR:	Nawar & Reem Mansour, Anne Dugan, Dianna Hildebrand		

\* *Fasting Note: With the blessing of the Synod of Antioch, a katalysis for fish, wine and oil is granted for all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Pentecostarion (the period between Pascha and Pentecost).*



**COMMEMORATIONS**

**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.”

**June 12:** Venerable Onouphrios the Great; Venerable Peter the Athonite; Venerable Arsenios of Konevits.



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**May 29 – June 5**

Sunday	Acts	16:16-34	John	9:1-38
Monday	Acts	17:1-9	John	11:47-54
Tuesday	Acts	17:19-28	John	12:19-36
Wednesday	Acts	18:22-28	John	12:36-47
Thursday	Acts	1:1-12	Luke	24:36-53
Friday	Acts	19:1-8	John	14:1-11
Saturday	Acts	11:19-30	John	10:16-21
Sunday	Acts	20:16-18, 28-36	John	17:1-13



**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), Elfreida Drobashevsky, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

**Catechumen/Inquirers Class** – We will NOT have class on Tuesday, June 7.

**Upcoming baptism** – **Andrew Labonte** will be baptized following vespers on June 11.

**Important!** – On several recent Sundays we have had the bicycles of members (who have ridden them to church) tampered with. On one occasion, a pin was stuck in (and left in) the seat of the bike. On another, part of the bike’s mechanics was damaged. Remember – this is someone else’s property. Parents, if you can help us by impressing this to your children. Thanks!!

**Catechism of the Good Shepherd** – CGS is looking for catechist assistants for the coming year, or for those who may want be catechists in the future. If you are interested in learning more about what we do in the atrium, please contact Claire van Drimmelen at cvandrim@gmail.com.

**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!

**Coffee Hour** – Another aspect of the ministry of **coffee hour** as noted above is that of service to our fellow parishioners. As we know, great blessings come by serving others. There are numerous slots still available for Coffee Hour hosts. If you are able to assist, even for just one Sunday, please sign up online or contact Anna Pashchinskaya. Links for all sign ups can be found on our website under “Parish – Online Sign Ups and Assignments.”

**UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE DATES FOR CLERGY**

June 15 – 18	Fr. John & Fr. Philip, Parish Life Conference, Pensacola
June 19 – 25	Fr. John, vacation
June 20 – July 11	Fr. Philip, Camp St. Thekla
July 18 – 22	Fr. Philip, Clergy Symposium

***(THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 16 – 21)***

**MASTER PLAN NOTES AND UPDATES**

About **one half** of those who have pledged to make monthly contributions have begun doing so. We have also collected about **40%** of the one time gifts pledges. Thank you very much!!

**NOW** is the time to go ahead and pay your pledge (one time gifts unless some is deferred) or to begin making your monthly payments as pledged. If you have not made a pledge or contribution, you may want to rethink and make a pledge, or 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!

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### *Women of St. John - AWSJ*

**June 9** **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., Cindy Karnaghon's home

**June 13** **Book Club**, 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home

*Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis (of Memphis)

### *Young Adults (Those in their 20's & 30's)*

**June 5** **Dinner/drinks @** Bosco's Squared on Madison, 7:00 p.m.

### *Men of St. John*

**June 9** **Quarterly Men's Dinner** (Dutch treat), 6:30 p.m., Central BBQ on Summer

**June 12** **Son's of Thunder (Men's Book Club)**, 6:00 p.m., Dn. James' home - Discussion of *Byzantium* by Stephen Lawhead. Food and drink contributions are welcome.



## St. John Summer Pool Party

at the Rhodes College pool

**Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

(Upcoming: July 11 & 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

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

**Monday, 6/6** Mary Elise O'Brien, Lawrence Elliott

**Wednesday, 6/8** Zach Lyons, John David Williams, John Cameron, Laura Graham

Anniversary: Frank & Betsy Larker

**Thursday, 6/9** Ben Arthur

**Friday, 6/10** Anniversary: Mickey & Sarah Hodges

## LIBRARY LINES

The Gospel of John devotes a whole chapter to the blind man we commemorate today. St. Basil the Great says that he was born without eyes. St. Demetrius of Rostov tells us his name is St. Celidonius, and tradition says he went on to establish a church in Gaul.

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. As well as superficial differences over the calculation of the date of Easter and the cut of the tonsure, the Celtic church was organized around monasteries, with itinerant monks/bishops serving in rural areas. 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.

Does it ever seem like Ascension (6/9) gets lost between Pascha and Pentecost? Why didn't Jesus just stay with the Apostles? Frs. Patrick Reardon and Anthony M. Coniaris explain in *The Jesus We Missed: the Suprising Truth about the Humanity of Christ* (SCR COM REA) and *Sermons on the Major Holy Days of the Orthodox Church* (CAT SPEC CON), respectively, that the answer is wrapped up in the Trinity and that this event is part of our salvation. Read their comments and other accounts of this Feast in St. John Library.

Thursday 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 books we enjoyed in elementary school.

This month we honor several icons of the Theotokos.

DATE (6/11) we commemorate a beautiful story behind a hymn and an icon, *It Is Meet*, of the Theotokos. One night, as a monk was alone and reading the hours, a monk he did not know knocked on his door and joined him in prayer. As they sang a hymn by St. Cosmos to the Theotokos, the stranger interjected the words "It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God," and then continued with "More honorable than the Cherubim..." The icon glowed and the stranger wrote the "new" words to the hymn on a tile with his finger. He said, "Sing in this manner, and all the Orthodox as well." Then he disappeared. These words began to be sung in the Divine Liturgy, and the icon was later sent to the Holy Mountain. See the picture of the icon and read more about it in *Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary*. (ART ICO KHO)