

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

Like a tree planted by streams of water, (Ps. 1:3) the soul is irrigated by the Holy Scriptures and acquires vigor, produces tasty fruit, namely, true faith, and is beautified with a thousand green leaves, namely actions that please God. The Holy Scriptures, in fact, leads us towards pure holiness and holy actions. In it we find encouragement to all the virtues and the warning to flee from evil.

St. John Damascene

Our acts are worthwhile only if they are done out of a grateful predisposition. Do not struggle out of self-interest, but rather out of responsive gratefulness. Even our faith in God, should be based on gratefulness.

Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

A Christian's property and inheritance, honor and glory, riches and every treasure, are not in this world, but in the age to come, and in the heavenly fatherland. There, all good things are prepared for them by their Heavenly Father.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

We sometimes hear people say, 'I'm only human.' We hear it in songs, in conversation, perhaps in confession. It sounds like an excuse in our fallen condition not to change. Therefore, let us challenge ourselves and others to be 'truly human' rather than 'only human.' To be truly human we must commit ourselves to rise above the bodiless powers with the Theotokos who is more honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim in pursuit of the likeness of God.

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

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When a man strives within himself to have his heart humble and his thought not agitated, but peaceful, then all the snares of the enemy are without effect; for where there is peace in one's thoughts, there resides the Lord God Himself --"His place is in peace" (Ps. 75:3).

St. Seraphim of Sarov

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ July 1, 2018 ~*  
*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**V. Rev. Fr. John Troy Mashburn, Jr.**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Fr. Alexander Mackoul**  
Assistant Pastor

**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

## 5th Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Jamie White**.

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

July 1 – 8 (Wed. & Fri. Fast)

**Sunday** -  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-AWSJ Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** -OFFICE CLOSED – No Services  
**Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**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.  
**Sunday** -Orthros, 9:00 a.m.  
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Memorial

TODAY - Kinney Graham, 6 years

Marlene Kraker, 8 years

July 8 – Galina (Kate Kumar's mother), 10 years

## DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, July 8, 10:00 a.m.**

**PRIEST:** Fr. Philip  
**READER:** David Twombly  
**HOLY BREAD:** Harvey family  
**USHER:** Dan O'Brien  
**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**COFFEE HOUR:** Young Adults

**COMMEMORATIONS**

**July 8:** Great-martyr Prokopios of Caesarea in Palestine; New-martyrs Thophanes and Anastasios of Constantinople; Venerable Theophilos the myrrh-streaming of St. Basil kelli on Athos; Prokopios of Ustug, fool-for-Christ.

**July 9:** Hieromartyr Pankratios, bishop of Taormina in Sicily; Methodios, bishop; New-martyr Michael; Venerable Photios; Venerable Dionysios the Orator, first settler of Small St. Anne skete on Athos, and his disciple Venerable Metrophanes.

**July 10:** The 45 martyrs at Nikopolis in Armenia; Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves; Venerable-martyrs Nikodemos the Albanian and Nektarios of the St. Anne Skete on Athos; Hieromartyr Joseph the Damascene and his companions.

**July 11:** Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised; Olga (Helen), princess of Kiev.

**July 12:** Martyrs Proklos and Hilarion of Ancyra; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by our Lord.

**July 13:** The synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery and Heliophotos; Martyr Golinduch.

**July 14:** Apostle Aquila of the Seventy; Joseph the Confessor, archbishop of Thessalonika; Peter, bishop of Crete; Venerable Onesimos of Magnesia and Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain (Hagiorite).

**July 15:** Martyrs Kyrikos and his mother Julietta of Tarsus; Great Prince Vladimir (Basil) of Kiev, equal-to-the-Apostles.



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**July 1 - 8**

Sunday	1 Cor	12:27-31; 13:1-8	Matt	8:28-34; 9:1
Monday	Hebrews	9:1-7	Luke	1:39-49, 56
Tuesday	1 Cor	1:1-9	Matt	13:24-30
Wednesday	1 Cor	2:9-16; 3:1-8	Matt	13:31-36
Thursday	Galatians	5:22-26; 6:1-2	Matt	11:27-30
Friday	1 Cor	4:5-8	Matt	13:44-54
Saturday	Galatians	3:23-29; 4:5-8	Mark	5:24-34
Sunday	Romans	12:6-14	Matt	9:1-8



**Please remember in your prayers** - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Anne Katherine Vanlandingham (pregnant), Janna Knight (pregnant), Katherine Verbist (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.



**ST. JOHN COMMUNITY**



**Coffee Hour & Wednesday Night Pick Up** – The dates for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter coffee hour are posted on the white board in the hall and online (link on website under Parish – Online Sign Ups. Please take a look and fill up the empty spots!

**Wednesday nights are online.** If you are a regular on Wednesday nights, *please* consider signing up to pick up the meal. Particularly during the summer months when many are gone, it is difficult to find those willing to do so.

**MEN OF ST. JOHN:**

**Quarterly Men’s Dinner** – The Men of St. John will meet for their quarterly fellowship dinner at Central BBQ on Summer Ave. on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All men are welcome!

**The Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club** will meet at Dcn. James Elliott's home on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. They will be reading *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. All men are welcome.

**Women of St. John** – Please contact Trish if you would like to host the AWSJ Teaching on Thursday, July 12.

**Save the Date** – Saturday, July 21 following Vespers we will have a going away dinner for Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda. The main course will be catered, but sides and desserts are potluck. Join us as we send Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda off to their new life in Myrtle Beach!

**Parish Council Update** - Thanks be to God, the Parish Council agreed to offer Mr. Drew Garrison the position of Youth Director. Drew gladly accepted the offer and will begin his duties on September 1. Drew and his wife, Sophia currently live in Charleston, SC and are faithful members of Holy Ascension (OCA) Church. Both have served on the staff of Camp St Thekla for multiple years. Most recently, Drew was the male head counselor in 2017 and Sophia, who is a PA, served as the medical staff. Because of this work, they are already familiar with many of our youth. We look forward to welcoming them into our community very soon!

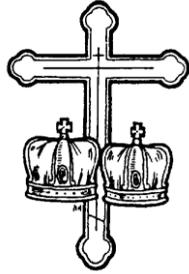


**FOCUS BACKPACKS**



St. John is filling backpacks for Snowden School! The backpacks and copies of the supply list are downstairs in the connecting hallway into St. Raphael Hall.

Filled backpacks (or miscellaneous donations) should be returned by July 29<sup>th</sup> and may be left in the classroom (old fellowship hall) on the tables set up in the back.



*The Parishioners of St. John are cordially invited to the*

*Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

*for*

*Irene Hodges and Tyler Kelley*

*Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.*

*(Reception by invitation only)*

## ***Women of St. John Calendar***

- July 2**      **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Icon* by Georgia Briggs
- July 12**     **Women’s Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., *Contact Trish if you would like to host*

## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays**

- Sunday, 7/1:**      *St. John Maximovitch: Dn. Charles, Gary Karnaghon, Ian Curry, Brandon Maas, Joseph Labonte*  
Anniversary: Tyson & Janine Smith
- Monday, 7/2:**     Joseph Labonte
- Tuesday, 7/3:**    Meribeth Harvey, Mark Ortwein
- Wednesday, 7/4:** Joe Hodges  
Anniversary: Fr. Philip & Kh. Kathryn, Nidal & Amal Salloum
- Thursday, 7/5:**    Jamie White  
*Elizabeth, the New Martyr: Audrey van Drimmelen, Crystal Eastman, Julie Hight*
- Friday, 7/6:**      Gabe Yadron, Ben Hight, John Curry  
*St. Sisoos: Ben Hight*

## **Library Lines**

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.

The word "Hyacinth" brings up an image of sweetness and delicacy in our mind's eye. However, St. Hyacinth (7/3), a child martyr, was given strength and endurance through God's grace. He was a secret Christian and chamberlain in the household of Emperor Trajan. Another servant betrayed him and he was put on trial. After being whipped, he was given food that had been sacrificed to idols. Hyacinth refused to eat it and died after 38 days. His jailer saw two angels in the saint's cell; one covered his body with his cloak and the other placed a crown on his head. Read more about him in *The Encyclopedia of the Major Saints and Fathers* (HAG - - - ELE).

This week on July 4<sup>th</sup> we commemorate two St. Andrews, both of whom glorified God through the arts. St. Andrew of Crete was mute as a young child, not speaking until age seven. He composed the beautiful Canon we sing during Lent as well as other hymns of the Church. *First Fruits of Prayer* (SPR PRA MAT) by Frederica Mathewes-Green is a forty-day journey through this beautiful, great hymn of repentance. Each portion of the canon is printed with accompanying Scripture references and commentary. The book begins with a general introduction and historical background of the canon. I highly recommend it for catechumens and "old-timers" alike. Read more about St Andrew in *Cretan Saints* (HAG - - - TIT).

St. Andrew Rublev, a monk at an early age, painted an icon of the Holy Trinity, the *Hospitality of Abraham*. Although he was not the first to write this icon, his is considered the classic. Unlike earlier ones, Abraham and Sarah are not shown. In his icon, the table becomes an altar and the food on it is replaced by a chalice, representing the Eucharist. The three angels' similar appearance shows their harmony. They incline their heads toward each other and look at the others in love and submission. St. John Library has a good collection of beautiful books on icons including *The Rublev Trinity* (ART ICO BUN). They are on the first shelf of the circulating books. Their spine codes begin with ART/ICO. St. Siseos (7/6) is imprinted on our minds because of the memorable icon, *The Astonishment of Siseos*. The icon, on the bulletin board in St. John library, shows him standing over the open coffin of Alexander the Great. According to *A Reader's Guide to Orthodox Icons* website, "This icon is a contemplation on death, but not only the death of a man, but of an earthly empire." The inscription reads, "The mere sight of you, tomb, dismays me and causes my heart to shed tears, as I contemplate the debt we, all men, owe. How can I possibly stand it? Of, death! Who can evade you?" The Desert Father, a disciple of St. Anthony the Great, lived in the Egypt for 60 years. It is said that on his deathbed, he asked the angels for more time, saying to his disciples, "I do not think that I have even begin to repent." Read more about him in *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers* (PAT - - - WAR.)

## **NEW BOOKS FOR YOUR SUMMER READING!!!**

*Ascetics in the World* vol. 1 (HAG - - - PET) Anthology of short accounts of everyday men and women who are numbered among the saints of God.  
*Faith Encouraged: a Devotional Guide to Being Orthodox on Purpose* (SPR LIV POW) Daily, short reflections encouraging readers to break out of a "Sunday Christian" mentality.  
*Garden in the East: the Spiritual Life of the Body* (SPR LIV CAR) Well-written commentary on nurturing our bodies as if they are a garden given us from God.