From the Fathers (and others):

"Dishonor is medicine for a self-centered soul."

Abba Zosimas

"First teach your children not how to correctly take a blessing from a priest, but to give up their seat to the elderly, to reach out a hand to the woman getting off the bus, and to do everything for the sake of Christ . . . A religious upbringing begins not when a mother teaches to say 'Our Father,' but when a father teaches his son to thank his mother for his washed shirt and prepared lunch."

Fr. Alexander Obcharenko

"Indeed, the Fathers teach that the ascent to Heaven is connected with the descent into ourselves. The more we sink our attention deep into the soul, the more we find our secret heart; through repentance the Kingdom of Heaven descends into the heart and makes it Paradise and Heaven."

Hierotheos Vlakos

"To Whom does our God say, 'in our image' (Gen. 1:26), to whom if it is not to Him who is 'the brightness of His glory and the express image of His Person' (Heb. 1:3), 'the image of the invisible God' (Col. 1:15)? It is then to His living image, to Him Who has said 'I and My Father are one' (Jn. 10:30), 'He who has seen Me has seen the Father' (Jn. 14:9), that God says, 'Let us make man in our image.'"

St. Basil the Great

" . . . night possessed us and the shadow of death encompassed us, for we had fallen into sin and lost the power of sight which was ours by God's grace and by which we were able to perceive the light that bestows true life. Night and death had been poured out on our human nature, not because of any change in the true light, but because we had turned aside and no longer had any inclination towards the life-bearing light. In the last times, however, the Giver of eternal light and Source of true life has had mercy upon us."

St. Gregory Palamas

"Without having freed itself from the world, the soul cannot love God sincerely. For worldly things, in the words of St. Antioch, are as it were a veil for the soul."

St. Seraphim of Sarov

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GREAT VESPERS	*ORTHROS and CHURCH SCHOOL*	*DIVINE LITURGY*
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.	*Sunday, 9:00 a.m.*	*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: 2 Timothy 2:1-10 **Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33**

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Stephanie Harants**.

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 10 – 17 (Wed & Fri. Fast)

Sunday	-
Monday	-First Hour, 6:45 a.m. -St. John Pool Party at Rhodes Pool, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m. -Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's -Catechumen/Inquirers class, 7:00 p.m., "Lord's Prayer: Part 2"
Wednesday	-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m. -Vespers, 5:30 p.m. -Parish Meal following Vespers
Thursday	-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m. -AWSJ Women's Teaching, 10:00 a.m.
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.
Sunday	**-Orthros, 8:45 a.m.** **-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.** -Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club, 6:30 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY — Sunday, July 17, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
READER:	Rod Ratliff	USHER:	Dan O'Brien
HOLY BREAD:	Janine Smith		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Cade, Pavel, James, Alexandru		
COFFEE HOUR:	Michael & Mindy Williams, Ethan & Claire van Drimmelen		

Memorials

TODAY: Galina, Kate Kumar's mother, 8 years
Fr. Stephen Kortmas – 14 years

UPCOMING OUT OF OFFICE DATES FOR FR. PHILIP

July 18 – 22 Fr. Philip, Clergy Symposium

COMMEMORATIONS

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.
July 16: Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis; the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia.
July 17: Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia; Venerable-Irenarchos of Solovsky. St. Anne Skete on Athos; Hieromartyr Joseph the Damascene and his companions.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS **July 10-17**

Sunday	2 Timothy	2:1-10	Matthew	6:22-33
Monday	2 Timothy	2:1-10	Luke	7:36-50
Tuesday	Romans	10:11-11:2	Matthew	11:16-20
Wednesday	Hebrews	2:2-10	Matthew	11:20-26
Thursday	Romans	11:13-24	Matthew	11:27-30
Friday	1 Corinthians	13:11-13	Matthew	17:24-18:4
Saturday	Romans	6:11-17	Matthew	8:14-23
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Matthew	5:14-19

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

ST. JOHN COMMUNITY

Welcome New members! – Sometimes it takes me a bit of time to remember to get these welcomes into the bulletin. Please forgive me. We want to OFFICIALLY welcome into our parish **Sarah, Patrick, Pauline,** and **Jonathon Koplin** and **Ben Shull**! May God grant you all many years!

Update on Mary Clark – Mary is still at Gallaway Health, and this is good. She is in better physical health, but needs very regular supervision. Her address is Room 119, 435 Old Brownsville Road, Gallaway, TN 38036. Please remember her in your prayers.

Welcome (again) to Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda – Many thanks to those who helped unload their possessions into the duplex. It turns out that they will go ahead and stay there for about a month until they can move into the house they will be renting. At that time, we hope to help them make the short second move to Avalon, where they will be renting the same house that Fr. Philip and Kh. Kathryn have been renting. The Rogers are buying (God willing) the Labonte's home as Billy and Marjo have purchased another home a bit further south and east. May God make all these transitions smooth for everyone involved!

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will meet at 6:30 on July 17th at the Half Shell, 688 S. Mendenhall for a time of fellowship and food (no book will be discussed). If you plan on coming please RSVP to Brandon Maas or David Twombly.

Coffee Hour –As we know, great blessings come by serving others. The third quarter sign up for coffee hour is now online. If you are able to assist, even for just one Sunday, please sign up online or contact Anna Pashchinskaya. Links for all sign ups have been updated and can be found on Sign Up Genius, http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eabac2aa0fb6-coffee2, or on our website under "Parish – Online Sign Ups and Assignments."

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 7/10: Philip McKelroy
Monday, 7/11: *St. Olga: Meribeth Harvey*
Tuesday, 7/12: *St. Veronica: Lynda Spinolo, Caitlin Romero*
Wednesday, 7/13: Lavi Dumitrache, Anthony Walker
Anniversary: Dan & Lori O'Brien
Friday, 7/15: Joanna Spinolo
Saturday, 7/16: Nawar Mansour
St. Julia of Carthage: Julia Alissandratos, Julia Spinolo

Master Plan questions and answers

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc. – We hope to begin receiving contractor responses in the next week. Once selected, the contractor will assist in the final drawings, helping thus to better control costs.

Fund raising – One time gifts continue to increase! Here are the stats as of 6/30:

One time gift pledges:

Paid	$320,322	
Unpaid	$ 19,125	5.7%
Total	$339,447	

Monthly pledges:

Only 7 individuals who made a monthly pledge have yet to begin.

If you have not made a pledge, you can still do so. We are over 60% participation. Can we get to 70%? Every dollar helps.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Women of St. John ~ AWSJ

July 14 **Women's Teaching,** 10:00 a.m. at Priscilla Neale's home

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 @ Rhodes College pool

Monday, July 11th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

(Upcoming: July 25)

What to Bring:

- Swim suits, towels, etc.
- Items to grill for your family (The grill will be fired up!)
- Side and/ or dessert to share with everyone
- Drinks for your family (no alcohol, please)

Co-Ed Wedding Shower honoring

Anne Katherine Campbell & Justin van Landingham

Saturday, August 27th following Vespers

LIBRARY LINES

This week we honor two members of a royal family, Olga (7/11), princess of Kiev and her grandson, Great Prince Vladimir of Keiv, equal-to-the-Apostles (7/15). St. Olga ruled Kievan Rus as regent for her son. Tradition says she craftily conquered a city with the help of sparrows and pigeons. She is credited for instituting the first legal reforms in Eastern Europe. Upon her baptism, she took the name of Helen, after St. Helen who found the True Cross. She was the first Russian ruler to become a Christian and built many churches in the cities where she established and fortified administrative and cultural centers. See *Halia's Wooden Cross* (KID STS OLH) for a good children's book on her life, and "Saint Olga, Princess and Evangelizer" in *The Handmaiden*, winter 2007, p. 48. Prince Vladimir, her grandson is known as the Baptizer of Russia. He began the unification of Slavic lands, and St. Hilarion referred to him as an apostolic sovereign like St. Constantine. See his story in *Peace At Last* (KID STS VOL).

Friday we also commemorate another Christian family. The widow, St. Julitta and her son Cyricus (7/15) were arrested and persecuted under the reign of Emperor Diocletian. The governor of the city held the three year old boy while his mother was tortured in front of him. When he cried out that he was a Christian too, the governor threw him down on the ground and kicked him. Julitta thanked God that her son died before her. She was beheaded after receiving more tortures. Their relics were discovered during the reign of St. Constantine; we pray for their intercession for accord in our families and for healing of sick children.

St. John has more new books for your summer reading!!!

Blueprints for the Little Church: Creating an Orthodox Home (SPR FAM BJE)

Gifts of the Desert (SPR LIV MAR) by Kyriacos Markides

The Glorious Impossible (ART GEN LEN) Renaissance art by Giotto on the life of Christ.

Glory and Honor: Orthodox Christian Resources on Marriage ed. by David Ford (SPR FAM FOR)

St. John Orthodox Church Photo Directory, 1995, 1998, and 2005. (REF HIS STJ)

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