

From the Fathers (and others):

Never feel you are at the mercy of the elements, or the circumstances, or even of your moods or passions. You are in your Father's hands, and His care & love for you is that of all fathers & mothers, multiplied by infinity.

Fr. Lazarus Moore

...do not fear and grow timid like one devoid of courage, lest God's promises be lost to you. Do not be stricken with terror like an unbeliever but put courage into your unbelieving thoughts. Love afflictions in all things, so that you may become a skilled son of the St.s.

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

How must we look upon the gifts of intellect, feeling and freedom? With the intellect we must learn to know God in the works of His creation, revelation, providence, and in the destinies of men; with the heart we must feel God's love, His most heavenly peace, the sweetness of His love, we must love our neighbor, sympathize with him in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in poverty and in wealth, in distinction and in low estate; we must use freedom, as a means, an instrument for doing as much good as possible, and for perfecting ourselves in every virtue, so as to render unto God fruits a hundredfold.

St. John of Kronstadt

The Lord's commandments teach us to use neutral things intelligently. Such use purifies the soul's state. A state of purity begets discrimination; discrimination begets dispassion; and it is from dispassion that perfect love is born.

St. Maximos the Confessor

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

Do not do anything without signing yourself with the sign of the Cross! When you depart on a journey, when you begin your work, when you go to study, when you are alone, and when you are with other people, seal yourself with the Holy Cross on your forehead, your body, your chest, your heart, your lips, your eyes, your ears. All of you should be sealed with the sign of Christ's victory over hell. Then you will no longer be afraid of charms, evil spirits, or sorcery, because these are dissolved by the power of the Cross like wax before fire and like dust before the wind.

Elder Cleopa of Romania

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ July 22, 2018 ~

*Commemoration of Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-bearer
and Equal to the Apostles*

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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

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

July 22 - 29 (Wed. & Fri. Fast)

Sunday -
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Dinner & games following Vespers
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.
-Sons of Thunder, 6:00 p.m., Dn. James' home

Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Lavinia Dumitrache**.

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.

Upcoming Churchings

Chelsea and Abigail Yadron, July 29
Julie and Hermione Hight, August 5

Upcoming Baptism

Hermione Hight, August 11

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: John Cameron
HOLY BREAD:
USHER: Ervin Romero
ALTAR SERVERS:
COFFEE HOUR: Gary & Cindy Karnaghon

COMMEMORATIONS

July 22: Mary Magdalene, myrrh-bearer and equal-to-the-Apostles; Virgin-martyr Markella of Chios.

July 23: Hieromartyrs Phocas and Apollonios; Hieromartyr Apollinaris, bishop of Ravenna; Prophet Ezekiel.

July 24: Great-martyr Christina of Tyre; New-martyrs Athanasios of Ikiia and Theophilos of Zakynthos; Athenagoras the Confessor; Passion-bearers Boris (Roman) and Gleb (David).

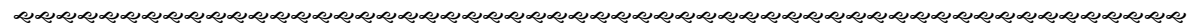
July 25: The Dormition of Righteous Anna, the mother of the Theotokos. Olympias, the deaconess of Constantinople; Venerable Eupraxia of Tabenna; Four Martyrs of Lyons; Venerable Makarios of Zheltovodsk and Unzha.

July 26: Venerable Virgin-martyr Paraskeva of Rome; Hieromartyr Hermolaos of Nicomedia; Venerable Gerontios, first settler of St. Anne skete on Athos; Moses the Hungarian; Sabbas III, archbishop of Serbia; Priest Jacob, enlightener of the peoples of Alaska.

July 27: Great-martyr and healer Panteleimon; New-martyr Christodoulos; Clement of Ochrid, bishop of greater Macedonia; Angelar, Gorazd, Nahum and Sabbas, disciples of Cyril and Methodios.

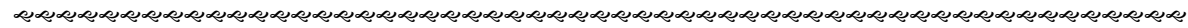
July 28: Prochoros, Nikanor, Timon and Parmenoas, deacons and Apostles of the Seventy; Venerable Paul, founder of Xeropotamou and St. Paul monasteries on Athos; Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou; Pitirim, bishop of Tambov.

July 29: Martyrs Kallinikos of Gangra in Asia Minor and Theodota of Bithynia; Theodosios the pious emperor; Constantine, patriarch of Constantinople; Lupos the Confessor, bishop of Troyes.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	1 Cor	1:10-17	July 22 - 29	Matt	14:14-22
Monday	1 Cor	11:31-34; 12:1-6		Matt	18:1-11
Tuesday	1 Cor	12:12-26		Matt	18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15
Wednesday	Galatians	4:22-27		Luke	8:16-21
Thursday	Galatians	3:23-29; 4:1-5		Mark	5:24-34
Friday	2 Timothy	2:1-10		John	15:17-27; 16:1-2
Saturday	Acts	6:1-7		Matt	15:32-39
Sunday	1 Cor	3:9-17		Matt	14:22-34



Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand's mother), Nicholas Hill, 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



Moving Help – Fr Alex and Kh. Amanda will be loading up their pod on Monday evening. If you are able to help with the loading, come on over!! Many hands make light work!

Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our discussion of the Lord's Prayer.

Summer Atrium – We look forward to seeing all the kids tomorrow morning at 8:45! We will gather in the old parish hall to get settled in and then go upstairs to the nave for prayers.

Mental Health First Aid. On Saturday, August 25, from 8 to 5, St. John will be hosting a mental health first aid seminar put on by Church Health. This informative session is free and includes lunch. Space is limited so sign up soon!

Thank you, Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda. Sadly, today is the final Sunday that Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda will be with our community. We have all greatly enjoyed their presence and have been blessed by their joyful and loving spirit. While we mourn our loss, we send them off with prayers and well-wishes for a fruitful and blessed ministry at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Myrtle Beach, SC. May God grant them many years in His service!!!

Parish Council Nominations - It is once again time for our parishioners to recommend new members for the parish council. We would like to thank our outgoing members for their dedication and hard work for our community: Dan O'Brien, Christine McGee, Anne Dugan, Keith Parker, and Fr. Alex.

Recommendation forms can be found downstairs in the parish hall. Please list 3 recommendations in order of preference and return this form to the office or place it in the offering plate or the envelope in the parish hall. Current parish council members who will continue through next year are: **Fr. Philip and Melissa White.**

To remind everyone, the council has 7 members. The clergy select one from their midst to represent them. The remaining members are appointed by the pastor for two-year terms which are staggered.

Coffee Hour & Wednesday Night Pick Up – The dates for 3rd 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 picking up the meal.

MEN OF ST. JOHN:

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

Parish Council Update

Thus far we have had 43 respond to the survey. We would like to get as close to 100 respondents! If you have already done so, thank you for taking the time. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please do so. The survey will be sent out each week through July. Remember, all responses will be anonymous. Thank you for your love, care and concern for this wonderful community!

Women of St. John Calendar

Aug. 9 Women's Teaching - 10:00 a.m.
Sept. 10 AWSJ Book Club – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home. We will be discussing *Towers in the Mist* by Elizabeth Goudge

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 7/22: Claire McKelvy, Jamie Escue
Mary Magdalene: Margie Yarbro, Tina McKelvey, Claire McKelvey, Janan Heisig

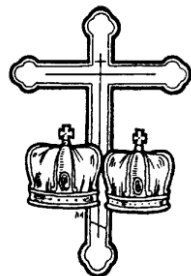
Monday, 7/23: *Prophet Ezekiel: Zeke Yarbro*

Tuesday, 7/24: *St. Christina: Christine McGee, Lavinia Dumitrache, Christina Romero*

Wednesday, 7/25: Anniversary: Duke & Corina Walker
Olympia, Deaconess of Constantinople: Grace Harvey
Anniversary: Bill & Jennifer Stanek

Friday, 7/27: Grace Harvey, Joe White, Katherine Verbist

Saturday, 7/28: Bethany White



*The Parishioners of St. John are cordially invited to the
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony for
Irene Hodges and Tyler Kelley
Saturday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m.
(Reception by invitation only)*

Library Lines

Mary Magdalene (7/22) is honored in a very special, children's book in St. John Library. A *Child's Paradise of Saints* (KID STS MCL), by the nun Nectaria McLees, gives us a glimpse into her life. This account is accompanied by an icon-styled illustration showing her offering a red egg to Caesar. Read more about her in *Miracle of the Red Egg* (KID PAS JOH).

Boris and Gleb, men with strange sounding names, are commemorated on July 24th. They were sons of Prince Vladimir the Great (7/15) who were murdered by their brothers who sought the throne. They belong to a category of saints called Passion-bearers. These saints are not ascetics, hierarchs, martyrs, but innocent men and women, though unwilling to die, renounced violence and humbly submitted to suffering and death with the spirit of Christ. Read more about them in "Princes Boris and Gleb" in *Orthodox America*, issue 76-77, Jan.-Feb. 1988, on p. 19.

The Story of Mary the Mother of God (KID STS PAP) by Dorrie Papademetriou is one of our library's most beautifully illustrated books for young children. The first half of the short book is devoted to Sts. Anna (repose 7/25) and Joachim. It tells us of their desire for a child and of the early life of the Theotokos. Grown-ups can find much more about her life in *The Life of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos* (REF HAG - - - HOL).

Tuesday, we honor Paraskeva of Rome (7/26). From her childhood she spent time in prayer and reading the Scriptures. When her parents died, she gave her inheritance to the poor and began a life of evangelism. She suffered many tortures for Christ during campaigns of persecutions. Many were won to Christ after seeing her heal her tormentors and escaping their plans for her death. Once she was cast into a cave inhabited by a huge snake. She made the Sign of the Cross over it, and it died. She was beheaded in 140 A. D. Her icon is among the new ones on our balcony. Read more about her in *The Encyclopedia of the Major Saints and Fathers* (HAG - - - ELE) on p. 73 and in *The Handmaiden*, winter 2008, p. 60.

Thursday (7/27) we honor the Great martyr and Unmercenary Panteleimon. He studied medicine under a famous physician. Soon his skill brought him to the attention of the emperor and to a band of Christians who taught him about Christ. He was baptized and healed all who came to him in the name of Jesus. Since he did not charge the sick for his services, many pagan physicians lost patients to him. Out of jealousy they conspired to tell the emperor that he was healing Christian prisoners. When he cured a paralytic in front of the emperor, he ordered the healed man executed, and he subjected Panteleimon to many tortures. Witnesses to his tortures were converted and finally the saint was beheaded. His icon is also in our nave.