

From the Fathers (and others):

“The more one is united to his neighbor the more he is united to God.”

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

“If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, “If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him” (Rom. 8:17).”

St. Maximos the Confessor

“The Church is not a travel office printing tickets to Paradise. It is a hospital where people come to be healed, so that in the end they will see God as Light, and not as fire.”

Metropolitan Heirotheos Vlachos

“Be ever more obedient to God and He will save you.”

St. Pachomius

“We must not drown in the inessential things of life. He who lives by such things finds himself accustomed to vulgar living and so becomes, according to Gogol, an “exister.” Thus, it is essential for us to learn how to accurately determine *the spiritual level of every aspect of our lives*, and then train ourselves to focus our inner attention on the divine essence of things, occurrences, and events. For the things that make up our lives are never equal in nature, of equal value, or equally significant. They include things both trivial and sacred; things that elevate the soul and introduce it to great depth and power as well as things that invisibly decay and weaken it, rendering it pitiful, passionate, and blind. There are things that are worth living for, and things that are not. We must learn to identify them, to choose the worthy and the sacred from among them, and live for their sake. Then the person will himself become “worthy:” he will understand the purpose and meaning of life and enter into a living communion with the sacred essence of the visible world. The path leading to this ability is revealed through and forged by prayer.”

Ivan Ilyin, [The Singing Heart](#)

St. John Orthodox Church



~ July 24, 2016 ~
5th Sunday after 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

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Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

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.

ST. JOHN CALENDAR

July 24 - 31 (Wed & Fri. Fast)

- Sunday** -
- Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-St. John Pool Party, 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.
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Parish Meal following Vespers
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 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.**

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. John	HOMILY:	Fr. John
READER:	Caleb McGee	USHER:	Thomas Yadron
HOLY BREAD:	Judy Terry		
ALTAR SERVERS:	ALL		
COFFEE HOUR:	Meribeth Harvey, Anne Dugan		

Chrismation Today

JillAnne Ballard will be Chrismated today between Orthros and the Divine Liturgy. Please keep her and her sponsor, Anne Dugan, in your prayers.

COMMEMORATIONS

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.

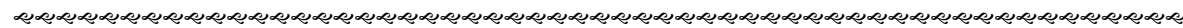
July 30: Apostles Silas, Silvanos (Silouan), Crescens, Epenetos and Andronikos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Valentine, bishop of Terni in Italy; John the Warrior; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Herman of Solovskiy; Venerable Angelina of Serbia.

July 31: Righteous Eudokimos of Cappadocia; Righteous Joseph of Arimathea; Germanos, bishop of Auxerre.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

			July 24-31	
Sunday	Romans	10:1-10	Matthew	8:28-9:1
Monday	Galatians	4:22-27	Luke	8:16-21
Tuesday	Galatians	3:23-4:5	Mark	5:24-34
Wednesday	2 Timothy	2:1-10	Luke	21:12-19
Thursday	Acts	6:1-7	Matthew	13:36-43
Friday	1 Corinthians	4:5-8	Matthew	13:44-54
Saturday	Romans	8:14-21	Matthew	9:18-26
Sunday	Romans	12:6-14	Matthew	9:1-8



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), Elfrieda Drobashkevsky, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Parish Council recommendations – It is once again time for our parishioners to recommend new members for the parish council. 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, Ervin Romero, and Bill Harter**

To remind everyone, the council has 7 members, two of whom are ex-officio – the pastor and the business manager. 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. Since we do not have a business manager currently, there will be three new members selecting for the coming year, giving a full complement of seven.

Bittersweet new! – The **Dely family** is moving to Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Mark has taken a new job as chief corporate counsel for Vera Bradley. Today, July 24, will be their last Sunday with us. We will miss them in many ways! May God watch over them as they move and establish a new home! 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.

Many thanks!!! – We all owe a big thank you to all our church school teachers, but especially this week to five of our catechism instructors – **Claire van Drimmelen, Sarah Finley, Corey van Huystee, Trish Ratliff, and Kh. Pamela Mashburn**. Last week they spent **4 full days, and one half day** in training for Level Two Catechism of the Good Shepherd. God bless you all for your sacrifices for our parish's children! Many years!

Exciting news! - I have learned that we are to be “doubly blessed” the week end of July 29-31! Our diocesan bishop, His Grace **Bishop ANTOUN**, and His Grace, **Bishop BASIL**, will be with us! Bishop ANTOUN will arrive, God willing, Thursday, July 28. He, Fr. Philip, and I will journey to Jackson, TN on Friday afternoon (29th) for vespers and dinner with the parishioners of St. Nicholas. Bishop BASIL will arrive Saturday, and both he and Bishop ANTOUN will be with us for Saturday Great Vespers and the Divine Liturgy the following morning.

What a great blessing from God for our parish!! This is a great opportunity for all of us to receive their blessings. I hope you will make plans to come pray with us Saturday and Sunday! In case you may have forgotten how to approach a bishop, read the brief instructions included in “Worship and Liturgical Reminders” elsewhere in the bulletin.

May God grant our hierarchs safe travel, and may He greatly bless our time with them.

Fr John

COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour sign up for 3rd quarter still has *several* openings, including:

Sat., August 6	Sun., August 7	Mon., August 15
Sun., August 21	Mon., August 29	Thurs., Sept 8
Wed., Sept. 14	Sun., Sept. 18	Sun., Sept 25

The complete list can be found on the St. John website (Parish – Online Assignments) or on Sign Up Genius, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4eabac2aa0fb6-coffee2>. Contact our coffee hour coordinator, Anna Pashchinskaya if you have questions or need help signing up. anna.pashchinskaya@fedex.com. Please consider serving your parish in the way.

Master Plan questions and answers

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc. – As of last Thursday, following several iterations of drawings, we hope to have drawings very soon for review by the building committee and subsequently submitted to the potential contractors. Our present time line remains unchanged. We hope to have our contractor selected by August 15-31, and final costs on September 15-30. It is possible that work could begin by October 1, but the most probable date is November 1.

Fund raising – One time gifts continue to come in as well as monthly pledges. We urge all those who have made a monthly pledge to begin now if you have not yet started.

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.



St. John Summer Pool Party at the Rhodes College pool Monday, July 25th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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



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

LIBRARY LINES

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.

Wednesday (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.

The Blessed Angelina (7/30) 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 earlier in July.