

From the Fathers (and others):

When the soul by the Holy Spirit sees the Lord, how meek and lowly he is, she humbles herself thoroughly. And this is an especial humility. No one can describe it, and it is made known only through the Holy Spirit. And were men to understand through the Holy Spirit what a Lord is ours, all would be transformed – the rich would despise their riches, scholars their learning, and rulers their glory and power. Every man would humble himself and live in profound peace and love, and there would be great joy on earth.

St Silouan the Athonite

Husbands, never call her simply by her name, but with terms of endearment, with honor, and with much love. Honor her, and she will not need honor from others, she will not want the glory that comes from others, if she enjoys that which comes from thee. Prefer her before all, on every account, both for her beauty and her discernment, and praise her.

St John Chrysostom

He who is not angry, whereas he has cause to be, sins. For unreasonable patience is the hotbed of many vices, it fosters negligence, and incites not only the wicked but the good to do wrong.

St John Chrysostom

Metropolitan ANTHONY (Bloom) of Sourozh was asked, “What shall we do with children in church? They interfere with our prayers.” He replied, “When you begin to pray, they will stop bothering you.”

When sorrows shake our souls, our hearts tremble and our thoughts are confused, our only refuge is the Lord.

St Nikon of Optina

St. John Orthodox Church



~ July 30, 2017 ~
8th 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

July 30, 2017 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

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 30 - August 6 (Dormition Fast)

Sunday -
Monday -First Hour 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Paraklesis, 5:30 p.m.
-Meal following Paraklesis
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
Friday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
-Paraklesis, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - Great Vespers for Transfiguration, 5:50 p.m.
Sunday -**Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**
- “From Uganda with Love” presentation, coffee hour

Memorials

August 6th - Andronicki Vurgaropulos (Anne Calcote's mother) – 40 Days

Upcoming Baptisms

August 19 Joseph Romero

DIVINE LITURGY - Transfiguration

Sunday, August 6, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
READER:	Rod Ratliff	USHER:	Matt Spinolo
HOLY BREAD:	Reem Mansour		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Pavel, Nicholas, Max, Alex		
COFFEE HOUR:	Anne Dugan, Reem Mansour		

COMMEMORATIONS

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.

Aug. 1: The Procession of the Cross. The seven Maccabean youths, their mother Solomonia and Eleazar their teacher, martyrs; Venerable-martyr Elessa of Kythera.

Aug. 2: The translation of the relics of the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon; Venerable Photeini; New-martyr Theodore; Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonder-worker of Moscow.

Aug. 3: Venerable Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustus of the Dalmaton monastery; Venerable Theoklites and Theodora; Salome the myrrh-bearer; Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonder-worker of Novgorod.

Aug. 4: The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus; Martyr Eudokia of Persia.

Aug. 5: Martyr Eusignios of Antioch; New-martyr Habakkuk of Thessalonika.

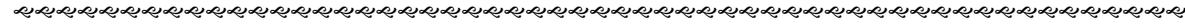
Aug. 6: The Transfiguration of Christ.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 30 – August 6

Sunday	1 Corinthians	1:10-17	Matthew	14:14-22
Monday	1 Corinthians	11:31-34; 12:1-6	Matthew	18:1-11
Tuesday	Hebrews	11:33-40; 12:1-2	Matthew	10:16-22
Wednesday	Acts	6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60	Mark	12:1-12
Thursday	1 Corinthians	14:6-19	Matthew	20:17-28
Friday	1 Corinthians	14:26-40	Matthew	21:12-14; 17-20
Saturday	1 Peter	1:1-25; 2:1-10	Matthew	15:32-39
Sunday	2 Peter	1:10-19	Matthew	17:1-9



Pray for our catechumens: Memphis –Justin Bowles, Lucas Whatley, Tom Ashworth, Allie Helms, Jon Mark and Heather Hetrick, Ian Curry, John Curry, Jamie Escue, Marissa Kizer and Kendall Ichniowski.

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, Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe’s grandmother), Caitlyn Maas (pregnant), Lawrence Elliott (pregnant), Beth Autrey (pregnant), Janine Smith (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas’ family), Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Glenda Brooks, Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman’s granddaughter), Maria Bellaflores, Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Church Contributions – We are a busy community with lots of wonderful things happening each week along with big our building project! To maintain all of those things takes the continuous support of the community. At the half way point of the year, we are significantly behind (~\$23,000) in our projected contributions for the year. If you have fallen behind with your commitment to the Church, now is the time to catch back up. Thank you for your continued support of our community!

Uganda Children’s Fund Presentation – During coffee hour next Sunday, we will welcome Peter and Sharon Georges, founders of the St. Nicholas Uganda Children’s Fund. They will give us a brief presentation about their mission and ways in which we can support them. More information can be found on the insert or on the bulletin board downstairs.

Student Blessing – At the end of the liturgy Sunday, August 13, we will pray the blessing prayers for our students returning to school.

The Dormition Fast begins August 1 - The traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed during the **DORMITION FAST** which lasts from August 1st through 14th (with katalysis for wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays, and for fish, wine and oil on the Transfiguration [August 6th]).

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, Christine McGee, Anne Dugan, and Dan O’Brien.**

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 5 lay members again this year, giving the council a full complement of seven.

Online Sign Ups – Take a look at the online sign up page of the website (Parish – Online Assignments & Sign Ups); there are several opportunities to get involved in mercy meals as well as coffee hour and alms.

UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN

- Aug 2, 4, 7, 9, 11– Paraklesis, note times on calendar
- Aug 5 – Great Vespers for Transfiguration, 6:00 PM
- Aug 6 – Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration, 10:00 AM
- Aug 14 – Great Vespers for Dormition, 6:00 PM
- Aug 15 – Divine Liturgy for Dormition, 9:00 AM

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 7/30:	Jillanne Ballard
Monday, 7/31:	Trent Terry <i>Joseph of Arimathea: Trent Terry</i>
Tuesday, 8/1:	Sh. Deb Mashburn
Wednesday, 8/2:	Dn. James Elliott
Friday, 8/4:	Zoe van Drimmelen, Owen White, John Sneed, Mia Shleweet, Rana Ibrahim
Saturday, 8/5:	<i>St. Nonna: Nancy McGee</i>

Master Plan Updates

Progress on the St Raphael Hall – These next few weeks will be HUGE!!! Finally! The stones have arrived and are being placed. The tile floors in the bathrooms are nearing completion and the final installation of the light fixtures is coming together. It won't be long until we are truly enjoying our new space!!

Fund raising – Thank you for your help thus far!! We have begun drawing on the loan to complete the project. If you would like to help with our monthly commitment to the loan, please let Fr. Philip know.

Women of St. John – AWSJ Calendar

August 10	Women's Teaching , 10:00 a.m., Joyce Bittle's home
August 17	Women's Bible Study , 6:30 p.m. – Social Time, 7:00 p.m. discussion begins. We will meet at Kh. Kathryn's home to discuss Ch. 8-15. Handouts are available in the office.
August 28	AWSJ Book Club will be discussing <i>The Fifth Gospel</i> by Ian Caldwell

REGULAR ALMS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Birthright ♦ St. John Alms Fund ♦ St. Brigid Food Pantry ♦ St. John Camping Fund ♦
♦ Diocese of Miami and the Southeast Mission Fund ♦ Michael & Abigail Bittle Fund

Library Lines

Today we commemorate the Blessed Angelina (7/30), 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.

Monday is the feast day of St. Joseph of Arimathea (7/31), the noble Joseph of our Paschal hymns. He is mentioned in every Liturgy and his icon is in our nave. Most of us know very little of his life after the Crucifixion. Tradition tells us that he accompanied Mary Magdalene, Lazarus and Phillip on a missionary journey through Gaul. Phillip sent him north to Britain with some other disciples. He had traveled there many years earlier in connection with his lead and tin business. As they approached what is now Glastonbury, the saint thrust his staff made with the Crown of Thorns into the ground. It took root, and every year the flowering hawthorn blooms at Christmas time. His deep devotion to Christ and the inspiring events on his life have drawn three St. John parishioners to choose him as their patron.

Tuesday, we commemorate a lesser known feast of the Cross known as the Procession of the Venerable Cross. It is based on a historical event on Constantinople. During August, the Wood of the Cross was carried throughout the streets every day from the first of August until the Feast of the Dormition for healing and sanctification. The Russian Church also celebrates this day as the baptism of the "Great Prince Vladimir and all Rus."

St. Basil (8/2) was trained as a cobbler. When he was sixteen, he began his calling from God as a fool-for-Christ in Moscow where he went barefoot about the streets in summer and winter. Through actions and speech that appeared foolish to men, he used his gift of clairvoyance to teach and show mercy to others. He predicted a great fire in Moscow in 1547, and even reproached Tsar Ivan the Terrible for being preoccupied during church services with thoughts of building a palace for himself. Fools-for-Christ were ascetics who fought the sin of pride by appearing to be mentally ill and consequently incurring the ridicule of the world. Many of them were stylites. Read more about this practice in *Seraphim's Seraphim* (HAG SER HTM), *The Inner Kingdom* (CAT/GEN/WAR) and *The Freedom of Morality* (CAT GEN YAN).

Asleep for 200 years! Friday, we commemorate seven youths (8/4), friends from childhood, who suffered martyrdom in the third century. Upon being denounced by informants, they confessed their faith before Emperor Decius. He freed them, hoping they would change their minds. Instead they hid in a cave, prayed and prepared for martyrdom. The emperor found them, but before he sealed its entrance, secret Christians placed a plaque in it inscribed with the names of the youths and the story of their deaths. God then caused them to fall into a miraculous sleep. Two hundred years later, a stone cutter happened to open the cave and they awoke, unaware of the passage of time. The faithful rejoiced seeing this event as a sign to the heretics that the bodies of the Faithful would be raised. The Emperor journeyed to Ephesus to talk with the young men and afterwards, they lay down and reposed. Read more about them in *Let the Little Children Come to Me* (KID STS SAI).

St. Nonna (8/5) is a saint often hidden in the background of her more famous family. Her husband was a pagan at their marriage. Through her prayers and encouragement, he turned to Christ and revealed his conversion at the First Ecumenical Council. WE know him as St. Gregory Nazianzos. Their son was St. Gregory the Theologian. He wrote of her that, "She knew one thing to be truly noble: to be pious and to know from where we have come and where we are going; and that there is one innate and trusty wealth: to use one's substance on God and on the poor, especially the impoverished kin."