

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

Why art thou wholly given up to the passions and desires of the flesh, and why is there no looking upward? Know thou that all flesh is grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of my Lord, which by the gospel is preached unto all, shall endure forever.

St. John Damascene

The holy Fathers referred to 'mine' and 'yours' as cold words, and wherever they are found, the bond of love is absent and Christ has departed.

St. Gregory Palamas

...if a man shows himself clever rather than spiritual, it would surprise me if he escaped the judgment reserved for boastfulness.

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

Christ, invisible to the bodily eye, manifests Himself on earth clearly through His Church...The Church is the Body of Christ both because its parts are united to Christ through His divine mysteries and because through her Christ works in the world.

St. John of San Francisco

One should love every man from the soul, but one should place one's hope only in God and serve Him with all one's strength.

St. Maximos the Confessor

If you want to help the Church, it is better to try to correct yourself, rather than be looking to correct others. If you manage to correct yourself, one small part of the Church is immediately corrected. Naturally, if everyone did the same, the body of the Church would be in good health. But, today, people concern themselves with anything but themselves. You see, judging others is easy, whereas working on yourself takes effort.

St Paisios the Athonite

There is only one way into the Kingdom of heaven, and that is the very way that Jesus Christ went when He lived on earth.

St Innocent, Enlightener of America

All of us who are human beings are in the image of God. But to be in His likeness belongs only to those who by great love have attached their freedom to God.

St Diadochos of Photike

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ July 8, 2018 ~*  
*Sixth 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

## 6th Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:1-8

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **the Harvey family**.

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 8-9 (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. – The Lord's Prayer, Pt. 1  
-Parish Council, 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.  
-No dinner or activities  
**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

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

### JULY AT ST. JOHN

12 AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m.  
16 Pool Party, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
19 Men's Quarterly Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
21 Going away dinner for Fr. Alex and Kh. Amanda  
22 Fr. Alex's final Sunday at St. John  
23-27 Summer Atrium!  
29 FOCUS Backpacks returned to St. John

## DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.

**PRIEST:** Fr. Alex  
**READER:** Jack Turner  
**HOLY BREAD:** Judy Terry  
**USHER:** Jack Turner  
**ALTAR SERVERS:**  
**COFFEE HOUR:**

## 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).

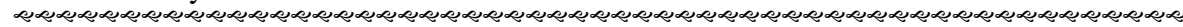
**July 15:** Martyrs Kyrikos and his mother Julietta of Tarsus; Great Prince Vladimir (Basil) of Kiev, equal-to-the-Apostles.



### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **July 8-15**

Sunday	Romans	12:6-14	Matt	9:1-8
Monday	1 Cor	5:9-13, 6:1-11	Matt	13:54-58
Tuesday	1 Cor	6:20; 7:1-12	Matt	14:1-13
Wednesday	2 Cor	6:1-10	Luke	7:36-50
Thursday	1 Cor	7:24-35	Matt	15:12-21
Friday	Hebrews	2:2-10	Matt	15:29-31
Saturday	Romans	16:1-16	Matt	10:37-42, 11:1
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Matt	5:14-19



**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



**Wednesday Evening at St. John** – We will pray Vespers at 5:30 p.m. as usual. However, due to the acoustic panel work being done in St. Raphael Hall, we will not have dinner or any other activities following Vespers.

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

**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!

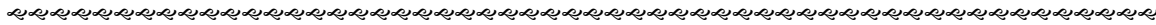
**The Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club** will meet at Dcn. James Elliott's home on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. They will be reading *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. All men are welcome.

**Farewell Dinner** – 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** – St John is an extraordinarily vibrant and active community! Thank God! Each week there is quite a bit going on. With so much happening, it is easy to lose track of the different pieces of the puzzle. In an effort to keep a clear focus of the mission of the Church, the Parish Council has put together a survey. The purpose of the survey is to gauge where we are as a parish and to help lay the groundwork for where we would like to be in the years ahead. An email will be sent out this week with a link. Please, take a few moments to prayerfully respond to the survey. All responses will be anonymous. Thank you for your love, care and concern for this wonderful community!

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

**Sunday, 7/8:** Jodi Yzaguirre, Sarah Ann Cameron  
**Tuesday, 7/10:** Philip McKelroy  
**Wednesday, 7/11:** *Olga, Equal to the Apostles: Meribeth Harvey, Justin Bowles*  
**Thursday, 7/12:** Anniversary: Marshall & Kathryn McWhorter  
*St. Veronica: Lynda Spinolo, Caitlin Romero*  
**Friday, 7/13:** Simeon Flexsenhar, Lavinia Dumitrache, Anthony Walker  
Anniversary: Dan & Lori O'Brien



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

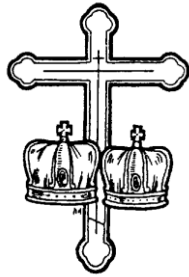
*Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

*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 12** **Women's Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., we will meet at Judy Terry's house  
**Sept. 10** **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home. We will be discussing *Towers in the Mist* by Elizabeth Goudge

## St. John Summer Pool Party Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It's time again for a St. John Summer Potluck Pool Party! This year we move to the pool at Christian Brothers University. Bring your own meat, or vegetarian equivalent, and drinks (no alcohol, please) along with a side and/or dessert to share. There will be a grill available for use if you wish.

## Library Lines

Today we commemorate one whose blessing is invoked in the Orthodox wedding service. St. Procopius (7/8), a soldier during Emperor Diocletian's reign, encountered Christ in a conversion experience similar to the Apostle Paul's. The authorities tortured him and threw him in prison. One day twelve women approached his window, told him they were also servants of Christ and were locked up with him. He taught them more about the Church, especially receiving the crown of martyrdom. According to *The Prologue*, this is why he and the God-crowned Emperor Constantine and Empress Helen are mentioned in the marriage service.

Today also we remember St. Prokopios of Ustag (7/8). He is one of a long list of saints called Fools for Christ. These men and women engaged in strange behaviors and feigned mental instability to achieve humility through the ridicule of others. Most of them lived in Russia. Look on the bulletin board for Met. Kallistos Ware's article, "The Fool in Christ as Prophet and Apostle." Read more about this form of asceticism in his book, *The Inner Kingdom* (CAT GEN WAR) and in chapter 4 of *The Freedom of Morality* (GEN YAN) by Christos Yannaros.

This week and next, we honor two members of a royal family, Olga (7/11), princess of Kiev and her grandson, Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev, 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.

St. Euphemia the All-praised (7/11) is best known for a miracle occurring after her death. The Fourth Ecumenical Council was held in a church which housed her relics. It was convened to establish the nature of Christ. The Monophysites opposed the doctrine of His two natures, divine and human, asserting Jesus was divine and not human. The Patriarch proposed that the two views be written down, St. Euphemia's tomb opened and the scrolls placed on her bosom. This was done, and the tomb was then sealed and guarded by the emperor's soldiers. After three days of prayer and fasting, the tomb was opened. The scroll of the Orthodox confession was in her right hand and that of the heretics was at her feet. Her story is recorded in *The Encyclopedia of Major Saints and Fathers*, (HAG - - - ELE), p. 34 and in *Orthodox Saints* (HAG - - - POU), on p. 135 in the blue book and on pp. 25 and 199 in the yellow book. She is also commemorated September 16.

## **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.