

### From the Fathers (and others):

The words 'hallowed be Your name' could well be understood in the sense that God is hallowed by our perfection. In other words, when we say 'hallowed be Your name' to Him what we are really saying is 'Father, make us such as to deserve knowledge and understanding of how holy You are, or at least let Your holiness shine forth in the spiritual lives we lead.' And this surely happens as men 'see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven' (cf. Mt. 5:16).

St. John Cassian

Abba Isaiah said to those who were making a good beginning by putting themselves under the direction of the holy Fathers, 'As with purple dye, the first coloring is never lost.' And, 'Just as young shoots are easily trained back and bent, so it is with beginners who live in submission.'

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

The same amma said that a teacher ought to be a stranger to the desire for domination, vain-glory, and pride; one should not be able to fool him by flattery, nor blind him by gifts, nor conquer him by the stomach, nor dominate him by anger; but he should be patient, gentle and humble as far as possible; he must be tested and without partisanship, full of concern, and a lover of souls.

Sayings of the Desert Fathers- Amma Theodora

Beware of these two thoughts, and fear them. The first suggests 'you are a saint;' the other, 'you will not be saved.' Both come from the enemy, and there is no truth in them. Instead, think to yourself, 'I am a great sinner but the Lord is merciful. He loves with a great love, and will forgive me my sins.' Believe in this way, and, you will see, the Lord will forgive you. But put no faith in feats of your own, however, much you may have striven...God has mercy on us, not for our achievements but freely, because of His goodness.

St Silouan the Athonite

You mustn't wage your Christian struggle with sermons and arguments, but with true secret love. When we argue, others react. When we love people, they are moved and we win them over. When we love, we think that we offer something to others, but in reality we are the first to benefit.

S. Porphyrios

# St. John Orthodox Church

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*~ July 9, 2017 ~*

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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**V. Rev. Fr. Basil Cushman**  
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**Rev. Fr. Alexander Mackoul**  
Assistant Pastor

**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 9, 2017**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Epistle: Romans 10:1-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1**

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Jamie White**.

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 9-16 (Wed & Fri. Fast)**

**Sunday** -  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-AWSJ Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., Mindy Williams' home  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.  
-Meal following Vespers  
-Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m.  
-Men's Quarterly Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Central BBQ on Summer Ave.  
**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.

### **Memorial Today**

Selwa Barkoudah – Monica Rustom's aunt

### **Upcoming out of town dates for clergy:**

**July 24-28:** Archdiocese Convention - Fr. Philip & Fr. Alex

### **Upcoming Baptisms**

August 19 Joseph Romero

## **DIVINE LITURGY**

**Sunday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.**

<b>PRIEST:</b>	Fr. Alex	<b>HOMILY:</b>	Fr. Basil
<b>READER:</b>	Jack Turner	<b>USHER:</b>	Bill Harter
<b>HOLY BREAD:</b>	Reem Mansour		
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	Eli, Thomas, Paul, James		
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>			

**COMMEMORATIONS**



**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.

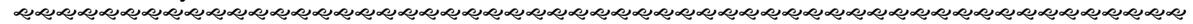
**July 16:** Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis; the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia.



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**July 9 - 16**

Sunday	Romans	10:1-10	Matthew	8:28-34, 9:1
Monday	2 Timothy	2:1-10	John	15:17-27, 16:1-2
Tuesday	2 Corinthians	6:1-10	Luke	7:36-50
Wednesday	1 Corinthians	2:9-16; 3:1-8	Matthew	13:31-36
Thursday	Hebrews	2:2-10	Matthew	13:36-42
Friday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	Matthew	13:44-54
Saturday	1 Corinthians	13:11-13, 14:1-5	Matthew	17:24-27, 18:1-4
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Matthew	5:14-19



**Pray for our catechumens: Memphis –Justin Bowles, Lucas Whatley.**

**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.

**AWSJ Bible Study** – The AWSJ will be meeting to discuss chapters 4-7 of Job tomorrow evening at Mindy Williams home. Social time begins at 6:30 with the discussion beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please bring snacks or drinks to share!

**Parish Hall** – All items in the parish hall, downstairs hallway, and room off the kitchen have been placed in boxes stored in the room off the kitchen. If you are missing something, feel free to look through these boxes. We will be donating the boxes to Goodwill the week of July 24.

**New Catechumen** - Tom Ashworth, Allie Helms, Jon Mark and Heather Hetrick, Ian Curry, John Curry, and Jamie Escue will be enrolled as catechumen next Sunday, July 16, between Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers as they take this important step towards being received into the Church.

**Men of St. John:**

**Quarterly Men’s Dinner** – Central BBQ, Thursday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

**Sons of Thunders Men’s Book Club** will be meet on July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Dn. James’ home to discuss *The Cure for Consumerism* by Fr. Gregory Jensen

**Catechumen/Inquirers Class** (Alternating Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.) – You do not have to be a catechumen or inquirer to come to class - everyone is welcome! This is a good alternative for those who may be missing Wednesday teachings over the summer. Upcoming dates and topics are:  
July 11 – The Lord’s Prayer continued  
July 25 – The 10 Commandments

**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.

**Back to School Backpack Alms** – St. John will be participating in the FOCUS Back to School Backpack program this year. FOCUS North America is “a national movement of Orthodox Christians, united in faith and joined by a desire to provide action-oriented and sustainable solutions to poverty in communities across America.” They will be sending us 50 backpacks to be filled with various school supplies collected by the parish. St. John will then provide the filled bags to Snowden School for those in need. The list of supplies needed is provided in the bulletin insert, downstairs in the parish hall, and on our website on the online sign up page. Please have all donations to the church the morning of July 30. The teens will be filling the bags later that day.

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

**Monday, 7/10:** Philip McElroy  
**Wednesday, 7/12:** *St. Veronica: Lynda Spinolo, Caitlin Romero*  
**Thursday, 7/13:** Lavinia Dumitrache, Anthony Walker  
Anniversary: Dan & Lori O'Brien  
**Saturday, 7/15:** Joanna Spinolo  
*St. Vladimir, the Great: Vladimir Drobashevsky*

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## Master Plan Updates

**Progress on the St Raphael Hall** – According to the contractor, we are about 70% done with the project!!! The painters have begun to paint the interior of the building. The stone is beginning to be placed and the bricks will be placed on top of the stonework. It is beginning to look like a finished building!!

**Fund raising** – Thank you for your help thus far!! After paying our bills for this month, we will begin 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

**July 10** **Women's Bible Study**, 6:30 p.m. – Social Time, 7:00 p.m. discussion begins. We will meet at Mindy Williams' home to discuss Ch. 4-7. Handouts are available in the office.  
**July 13** **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., location to be determined  
**July 17** **AWSJ Book Club** will be discussing *The Summer before the War* by Helen Simonson

### **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

This week 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 Veil*, Lent/Pascha 2006, p. 24. Look also 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.

Saturday day we commemorate Prince Vladimir (7/15), the Baptizer of Russia. He is the grandson of St. Olga, honored earlier this week. He began the unification of Slavic lands, and St. Hilarion referred to him as an apostolic sovereign like St. Constantine. Our library owns these children's books on St. Olga and Prince Vladimir, respectively: *Halia's Wooden Cross* (KID STS OLH) and *Peace At Last* (KID STS VLA).

Saturday, 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 harmony in our families and for healing of sick children. Read more about them in *Victories of the Saints* (HAG - - - YOU).