

From the Fathers (and others):

A wandering mind is made stable by reading, vigil and prayer. Flaming lust is extinguished by hunger, labor and solitude. Stirrings of anger are calmed by psalmody, magnanimity and mercifulness. All this has its effect when used at its proper time and in due measure. Everything untimely or without proper measure is short lived; and short lived things are more harmful than useful.

Abba Evagrius the Solitary

The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much. He runs away when we make the sign of the Cross.

St Anthony the Great

A person can become a saint anywhere...at your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience and love. Make a new start every day, with new resolution, enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence.

St Porphyrios

A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breathe with the grace of the Holy Spirit which abides in his soul, so that in this way he might glorify the name of God.

St Nektarios of Aegina

There never was and there never will be a place on earth free from sorrows. The only sorrowless place possible is the heart, when the Lord is present there.

St Nikon

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 Cleopas of Romania

Hell cannot be made attractive, so the devil makes attractive the road that leads there.

St Basil the Great

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ August 12, 2018 ~
Sunday after Transfiguration

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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

Sunday after Transfiguration

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

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

Aug. 12 - 19 (Dormition Fast)

Sunday

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Monday

-First Hour, 6:45 a.m.

-Paraklesis, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.

-Men's lunch, 12:00 p.m., Dino's

-Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

-Divine Liturgy for Dormition, 9:00 a.m.

-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.

-Dinner & games following

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

-Wedding of Irene Hodges and Tyler Kelley, 4:00 p.m.

-Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.

Sunday

-Orthros, 9:00 a.m.

-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Today

George Harants, 5 years

DIVINE LITURGY - Dormition

Wednesday, August 15, 9:00 a.m.

PRIEST:

Fr. Philip

HOLY BREAD:

Ben Arthur

COFFEE HOUR:

Marjo

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, August 19, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:

Fr. Basil

READER:

John Cameron

HOLY BREAD:

Dn. Charles

USHER:

Bill Harter

ALTAR SERVERS:

Zach, Nicholas, Eli, Gabe

COFFEE HOUR:

Kate Kumar, HELP NEEDED

COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 12: Martyrs Photios and Anikyotos of Nicomedia.

Aug. 13: Maximos the Confessor; Eudokia and Irene (Xenia) the empresses; Venerable Dositheos; repose of Tikhon, bishop of Voronezh and wonder-worker of Zadonsk; uncovering of the relics of Maximos of Moscow, fool-for-Christ.

Aug. 14: Prophet Micah; New-martyr Simeon of Trebizond; translation of the relics of Venerable Theodosios of the Kiev Caves.

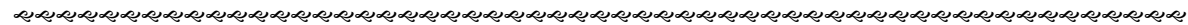
Aug. 15: The Dormition of the Theotokos.

Aug. 16: The commemoration of the icon-not-made-by-hands of our Lord in Edessa. Martyrs Diomedes the physician of Tarsus in Cilicia and Alkiviades; Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephalaria; Timothy, bishop of Epiros; New-martyrs Nikodemos of Meteora and Apostolos (Stamatios) of St. Laurence; the New-martyrs of Megaris.

Aug. 17: Venerable Myron of Kyzikos, Eutychios, Eutychian, and Kassiane; Martyrs Thyrsos, Cyprian and Juliana; Venerable Alypios the iconographer of the Kiev Caves; Theodore of Solovky, enlightener of the Lapps.

Aug. 18: Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria; Venerable Sophronios of St. Anne skete on Athos; Venerable Barnabas and Christopher of Mt. Mela; new-martyr Demetrios; Venerable Arsenios the New of Paros; repose of Venerable John of Rila.

Aug. 19: Martyr Andrew the General (“Stratelates”); Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 12 - 19

Sunday	1 Cor	9:2-12	Matt	18:23-35
Monday	2 Cor	5:10-15	Mark	1:9-15
Tuesday	2 Cor	5:15-21	Mark	1:16-22
Wednesday	Philippians	2:5-11	Luke	10:38-42, 11:27-28
Thursday	1 Timothy	3:13-16; 4:1-5	Luke	9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22
Friday	2 Cor	7:10-16	Mark	2:18-22
Saturday	1 Cor	1:26-31; 2:1-5	Matt	20:29-34
Sunday	1 Cor	15:1-11	Matt	19:16-26



Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Janna Knight (pregnant), Katherine Verbist (pregnant), Lavinia Dumitrache (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



Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. We will be continuing our discussion of the Ten Commandments.

Student Blessing – Fr. Philip will bless all the students returning to school following liturgy today.

AWSJ Secret Sisters – Each year the Women of St. John are invited to participate in Secret Sisters during the months of September and October. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better. We will end with a “reveal” potluck at Corinne Elliott’s home (date TBA) which is open to all women whether or not they participated in secret sisters. The questionnaires that Corinne will use to match everyone up can be found downstairs as you enter St. Raphael Hall. Please return forms to the large envelope or Corinne by August 26.

St. John Job Fair – On Sunday, September 9, St. John will again host a “Job Fair” to assist parishioners in knowing where they can get involved as well as the opportunity to sign up. Representatives will be on hand to explain responsibilities or activities.

Men of St. John – Each Tuesday the Men of St. John meet for lunch at noon. All men are invited! Beginning this week, the men will begin meeting at Dino’s on McLean.

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!

Church School and Fall Schedule – Church school and our normal Wednesday schedule (5:30 dinner, 6:15 teaching/atrium, 7:00 Small Compline) will resume the week of September 9. Parents, a roster for the coming year of church school will be emailed and posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Bishop NICHOLAS – His Grace +NICHOLAS will be visiting St. John Sept. 25 – Oct. 1. See the insert for a schedule of opportunities to pray with and to visit with him.

Parish Council Update - Thank you for turning in your parish council nominations and for taking the time to complete the survey! We received over 70 responses!! Thank God! All of the data will be compiled and the clergy and parish council will use the results to help map out a plan for the future. Keep the Church community in your prayers and Lord willing, we will continue to build up the Church and shine the Light of Christ for years to come!!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Monday, 8/13:	<i>Maximos, the Confessor: Max Mendenhall, Max Wallace</i>
Tuesday, 8/14:	Lydia Williams
Wednesday, 8/15:	Mickey Hodges
Thursday, 8/16:	Marjo Labonte
Friday, 8/17:	Mark Ibrahim, Nidal Salloum
Saturday, 8/18:	Ethel Smith

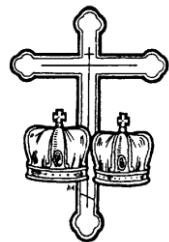
UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Aug 13– Paraklesis, note times on calendar
Aug 14 – Great Vespers for Dormition, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 15 – Divine Liturgy for Dormition, 9:00 p.m.
Aug 18 – Wedding for Irene Hodges & Tyler Kelley, 4:00 p.m.
Aug 26 – Churching, Anne Katherine & Mary Vanlandingham
Sept 1 – Baptism of Mary Vanlandingham

Women of St. John Calendar

- Aug. 23** **AWSJ Girls Night Out** – Please remember to RSVP to Caitlin Romero.
Sept. 6 **Women’s Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges home
We are reading “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev
Sept. 9 **AWSJ Business Meeting** following liturgy
Sept. 10 **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Towers in the Mist* by Elizabeth Goudge

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

The St. John Library Catalogue is now up to date!!! All the newest titles and authors are included. The subject catalogue has also been updated with many cross references to make your searches easier. “See” means there are no entries listed under the subject you have looked up. You are then directed to another related subject. e.g. Tithe, see Alms. “See also” means that entries are listed under the subject you have looked up. You will also see related subjects where you can find additional books. e.g. Baptism, see also Holy Mysteries.

If you are fascinated with icons, this is your month! All during the Dormition Fast, we have looked to the Theotokos as our icon for our own deaths. During the month of August, we commemorate many icons of her. Read more about them in Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (ART ICO KHO).

On August 13, we remember the icon of The Seven Arrows. It was lying face-down in a bell tower and mistaken for a floor board. It was found by a peasant when he had a vision before it of being healed.

Tuesday (8/14), we venerate the icon of The Theotokos, the Converser. It shows her and St. Nicholas the Wonderworker talking with George, the sacristan.

The Prophet Micah (8/14) was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. He gave us the prophecy that Bethlehem would be the birthplace of the Savior. His relics were uncovered in the fourth century A. D. through a revelation to a bishop.

Wednesday (8/15) is the feast day of the Icon of the Mother of God, the Enlightener of Minds. This unusual icon shows the Theotokos and the Christ Child enveloped in priest’s phelonion, (cape). They are surrounded by angels and buildings are at the bottom. It tells us of the power of her intercessions to God for our and our children’s wisdom.

Thursday, we commemorate the Icon-Not-Made-by-Hands of our Lord (8/16). Tradition says that Christ himself made this icon as answer to a request for healing from leprosy by a ruler of Edessa. The image was taken to him by the Apostle Thaddeus.

Friday (8/17) we commemorate the icon of The Theotokos of the Kiev Caves. The Mother of God gave the icon to three architects and sent them to Sts. Anthony and Theodosius of the Caves and directed them to select a site on which to build a church for her. This icon is associated with many healings and the defense of Russia.

We also commemorate an early Russian iconographer, St. Alypius (8/17). Some of his icons were glorified by miracles, and tradition says when he was ill, an angel painted an icon of the Dormition for him. It’s known as the Sven Icon commemorated also on this date.

We honor the repose of St. John of Rila on Saturday (8/18). His childhood was spent in Bulgaria as a cowherd. He was tonsured as a youth and lived in strict asceticism, praying, weeping and eating grass. The ill and demon-possessed began to seek him out. Monks flocked to him and built a church over a cave where he lived.