

From the Fathers (and others):

With You, Lord, I will flee, that I may gain in You Life in every place. The prison with You is no prison, for in You man goes up into Heaven: the grave with You is no grave, for You are the Resurrection (cf. Jn. 11:25)!

St. Ephraim the Syrian

It is written, "Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt. 10:16). Being like serpents means not ignoring the attacks and wiles of the devil. Like is quickly shown to like. The simplicity of the dove denotes purity of action.

Amman Syncletica

Sayings of the Desert Fathers

These three things God requires of all the baptized: right faith in the heart, truth on the tongue, temperance in the body.

St. Gregory the Theologian

Ascend, my brothers, ascend eagerly. Let your hearts' resolve be to climb. Listen to the voice of the one who says: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of our God" (Isa. 2:3), Who makes our feet to be like the feet of the deer, "Who sets us on the high places, that we may be triumphant on His road" (Hab. 3:19).

St. John Climacus

Have that faith in God which comes from your own self, that you may also receive from Him that faith which works things above man. But in learning the Faith and in professing it, acquire and keep that only which is now delivered to you by the Church.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. John Orthodox Church



~ August 21, 2016 ~
Afterfeast of the Dormition of the
Most Holy Theotokos

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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: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Karen Wells**.

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

August 21 - 28 (Wed. & Fri. Fast)

Sunday -
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Barksdale's
-Catechumen/Inquirers class, 7:00 p.m., "The Saints"
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Parish Meal following
-Choir rehearsal
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Quarter Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Central BBQ on Summer
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, August 28, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:	Fr. Alex	HOMILY:	Fr. Alex
READER:	Rod Ratliff	USHER:	John Sneed
HOLY BREAD:	Stephanie Harants		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Zach, Trent, Max, Eli		
COFFEE HOUR:	Trent & Judy Terry, Sue Brownlow		

COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 21: Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa, Theognios, Agapios, and Pistos of Edessa; Venerable Abraham of Smolensk and his disciple, Venerable Ephraim.

Aug. 22: Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him.

Aug. 23: Martyr Loupos; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos.

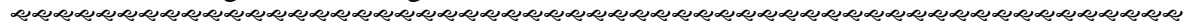
Aug. 24: Hieromartyr Eutychos, disciple of John the Theologian; New-hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; Dionysios the wonder-worker, bishop of Zakynthos; Venerable Gerasimos of Kephallenia; translation of the relics of Peter the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow.

Aug. 25: Apostles Titos of the Seventy and Bartholomew.

Aug. 26: Martyrs Adrian and Natalia of Nicomedia; Venerable Joasaph; Venerable Adrian of Ondrutsov.

Aug. 27: Venerable Pimen the Great and Osios; Martyr Anthusa; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; Caesarios, bishop of Arles; Venerable-confessor Hosios, bishop of Cordoba.

Aug. 28: Venerable Moses of Ethiopia; Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; Martyr Susanna of Georgia; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev.



Parish Council - Thank you for turning in your recommendations. The top recommendations from the parish who have accepted to serve on the council are Dan O'Brien, Anne Dugan, and Christine McGee. In addition, this year's clergy representative will be Fr. Alex Mackoul. They will be joining Fr. Philip, Ervin Romero and Bill Harter for this year's term. Thank you for your service to the Church!

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 28th at Brandon Maas' home. We will be discussing *The Rise of Superman* by Steven Kotler.

Men's Dinner – It is time for our quarterly men's dinner! We will meet at Central BBQ on Summer at 6:30 pm on Thursday, August **25th**. Come and join us for great food and fellowship.

Wednesday Teaching – We will return to our Wednesday night teachings this week. Fr. Philip will lead a series on the Orthodox understanding of death and dying.

AWSJ Secret Sisters - Our increasingly popular Secret Sisters is beginning again this fall and will run from September (after Labor Day) through October. If you are college-age or above and want to join in the fun, please fill out the questionnaire downstairs on the piano and return it (filled out completely....the more info, the more fun) to Sh. Corinne Elliott or Pam Bowick **by August 28th**. You may leave it in her mailbox in the church office if you'd like or in the parish hall. See Corinne with any questions.

CGS Parent Meeting – On Sunday, August 28 following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a meeting for parents of children ages 3-9 in the Level 1 Atrium located on the 3rd floor. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Catechism program for our youngest students.

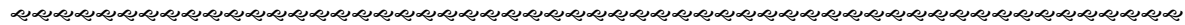
Coffee Hour – Please consider serving your parish by volunteering to host one of the remaining coffee hours this quarter which include:

Thurs., Sept. 8 Wed., Sept. 14 Sun., Sept. 18

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>.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

			August 21-28	
Sunday	1 Corinthians	3:9-17	Matthew	14:22-34
Monday	1 Corinthians	15:12-19	Matthew	21:18-22
Tuesday	Philippians	2:5-11	Luke	10:38-42; 11:27-28
Wednesday	1 Corinthians	16:4-12	Matthew	21:28-32
Thursday	Titus	1:1-5, 2:15, 3:1-2, 12-15	Matthew	5:14-19
Friday	Hebrews	10:32-38	Matthew	2:23-33
Saturday	Romans	15:30-33	Matthew	17:24-18:4
Sunday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	Matthew	17:14-23



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), Chelsea Yadron (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), Elfreida Drobashevsky, Maria Bellaflores, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Tuesday, 8/23: Fr. Don, Anne Calcote, Jennifer Stanek
Anniversary: Fadi & Rana Ibrahim
Wednesday, 8/24: Elijah Brackey
Thursday, 8/25: Crystal Eastman, Aaron White
Saturday, 8/27: Brandon Maas
Anniversary: Billy & Marjo Labonte

Master Plan questions and answers

Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc. – Fr Philip, Fr John, Dn Tim, Bill Harter and Priscilla Neale will be interviewing two contractors on Friday. Pray that they will have discernment in making the decision to go with the correct one!

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.

Women of St. John – AWSJ

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Sept. 8 **AWSJ Fall Kick Off Appetizer Potluck**, Caitlin Romero's home
Sept. 12 **Book Club**, 7:00 p.m., *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio
Sept. 15 **Women's Teaching**, 10:00 a.m., Judy Terry's home
Sept. 18 **AWSJ Business meeting** during coffee hour

LIBRARY LINES -

Many times we hear of The Seventy. A few of them are more familiar to us than some of the Twelve. Thaddeus (8/21), not to be confused with St. Jude who was one of the Twelve, heard the preaching of St. John the Baptist. He was baptized by him and then became a follower of Jesus. After the Ascension, he preached the Gospel in Edessa and Beirut. Some sources say he died peacefully, and others reported his torture and martyrdom in 50 A.D. Find out more about him in *Orthodox Saints*, volume 4, January-December, p. 115.

Our thoughts (and questions) turned to the Church Calendar last week and this week as we celebrated the Dormition and the Leave-taking of the Dormition (8/23). This is a busy month in our parish with feast days which all keep the mystery of *time* on our minds. You may have noticed that many feasts, including The Dormition (8/25), September's Nativity of the Theotokos (9/8) and the Elevation of the Cross (9/14), also have *forefeasts* and *leavetakings*. The days assigned for forefeasts and leavetakings and the length of them are determined by the class or ranking of them as set out in *The Festal Menaion* and *The Pentecostarion*. These are books that set the cycle of services in the Church.

St. Titus (8/25), another one of the Seventy who is very familiar to us, was a native of Crete. After traveling to Jerusalem, he listened to Christ's teachings and witnessed the Crucifixion. He later became a disciple of St. Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. Read more about him in *Orthodox Saints*, volume 3, p. 141., in *Cretan Saints* (HAG - - - TIT) p.,99 and in *Christ In His Saints* (HAG - - - REA) p. 288.

The last week of our liturgical year honors St. Phanourios (8/27), one to whom we pray when we have lost things. This sounds a bit glib or even frivolous to us, but when we dig deeper, we find a more profound reason for this tradition. He suffered many tortures for Christ's sake, and the finding of his icon was a miraculous story. Read the account of his life in St. John Library and see why his mother may be the most prayed-for relative of any saint.



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