

## From the Fathers (and others):

No Christian ought to think of himself as his own master, but each should rather so think and act as though given by God to be slave to his like minded brethren (cf. I Cor. 9:19)?

St. Basil the Great

"It is better to be a simpleton and approach God with love than to be a learned man and at the same time an enemy of God."

St. Irenaeus of Lyons

Take as an example the wisdom of Joseph and his submission. Do battle in chastity and service until you make yourself a king (cf. Gen. 41).

St. Pachomius

If the words of God are uttered merely as verbal expressions, and their message is not rooted in the virtuous way of life of those who utter them, they will not be heard. But if they are uttered through the practice of the commandments, their sound has such power that they dissolve the demons and dispose men eagerly to build their hearts into temples of God through making progress in works of righteousness.

St. Maximos the Confessor

... the Apostle says, "he that says he abides in Christ ought himself also to walk as He walked" (I Jn. 2:6). Otherwise we make a vain pretence and show, if we follow not His steps, Whose name we glory in, and assuredly they would not be irksome to us, but would free us from all dangers, if we loved nothing but what He commanded us to love.

St. Leo the Great

The Logos became man, so that man might become Logos. Being rich, He became poor for our sakes, so that through His poverty we might become rich (cf. II Cor. 8:9). In His great love for man He became like us, so that through every virtue we might become like Him.

St. Neilos the Ascetic

## St. John Orthodox Church

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*~ August 28, 2016 ~*  
*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Righteous Father Moses the Ethiopian*

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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*

## **August 28, 2016**

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

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**

**Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23**

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**

**Aug. 28 – Sept. 4 (Mon., Wed. & Fri. Fast)**

- Sunday** -Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Parent Meeting, coffee hour  
-Teen Group – Cookout at the Mackoul's, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
-Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Brandon Maas' home
- Monday** **-Divine Liturgy for Beheading of the Forerunner, 6:00 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 Ten Commandments
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m., Parish Meal following  
-Wednesday Teaching, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
- 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**

**Monday, August 29, 6:00 a.m.**

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
HOLY BREAD:	Anne Dugan	READER:	Caleb McGee
ALTAR SERVERS:	Zach, Eli		
COFFEE HOUR:	Kh. Pamela, Trish		

### **DIVINE LITURGY**

**Sunday, September 4, 10:00 a.m.**

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
READER:	David Twombly	USHER:	Thomas Yadron
HOLY BREAD:	Janine Smith		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Cade, Pavel, James, Alex, Paul		
COFFEE HOUR:	Karen Bell, Anne Dugan		

## COMMEMORATIONS

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

**Aug. 29:** The Beheading of the Forerunner. Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica, Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka.

**Aug. 30:** Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Martyrs Phantinos of Calabria and Januaros; Repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia.

**Aug. 31:** The commemoration of the placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Halkoprateia-Constantinople.

**Sept. 1:** The beginning of the Indiction or the ecclesiastical New Year. Forty Virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon; Venerable Simeon the Stylite and his mother Martha; Venerable Euanthia; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun; Meletios the New of Greece; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople.

**Sept. 2:** Martyr Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina; John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople.

**Sept. 3:** Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia; Martyr Chariton; New-martyr Polydoros of Cyprus; Venerable Theokistos, fellow-faster with Euthymios the Great; Phoebe the deaconess; uncovering of the relics of Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker; Ionikios I, patriarch of Serbia.

**Sept. 4:** Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch; Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Sleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon; uncovering of the relics of Joasaph, bishop of Belgorod; Venerable Anthimos the New; New-hieromartyr Gorazd, bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia.

### **DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

			<b>August 28 – September 4</b>	
Sunday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	Matthew	17:14-23
Monday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	Mark	6:14-30
Tuesday	2 Corinthians	2:14-3:3	Matthew	23:23-28
Wednesday	Hebrews	9:1-7	Luke	10:38-42; 11:27-28
Thursday	1 Timothy	2:1-7	Luke	4:16-22
Friday	Romans	8:28-39	John	15:1-11
Saturday	1 Corinthians	1:3-9	Matthew	19:3-12
Sunday	1 Corinthians	9:2-12	Matthew	18:23-35

**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), 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), Elfrieda Drobashevsky, Maria Bellaflores, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



## ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



**Welcome back College Students!** We have seen some of our college students leave for their work elsewhere, but we are happy to welcome back those students who are back for their studies at colleges in the area including Rhodes and Ole Miss. We have a vibrant and active OCF group at Ole Miss and look forward to continuing to encourage local OCF activities as well.

**Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club** will meet at 6:30 p.m. this evening at Brandon Maas' home. We will be discussing *The Rise of Superman* by Steven Kotler.

**Wednesday Teaching** – We have returned to our Wednesday night teachings. This week Fr. Philip will continue his series on the Orthodox understanding of death and dying with a talk on suffering in Christ.

**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 *today*. 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** – Following the Divine Liturgy today, there will be a meeting for parents of children ages 3-9 in the Level 1 Atrium located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Catechism program for our youngest students.

**Patronal Feast for St. John** – Our feast of the Repose of St. John the Theologian, our patron, falls on **Monday, September 26**. We will pray Great Vespers on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and serve Divine Liturgy Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Our parish celebration will take place following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 25, with a **full pot luck meal**. I want to urge all of you to try to come pray with us for at least one of these services. **Don't miss the chance to honor the one who prays faithfully for our salvations!**

### Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

<b>Sunday, 8/28</b>	<i>Moses the Black: Tekla Haymanot, Buddy Lyons, Nathan Powell</i>
<b>Monday, 8/29</b>	<i>Elian Harants, Ruth Tapia John, the Forerunner: John McGee, Jake Ratliff, John David Williams</i>
<b>Tuesday, 8/30:</b>	<i>Karen Wells St. Alexander: Fr. Alex, Alexandru New</i>
<b>Wednesday, 8/31:</b>	<i>Josiah Fahhoum, Adam van Drimmelen</i>
<b>Thursday, 9/1:</b>	<i>Anna Pashchinskaya, Kate Lyons Anniversary: Weston &amp; Angela Leopold</i>
<b>Saturday, 9/3:</b>	<i>John McGee</i>

## Master Plan Updates

**Progress on final drawings/contractor/etc.** – Members of the building committee met on Friday morning to interview potential contractors. After careful consideration, the decision was made to go with the firm of Montgomery Martin.

Our next step will be to meet with both the architect and the contractor. Lord willing, we will have a design and project costs in the next four weeks.

**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

**AWSJ Fall Kick Off** - The incoming AWSJ president, Caitlin Romero, will be hosting the Women of St. John at her new home on the evening of September 8 to kick off the new church year. Please bring an appetizer and/or wine to share and join us for an informal girls' night!

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

#### **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

#### **LIBRARY LINES -**

Right before and after the Dormition of the Theotokos, we commemorate two holy women whose lives were intertwined with hers. The repose of her mother, St. Anna, was July 25, and the commemoration of St. Anna the Prophetess is August 28. She was widowed after seven years and then lived a life of prayer and fasting in the temple. At age 84 she was blessed to see the Theotokos and her infant Son being presented there and received into St. Simeon's hands. St. Luke records that she "gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

On the last day of the liturgical year we commemorate two well-known saints and a miracle from a relic of the Theotokos. Her sash, which had been given to the Apostle Thomas, and was in Jerusalem in the late ninth century. The empress Zoe, wife of Leo the Wise, had a vision that she would be cured of an illness if the sash was placed upon her. The patriarch found the belt unmarked by time when he opened its container. He placed it on her and she was healed instantly.

St. Aidan (8/31), a popular Celtic saint, was born in the seventh century. He converted King Oswald of Northumbria and his people to the Faith, and the king gave him the island of Lindisfarne where he founded a monastery. The Venerable Bede in his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (HIS BED) commended St. Aidan as an example to other priests and bishops for his humility and piety. The saint developed warm friendships with Oswald and his successor, King Oswin. When St. Aidan died peacefully in a local church, a young St. Cuthbert saw a vision of angels taking St. Aidan's soul to heaven in a fiery sphere.

St. Cyprian of Carthage (8/31) spent his youth in extravagant living. However, his soul was unsatisfied until he read of Tertullian's writings on Christianity. He became a catechumen at age 46 and was baptized, then ordained to the priesthood. The focus of his ministry was the welfare of the Church. He went into hiding during the persecution of Emperor Decius so he could continue to strengthen the faith and courage of the faithful. Many people denied Christ under severe torture. A great disagreement arose over their re-admittance. Cyprian ruled that they could be restored only after an examination of the circumstances and then receive a penance and permission of the bishop. St. Cyprian was a prolific writer in which he spoke of the unity of the Church and Christian love. He was martyred in 258.

Thursday is the beginning of the Liturgical New Year! The Indiction is a feast day and even has its own icon. The church calendar is so important that there are Old Calendarists and New Calendarists who, sadly, cannot agree on which one to use. Actually the liturgical year is a concept that is much deeper than that of a device to mark time. Read about the significance of the church year in *The Year of Grace of the Lord* (CAT SPEC MON) written by a monk of the Eastern Church. See also *A Companion to the Greek Orthodox Church* (CAT GEN LIT), *The Orthodox Church Calendar* (CAT SPEC PHO), *Victories of Orthodoxy* (CAT GEN CAV), *The Calendar Question* (CAT SPEC SAK) and *The Church Year* (CAT SAC SCH) from the *Celebration of Faith* series for an explanation of the history and development of our calendar.

We also begin the year by commemorating Moses the God-seer (9/4) and an Old Testament action-hero, Joshua (9/1). God enabled Joshua to stop the Jordan River, win a victory by halting the sun, and smash the walls of Jericho by carrying the Ark of the Covenant around them for seven days. As Moses' successor, he ruled Israel for twenty-five years and divided the Promised Land among the Twelve Tribes of Israel.