

From the Fathers (and others):

Seek God daily. But seek Him in your heart, not outside it. And when you find Him, stand with fear and trembling, like the Cherubim and the Seraphim, for your heart has become a throne of God. But in order to find God, become humble as dust before the Lord, for the Lord abhors the proud, whereas He visits those that are humble in heart, wherefore He says: "To whom will I look, but to him that is meek and humble in heart?"

St. Nectarios of Pentapolis

If a man has a full intention to please God, then God teaches him His will either through thoughts, through some other person, or through Holy Scripture.

St. Peter of Damascus

Before His visible advent in the flesh the Logos of God dwelt among the patriarchs and prophets in a spiritual manner, prefiguring the mysteries of His advent. After His incarnation He is present in a similar way not only to those who are still beginners, nourishing them spiritually and leading them toward the maturity of divine perfection, but also to the perfect, secretly pre-delineating in them the features of His future advent as if in an icon.

St. Maximos the Confessor

We should try to live in such a way that if the Gospels were lost, they could be rewritten by looking at us.

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

We do not know God from His being but from the magnificence of His handiwork and His providence for creation. Through these as through mirrors we perceive His infinite goodness and wisdom and power.

St. Maximus the Confessor

When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fullness of His outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever He touches.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life.

St Irenaeus of Lyons

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ August 5, 2018 ~
Sunday before Transfiguration

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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 before Transfiguration

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

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

Aug. 5 - 12(Dormition Fast)

- Sunday** -Great Vespers for Transfiguration, 6:00 p.m.
Monday -**Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration, 9:00 a.m.**
-Paraklesis, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., The Ten Commandments
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Paraklesis, 5:30 p.m.
-Dinner & games following
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m.
Friday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
-Paraklesis, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
-Holy Baptism of Hermione Hight following vespers
Sunday -**Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Churchings

Julie and Hermione Hight, August 5

Anne Katherine & Mary Arlynn Vanlandingham, August 26

DIVINE LITURGY

Monday, August 6, 9:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
HOLY BREAD: Dn. Charles
COFFEE HOUR: HELP NEEDED

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: Matt Spinolo
HOLY BREAD: Stephanie Harants
USHER: Dan O'Brien
ALTAR SERVERS: Max, Elijah B., Brody, Paul
COFFEE HOUR: Young Adults

COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 5: Martyr Eusignios of Antioch; New-martyr Habakkuk of Thessalonika.

Aug. 6: The Transfiguration of Christ.

Aug. 7: Martyrs Dometios of Persia and Sozon of Nicomedia; Hieromartyr Narcissos, patriarch of Jerusalem; Venerable Theodosios the New of the Peloponnesos, Nikanor the wonder-worker of Mt. Kalistratos, and David; Venerable Dometios of Philotheou monastery on Athos; uncovering of the relics of Metrophanes, first bishop of Veronezh.

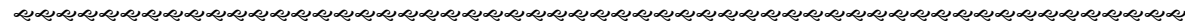
Aug. 8: Emilianos the Confessor, archbishop of Kyzikos; Myron, archbishop of Crete; Venerable Gregory of Sinai; New-martyrs Anastasios and Triandaphylos of Thessaly; translation of the relics of Venerable Zosimas and Savvatis of Solovsky.

Aug. 9: Apostle Matthias; translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonder-worker of America.

Aug. 10: Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome; Hieromartyr Sixtus, bishop of Rome.

Aug. 11: Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania; Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; commemoration of the miracle of Spyridon the wonder-worker of Kerkyra; New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios.

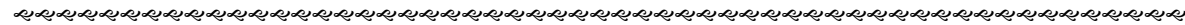
Aug. 12: Martyrs Photios and Anikyotos of Nicomedia.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 5 - 12

Sunday	1 Cor	4:9-16	Matt	17:14-23
Monday	2 Peter	1:10-19	Matt	17:1-9
Tuesday	2 Cor	2:14-17, 3:1-3	Mark	9:2-9
Wednesday	2 Cor	3:4-11	Matt	23:29-39
Thursday	Acts	1:12-17, 21-26	Matt	24:13-28
Friday	2 Cor	4:13-18	Matt	24:27-33, 42-51
Saturday	1 Cor	1:3-9	Matt	19:3-12
Sunday	1 Cor	9:2-12	Matt	18:23-35



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



The Dormition Fast began August 1 - The traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed during the **DORMITION FAST** which lasts from August 1st through 14th (with katalysis for wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays, and for fish, wine and oil on the Transfiguration [August 6th]).

Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Student Blessing – Fr. Philip will bless all the students returning to school next week, August 12, following liturgy.

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!

St. John Website – Links for all online sign ups can now be found easily from the St. John home page. The “Sign Up” button is now located next to the Events page. Check it out and see which areas would benefit from your service!

Parish Council Update

Thank you for turning in your parish council nominations. Fr Philip will tally the results and be in touch with those who were nominated. We will run the survey for one more week. If you have not already done so, please do by the end of the week. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 8/5:	<i>St. Nonna: Nancy McGee, Jamie Escue, Heather Hetrick</i>
Tuesday, 8/7:	Anniversary: Dn. Tim & Sh. Deb Mashburn, Charlie & Meribeth Harvey
Wednesday, 8/8:	Bill Stanek Anniversary: Ian & Sandra Curry
Thursday, 8/9:	Pavel Harvey Anniversary: Calen & Katherine Verbist
Friday, 8/10:	Ashely Powell

Library Lines

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Aug 5 – Great Vespers for Transfiguration, 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 6 – Divine Liturgy for Transfiguration, 9:00 a.m.
- Aug 6, 8, 10, 13– Paraklesis, note times on calendar
- Aug 11 – Baptism of Hermione Hight following Vespers
- 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.
- Sept 1 – Baptism of Mary Vanlandingham



Women of St. John Calendar

- Aug. 9** **Women’s Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges home
- Sept. 10** **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Towers in the Mist* by Elizabeth Goudge



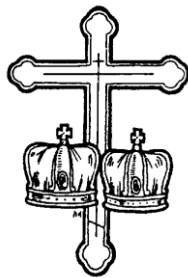
St. Nonna (8/5) is a saint often hidden in the background of her more famous family. Her husband was a pagan at their marriage. Through her prayers and encouragement, he turned to Christ and revealed his conversion at the First Ecumenical Council. We know him as St. Gregory Nazianzos. Their son was St. Gregory the Theologian. He wrote of her that, “She knew one thing to be truly noble: to be pious and to know from where we have come and where we are going; and that there is one innate and trusty wealth: to use one’s substance on God and on the poor, especially the impoverished kin.” Her icon is in our nave, and she is the patron of two of our parishioners.

Thursday is the commemoration of the translation of the relics and canonization of St. Herman (8/9) of Alaska. He was born into a family of merchants and began the monastic life at age 16. In 1794 he arrived in Kodiak, Alaska and in the early 1800s he established a monastery on Spruce Island which he called New Valaam. He lived a hard and simple life, serving the Aleuts with a selfless love. Children will enjoy the colorful pictures when they read about him in *North Star, St. Herman of Alaska* (KID STS HER), *Saint Herman of Alaska* (KID STS HER), and *Journey Across North America* (KID STS GID). Adults will also find spiritual food in *The Little Russian Philokalia*, vol. 3, which is a collection of the saint’s wisdom. Also, take a look at “Orthodox Missions: Lessons from the Past” in *Orthodox America*, Nov-Dec 1993, p. 5, and at *Herman, a Wilderness Saint* (HAG HER KOR). See his icon in our nave.

Many times throughout the year, we commemorate the translation or uncovering of the relics of saints. This month, we honor this event for Sts. Metrophanes, Zosomos and Sabbatius of Solovki, Maximus the Confessor, Maximus of Moscow, and Tikhon of Zadonsk. So, what's so important about it? *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* (HIS CRO) donates a page to the practice of honoring relics. Interestingly enough, it is a wide spread event, even practiced in Buddhism and is “based on the natural instinct of men to treat with reverence what is left of the dead they loved.” A more readable explanation is given in *The Pearl* (CAT GEN WHE). Chapter VI gives us answers to questions frequently asked by Protestants, or former ones like most of us. His concise answer concerning relics begins on page 139. Kallistos Ware connects this practice with the theology of the body in *The Orthodox Church* (CAT GEN WAR). See chapter 11. See also *Holy Relics* by T. L. Frazier (CAT GEN FRA)

St. Matthias (8/9) is sometimes thought of as an extra apostle, a last minute fill-in. We remember that he was chosen “by lot” so he may seem like one who was chosen by chance. But, we know that there are no coincidences in the Kingdom of God. Unlike many of the Twelve who were uneducated, common men, St. Matthias studied under the hand of holy Symeon, the God-receiver. Read more about him in *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR).

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)