

**From the Fathers (and others):**

Preserve a meek and peaceable disposition towards your brother, even when he cunningly or artfully, or somehow unintentionally deprives you of all you possess. Show then that you love God's image in him more than anything earthly and perishable, that your 'charity never faileth' (I Cor.13:8).

St. John of Kronstadt

To deny oneself means: to give up one's bad habits, to root out of the heart all that ties us to the world; not to cherish bad desires and thoughts; to quench and suppress bad thoughts; to avoid occasions of sin; not to do or desire anything from self-love, but to do everything out of love for God. To deny oneself means, according to the Apostle Paul, to be dead to sin and the world, but alive to God.

St. Innocent of Alaska

None of the painful things that happen to us every day will injure or distress us once we perceive and continually meditate on their purpose. It is on account of this that St. Paul says: 'I take delight in weakness, insults and hardships' (2 Cor. 10:12), and: 'All who seek to live a holy life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution' (2 Tim. 3:12).

St. Philotheos of Sinai

"The goal of human freedom is not in freedom itself, nor is it in man, but in God. By giving man freedom, God has yielded to man a piece of His divine authority, but with the intention that man himself would voluntarily bring it as a sacrifice to God, a most perfect offering."

St. Theophan the Recluse

If a man does not carry out the will and law of God 'in his inward parts', that is, in his heart, he will not be able to carry them out easily in the outward sphere of the senses either.

St. Hesychius the Priest

If the forgiveness of sins was not necessary for the cure of the soul, then neither was the forgiveness of the world's sins necessary nor was it necessary for the Apostles to be empowered with such authority while being sent to preach the Gospel.

St. Nektarios

I once saw Father John of Kronstadt. He was celebrating the Liturgy. I marveled at the force of his prayer, and to this day am amazed. Almost forty years have passed since then, and I have never seen anyone celebrate as he did. The people loved him and all stood there in the fear of the Lord. And that is not surprising - the Holy Spirit draws the hearts of men toward Himself.

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ January 20, 2019 ~*  
*Venerable Euthymios*

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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*

## Venerable Euthymios

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**Gospel:** Luke 17:12-19

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Dn Charles**.

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

January 20 - 27 (Fast: Wed & Fri.)

- Sunday** - Teen Group, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
**Monday** - First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
**Tuesday** - Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** - Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
- Parish Meal, 5:30 p.m.  
- Teaching, 6:15 p.m.,  
- Small Compline, 7:00 p.m.  
**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** - Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.  
- Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
**Sunday** - **Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**  
- **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

*Fr. Philip will be in Atlanta this week attending the Winter Retreat.*

### Memorial Today

Jan. 20 - Sue Ingram, 3 years

### Upcoming Baptisms

Gwen Verbist, February 16  
Philip Turner, February 23

### DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.**

**PRIEST:** Fr. Basil  
**READER:** John Cameron  
**USHER:** Bill Harter  
**HOLY BREAD:** Judy Terry  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** James, Mark, Thomas, Michael, Paul  
**COFFEE HOUR:** Bru & Thea Wallace, Corinne Elliott, Pauline Koplin

## COMMEMORATIONS

**January 20:** Venerable Eutymios the Great; New-martyr Zachariah of Moreah.

**January 21:** Venerable Maximos the Confessor, Zosimos and Neophytos; Virgin-martyr Agnes of Rome; Venerable Maxim the Greek.

**January 22:** Apostle Timothy; Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian; Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete.

**January 23:** Hieromartyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Agathangelos; Paulinos, bishop of Nola.

**January 24:** Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily; Venerable Xenia the merciful of Rome; Venerable Philonos, bishop of Karpason; Venerable Neophytos the recluse of Cyprus; Venerable Dionysios of Olympos, abbot of Philotheou monastery on Athos; Hieromartyr Felician, bishop of Folingio in Umbria, Italy; Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, fool-for-Christ.

**January 25:** Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Demetrios; New-martyr Auxentios of Constantinople.

**January 26:** Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John, of Constantinople; translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite.

**January 27:** The translation of the relics of John Chrysostom; Marciana the empress; New-martyr Demetrios of Constantinople; Venerable Clement.



## ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



**Theophany House Blessings** – The sign-up sheet for house blessings can be found on the downstairs in the parish hall. Choose all times slots that are convenient for your family. Fr. Philip will then schedule accordingly and contact you with the actual date and time of your blessing.

**SAVE THE DATE: Dinner & a Show** returns to St. John on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will once again be an auction, talent, and bake sale. Be on the lookout for more details in the coming days!

**Catechumen/Inquirers Class** – Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. Catechumen/Inquirers class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our faith whether you are brand new, catechumen, or long-time member. The next session will focus on the Divine Liturgy.

**Bible Study** – The bible study on the book of Ephesians, led by Dn. Sidney, will next meet on Jan. 26, at 4:30 p.m.

**Parish Retreat** – Examining the Telos of the Parish - "Telos" means fulfillment or completion. This wonderfully timed parish retreat will focus on how the work of the parish is completed or fulfilled. Our Church has different organizations and different age groups all doing different things. How can they be brought together? What is the focus of the parish? What role do each of the groups play in the parish community? Join us as we hear the answers to some of these questions from Kh. Jenny Mosher, the director of the Telos Project at Hellenic College. Kh. Jenny is also a trained catechist in the Catechism of the Good Shepherd Program.

Don't let childcare be a hindrance to your attendance, let us know and child care will be provided both Friday evening and Saturday afternoon!

There is an online registration on the homepage of the website. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost, but we will need to have an idea of attendees for set up, meal and childcare purposes. Thank you!

**Opportunities** – There are slots available for those who would like to host **coffee hour**. Check the white board downstairs to see which date works for your family. Also, check the sign up for dates to pick up **Wednesday night meals**.

**Parish Council Update** – Thank you for your participation in the general assembly meeting last weekend. May God bless us through the next year! As was mentioned in the meeting, the speaker system for the downstairs should be functional within the next couple of weeks. In addition, we will be testing LED lights in the balcony. The next council meeting will be February 12.

<b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>				<b>Jan. 20 - 27</b>	
Sunday	2 Corinthians	4:6-15		Luke	17:12-19
Monday	Philippians	1:12-20		Luke	12:8-12
Tuesday	2 Timothy	1:3-8		Matt	10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
Wednesday	Philippians	3:20-21; 4:1-3		Mark	2:23-28; 3:1-5
Thursday	Galatians	5:22-26; 6:1-2		Mark	9:27-35
Friday	Hebrews	7:26-28; 8:1-2		John	10:9-16
Saturday	Romans	6:18-23		Matt	22:35-46
Sunday	Hebrews	7:26-28; 8:1-2		Luke	19:1-10

**Pray for our catechumen:** Frank Pompa, Sharon Woelm-Taylor

**Please remember in your prayers** – Sister Olga , Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Leah Shull (pregnant), Ashley Powell (pregnant), Sarah Elliott (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Dot Lawson (Pam Bowick’s mother & Lawson’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Chris Hodges, Mickey Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

<b>Sunday, 1/20:</b>	Ella White Anniversary: Carlos & Jodie Yzaguirre
<b>Monday, 1/21:</b>	Musa Khlaifat, Mike Hill <i>Maximos, the Confessor: John Sneed, Max Mendenhall, Max Wallace, Ervin Romero</i>
<b>Tuesday, 1/22:</b>	<i>Apostle Timothy: Dn. Tim, Tim Elliott, Tim Stanek</i>
<b>Thursday, 1/24:</b>	Dn. Tim, Dorothy Smith
<b>Saturday, 1/26:</b>	Anniversary: Fr. John & Kh. Pamela

## Women of St. John Calendar

<b>Mon., 2/7</b>	<b>AWSJ Book Club</b> – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing <i>Copy Boy</i> by Vince Vawter. The 2019 book list can be found on the website for those interested. Parish – AWSJ – Book Club
<b>Thurs., 2/7</b>	<b>Women’s Teaching</b> - 10:00 a.m., We are studying “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev
<b>Sat., 2/9</b>	Baby Shower for Leah Shull

## Teen Group This Week

**Sunday**, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**,  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Upcoming:**  
Fri., Feb. 8, 6:00 p.m.  
Memphis Escape Room

*There will be no Sunday meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.*

## Young Adults Calendar

Monday, Feb. 11  
6:00 p.m.  
“Defeating Debt”  
Dn. Tim Mashburn

## Library Lines

St. Maximus the Confessor (1/21) began his career in politics but resigned his position to serve the Church. Although the Fourth Ecumenical Council had condemned the monophysite heresy, it raged for many years, and he devoted himself to speaking against this falsehood. This story is recorded in *The Disputation with Pyrrhus of our Father Among the Saints Maximos the Confessor* (PAT/MAX) which defends the Church’s teaching on the two natures of Christ. His defense of the Church angered the heretic emperor who imprisoned the saint and ordered his tongue and right hand severed. He was exiled to Sythia and died there in 662 A.D. His works include explanations of difficult passages of Scripture, commentaries on the Lord’s Prayer and the Psalms, and treaties on St. Dionysius the Areopagite and St. Gregory the Theologian. See also St. John Library’s *On the Cosmic Mystery of Jesus Christ* (PAT MAX) by St. Maximos and *Maximos the Confessor* by Andrew Louth (PAT MAX).

Sometimes saints capture our attention simply because of their unusual names. Thursday, we honor two Xenias (1/24). Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg was widowed in her mid-twenties. She was considered a fool for Christ, partially because she dressed like her deceased husband and asked to be called by his name. She gave her inheritance away and roamed the poor sections of the city. She spent her nights praying in a field outside of town and brought bricks to a new church being built near the Smolensk cemetery. She foresaw events and loved to visit homes with children. Her intercessions are asked for those who are ill and for people seeking jobs. After you pray before her icon in our nave, visit the library display cart and see *The Life and Miracles of Blessed Xenia* (HAG XEN HTM), and *Recently Orthodox Canonized Saints* (HAG - - - DEV).

St. Xenia of Rome left her family home with her two devoted servants to escape an arranged marriage. She founded a women’s monastery and comforted the poor and bereaved. Her mentor was St. Euthymius (1/20). At her death in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, a shining wreath of stars surrounding a cross appeared and remained until her burial. Her relics brought healing to many.

Who are the Optina Elders and what is Optina? Optina Monastery, south of Moscow, renewed the hesychastic tradition in 18<sup>th</sup> century Russia. Enrich your life by uncovering the lives and wisdom of these men in:

<i>The Orthodox Word</i>	#117 Jul-Aug 1984 pp. 148 & 156
	#122 May-Jun 1985 pp. 125 & 129
	# 267 Jul-Aug 2009 pp. 157 & 199
	# 290 May-Jun 2013 pp. 105
<i>Road to Emmaus</i>	# 44 winter 2011 p. 3.

St. John Library also offers books about and by Elders Anatoly (1/25), Nektary (4/29), Anthony (8/7), Barsanuphius (4/1), Joseph (5/9), Leonid (10/11), Macarius (9/7), and Moses (6/16). Check out *Living Without Hypocrisy* (PAT - - - OPT) where you will find their spiritual counsels arranged by subject. Look up their names in the library’s subject catalog to find books about each of them.

Saturday, we commemorate St. Xenophon and his wife Maria and sons (1/26). They were fifth century, pious parents who sent their children to Beirut for schooling. The boys were shipwrecked and washed ashore at different places. They were presumed dead by their parents and independently became monks. Years later, Xenophon and Maria learned their sons had survived and joined them in the monastic life.