

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

Whoever does not fight the one who despises him, neither in word nor in thought, has received true knowledge and demonstrates a firm trust in God.

St. Mark the Ascetic

If you are forgetful of the Lord, you will not pray, and without prayer, the soul will not dwell in the love of God, for the grace of the Holy Spirit comes through prayer. Prayer preserves a man from sin.

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

The more we act and the more we give thanks to our Benefactor, the more we are His debtors; for He is without need and wants nothing, while without Him we are not able to do anything good. The person found worthy of praising God gains more by it than God, for he has received a great and marvelous gift of grace.

St. Peter of Damaskos

He who does not know the truth cannot truly have faith; for by nature knowledge precedes faith. What is said in Scripture is said not solely for us to understand, but also for us to act upon.

St. Hesychios the Priest

...each person can only acquire an infinitely small share of this world. What a disaster, then, if someone loses his soul in his efforts to acquire this tiny share, rather than choosing to take up the sign and word of the Cross and to follow the Giver of life.

St. Gregory Palamas

In looking upon the faces of others, I see my own face, for we are all as one, created by God, from one single man, from the same blood, and all equally after the image of God - and therefore we must look upon all purely, un-suspiciously, not cunningly, not avariciously, but with pure godly love.

St. John of Kronstadt

Not trusting in yourself and not acting according to your own will and understanding is the path to humility. Without this, even though we may do good, it is not pleasing to God.

St. Macarius of Optina

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ October 14, 2018 ~*  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

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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*

## Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

**Epistle:** Titus 3:8-15

**Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **The Harveys**.

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

**Oct. 14-21 (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., Dino's  
-Choir rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.  
-Parish Council, 6:00 p.m.  
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., The Church
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., History of Icons  
-Small Compline
- 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** -Becoming Truly Human seminar, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
-Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
-Young Adult Fall Festival, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday** -**Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**  
- **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

### Upcoming Memorials

November 4 - Margaret Layman & Helen Lutrell

### DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.**

**PRIEST:** Fr. Basil

**READER:** David Twombly

**USHER:** Bill Harter

**HOLY BREAD:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Max, Elijah B., Brody, Paul

**COFFEE HOUR:** Gary & Cindy Karnaghon, Dianna Hildebrand



**COMMEMORATIONS**

**Oct. 14:** Martyrs Nazarios, Gervase, Protase and Kelsos of Milan; Venerable Kosmas and Nicholas; Venerable Paraskeva of Epivat; Ignatios the wonder-worker, archbishop of Methymna; Venerable Nicholas Sviatosha, prince of Chernigov and wonder-worker of the Kiev Caves.

**Oct. 15:** Hieromartyr Lucian of Antioch; Venerable Euthymios the Younger of Athos; Savvinos, bishop of Catania; Venerable Varsos.

**Oct. 16:** Martyr Longinos the centurion who stood at the cross of the Lord; Gall, enlightener of Switzerland.

**Oct. 17:** Prophet Hosea; Venerable-martyr Andrew of Crete.

**Oct. 18:** Apostle Luke the Evangelist; Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore and Simeon; New-martyr Gabriel of Egypt; Peter of Cetinje.

**Oct. 19:** Prophet Joel; Martyr Varos; Mnason, Bishop of Cyprus; Venerable John of Rila and Prochoros of Pchinja.

**Oct. 20:** Great-martyr Artemios at Antioch; Gerasimos the New Ascetic of Kephallenia; Venerable Matrona of Chios.

**Oct. 21:** Venerable Hilarion the Great; Venerable Christodoulos of Patmos; Hieromartyr Soctrates; Martyr Theodota; Venerable Philotheos, Barnabas and Hilarion, bishop of Meglin in Bulgaria; New-martyr John of Monemvasia; Venerable-confessors Vissarion and Sophroios of Ciorara and Martyr Oprea of Salistie in Romania.



**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**October 14-21**

Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Luke	8:5-15
Monday	Philippians	4:10-23	Luke	9:18-22
Tuesday	Colossians	1:1-3; 7-11	Matt	27:33-54
Wednesday	Colossians	1:1-3; 7-11	Matt	27:33-54
Thursday	Colossians	4:5-11; 14-18	Luke	10:16-21
Friday	Acts	2:14-21	Luke	10:1-15
Saturday	2 Corinthians	3:12-18	Luke	7:1-10
Sunday	Galatians	2:16-20	Luke	8:26-39



**Please remember in your prayers** - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Janna Knight (pregnant), Katherine Verbist (pregnant), Lavinia Dumitrache (pregnant), Leah Shull (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Dot Lawson (Pam Bowick’s mother & Lawson’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Matthew (Joyce Grossman’s grandson), Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

**Catechumen/Inquirers Class** will meet on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Church.

**Becoming Truly Human** – St. John will be hosting a small group ministry workshop led by Brian Short on Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. See the bulletin insert for more details. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per person made payable to Truly Human, LLC. Those interested can register on [becomingtrulyhuman.com/register](http://becomingtrulyhuman.com/register). Link can be found on the St. John website.

**Parish Council Update**

The Parish Council’s next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16. If there are particular items that you feel need to be addressed, feel free to speak with any of the parish council members or Fr Philip.

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays**

- Sunday, 10/14:** Michael Williams
- Tuesday, 10/16:** Stephen Sanderlin  
Anniversary: Ethan & Claire van Drimmelen
- Thursday, 10/18:** *Luke, the Evangelist: Luke Heisig*
- Friday, 10/19:** *St. John of Kronstadt: John Cameron*  
*Prophet Joel: Joel Finley*



***Women of St. John Calendar***

- Friday, 11/2** **Women’s Retreat** – 5:00, registration opens
- Saturday, 11/3** 8:30 a.m. Supplication to St. Raphael
- Monday, 11/5** **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter
- Thursday, 11/8** **Women’s Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges’ home  
We are reading “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev

# St. John Chili Cook Off, Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Whether you form a team or compete on your own, bring your best chili recipe and join us for the ***St. John Chili Cook Off!***

The fun begins following an **early Vespers** at 4:30 p.m.! Sign ups are available online, just check our website for ways in which you can help! This is an amazing evening of fun and fellowship; please make plans to attend and participate in a little friendly competition!!!

## **Volunteers needed:**

Set Up

Competitor check-in assistant

2 more chili judges

Clean Up

Assistants to serve judges

## **Items needed:**

hot dog buns

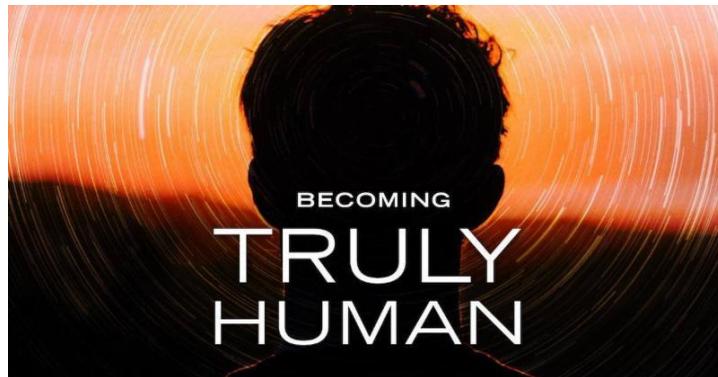
chips

drinks (sodas)

desserts

candy

***Kids are welcome to come in their costumes.***



One of the best ways to engage people about their faith is in small group discussions. Mr. Brian Short, a member of the Archdiocese Department of Missions and Evangelism and the father of Kh. Amanda, travels the country leading seminars on engaging people with small group discussions. In particular, he uses the Becoming Truly Human film as a platform to train parishes to reach out to the community. He has visited our parish before and a number of you expressed interest in his seminar.

St John will be hosting one of these workshops on Saturday, October 20 from 10:30 am - 4 pm. There is a \$25 fee. If you would like to attend and the fee is prohibitive, please speak with Fr. Philip.

## **Library Lines**

Which Ecumenical Council do we honor today??? Hint: It's the one that many would say defines the Orthodox Church in the world's eyes. Also, it's the one we honor on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. In 787, the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (10/14) decreed that the icons were not idols and veneration of them was honorable. Thank God for these holy men. See the stories of the Councils in *The First Seven Ecumenical Councils, A Noble Task, Foundations of Social Order*, and *The Ecumenical Synods of the Orthodox Church*.

Several of the saints actively opposed Christianity before their conversion. Tuesday, we honor St. Longinus (10/16), the centurion who stood at the foot of the Cross. Tradition says that he was cured of an eye ailment when water and blood poured out of the wound inflicted by him in Christ's side. He was later baptized by the Apostles and martyred by Pilate.

Once again, we commemorate the translation of a saint's relics. This time it's for the Righteous Lazarus (10/17). He lived thirty years after Christ called him forth from the tomb and his relics were discovered in a marble coffin inscribed with the words, "Lazarus of the four days, the friend of Christ." They were transferred to Byzantium around the year 900. Read more about Christ raising him in *The Resurrection and the Icon* (ART ICO QUE).

The Prophet Hosea (10/17) lived in the 9<sup>th</sup> century B.C. and was a contemporary of the Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. Besides warning the Jews of their captivity by the Assyrians unless they repented of their sins, he foretold the end of sacrifices and the priesthood as they knew it. He also prophesied Christ's resurrection and triumph over death.

St. Luke (10/18) is a well-known and much-loved apostle. He shows us the Beauty of our Church in words and in images. However, few may realize that he was one of the Seventy. He wrote two books of the Bible, accompanied St. Paul on his journeys, and painted the first icons of the Mother of God. St. John Library owns five books on his works: *Commentary of the Gospel of Luke* (REF PAT CYR), *Exposition of the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke* (PAT AMB), *Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to St. Luke* (REF PAT THE), *Acts* (SCR COM CRO), and *Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles* (REF PAT BED). See *Meet the Evangelists* (KID STS KHO), *The Lives of the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - HOL) and *Notes on the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - MAS) for details about his life.

Who is a constant source of comfort when our non-Orthodox relatives die? St. Varus (10/19) is much loved and prayed-to saint in our parish. He was a Roman soldier in Egypt and a secret Christian. He joined a band of martyrs being encouraged by them, much like the 40 martyrs of Sebaste. His relics were rescued by a pious widow, and St. Varus appeared to her at her son's death. He is a saint who intercedes for the souls of our relatives outside the Church.