

From the Fathers (and others):

You ought not to keep God's gifts to yourself, but should diffuse them upon others. Nature herself is an example to you; the sun does not keep the light to itself, but diffuses it upon the earth and moon.

St. John of Kronstadt

Do not murmur, O children of God, because you find life difficult. Only wrestle with sin and entreat help from the Lord, and He will hearken, for He is full of compassion and loves us.

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

Bridle your soul's incensive power with love, quench its desire with self-control, give wings to its intelligence with prayer, and the light of your intellect will never be darkened.

St. Maximos the Confessor

If we are abroad or at home, wherever we may be, the Cross is a great blessing, the armor of salvation, a shield which cannot be beaten down, a weapon to oppose the devil. And when you are at enmity with the devil, you bear the Cross. Likewise when you suffer that which belongs to the Cross, you are bearing the Cross of Christ. Thus let us not sleep in ease, but let us labor for a short while that we may have rest forever.

St. John Chrysostom

There is absolutely nothing for a Christian to be proud of in accomplishing works of righteousness, for he is saved, and is being constantly saved, from every evil through faith alone, in the same manner as he accomplishes works of righteousness also by the same faith. 'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (faith itself) not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast' (Eph. 2:8-9). So that no one can be proud of anything.

St. John of Kronstadt

If, after cutting off the causes of every one of the passions, the thought of them still inwardly troubles you, do not be afraid. It will procure you crowns, since it annoys you but does not win you over, and is not active. It is dead movement, conquered by your godly struggle.

St. Gregory Palamas

It is impossible to represent and to think of the cross without love. Where the cross is, there is love; in the church you see crosses everywhere and upon everything, in order that everything should remind you that you are in the temple of the God of love, in the temple of love itself, crucified for us.

St. John of Kronstadt

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



*~ October 21, 2018 ~
18th Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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

Oct. 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., Dino's
-Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., History of Icons, Pt. 2
-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 -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 4:30 p.m. – *special time*
-Chili Cook-Off following
Sunday -**Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
- **Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Churching

Kh. Kathryn and Maggie Rogers, October 28

Upcoming Memorials

November 4 - Margaret Layman & Helen Lutrell

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: Jack Turner
USHER: Jack Turner
HOLY BREAD: Dn. Charles
ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Nicholas, Eli, Gabe
COFFEE HOUR: The Wallaces, Anna Pashchinskaya



COMMEMORATIONS

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.

Oct. 22: Averkios the wonder-worker, equal-to-the-Apostles and bishop of Hierapolis; Seven youths (“Seven Sleepers”) martyred in Ephesos; Bishop Eulalios.

Oct. 23: Apostle James, brother of the Lord; Ignatios, patriarch of Constantinople; James of Borovichi, wonder-worker of Novgorod.

Oct. 24: Great-martyr Arethas (al-Haarith) and those with him in Arabia; Martyr Sebastian.

Oct. 25: Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the notaries; Martyrs Chrisaphos and Chrisanthe; Tabitha the merciful, raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter; translation of the relics of Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified; translation of the relics of Venerable John of Beverly.

Oct. 26: Great-martyr Demetrios the myrrh-streaming of Thessalonika; Venerable-martyr joasaph of Dionysiou monastery on Athos.

Oct. 27: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonika; Procla the wife of Pontius Pilate; Kyriakos, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves.

Oct. 28: Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children; Athanasios I, patriarch of Constantinople; New-martyrs Angelis, Manuael, George and Nicholas of Crete; Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery in Palestine; Arsenios of Srem, archbishop of Serbia; Great-martyr Paraskeva of Iconium; Venerable Job of Pochaev.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 21-28

Sunday	Galatians	2:16-20	Luke	8:26-39
Monday	Colossians	2:13-20	Luke	10:22-24
Tuesday	Galatians	1:11-19	Matt	13:54-58
Wednesday	Colossians	3:17-25; 4:1	Luke	11:9-13
Thursday	Colossians	4:2-9	Luke	11:14-23
Friday	2 Timothy	2:1-10	John	15:17-27; 16:1-2
Saturday	2 Corinthians	5:1-10	Luke	8:16-21
Sunday	Galatians	6:11-18	Luke	8:41-56



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.

Coffee Hour – Don’t forget to sign up to host coffee hour! You can do so downstairs on the white board across from the elevator or on the website (homepage – online sign ups). Be a part of this important service to our parish!

Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Sanctification of Time.

Parish Council Update - At our meeting on Tuesday, the parish council continued to discuss the possibility of getting the speaker system in the old hall and nursery to work once again. In addition, they are beginning to look at changing the light bulbs in the nave to LED lights in order to provide 30% more light in the nave while maintaining the current light fixtures. A decision was made to move forward with the purchase of a new custom wood door for the front of the Church.

Thanksgiving Baskets



It is time again to collect for our Thanksgiving Baskets! This year we will be giving large baskets to 4 families for whom we have provided items for many years. An online sign up for items needed will be emailed out and can also be found on the St. John website. No donation is too small or insignificant - do not feel as though you need to provide the entire quantity of an item listed. Items may be left in the old parish hall.

All contributions should be at the church ***no later than*** Wednesday, November 14 at which time an inventory will be taken and those items still needed will be purchased. If you would rather make a monetary donation you may do so by indicating "Thanksgiving Baskets" on your check.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Sunday, 10/21:** Nancy Ingram, Judy Terry
- Monday, 10/22:** Margie Yarbrow
- Tuesday, 10/23:** Zachary A. White
James, the brother of our Lord: Dn. James, James Elliott, Keith Harlow, Jamie White, Cash Wallace
- Thursday, 10/24:** *St. Sebastiane: Judy Terry*

St. John Chili Cook Off, Saturday, October 27th

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.

Women of St. John Calendar

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| Tuesday, 10/30 | AWSJ Potluck & Secret Sister Reveal , 6:30 p.m., all women are welcome whether or not they participated in Secret Sisters |
| 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 <i>Paperboy</i> by Vince Vawter |
| Thursday, 11/8 | Women's Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges' home. We are studying "Prayer: Encounter with the Living God" by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev |

Library Lines

Asleep for 200 years! Our Holy Tradition passes down stories of events that defy the natural order of the world. The seven sleepers of Ephesus (10/22 and 8/4) retreated in a cave to pray and fast in preparation for martyrdom. The pagan emperor had the cave sealed, and God preserved the youths, asleep for over 200 years. The Mystery of the Resurrection was shown to all when their cave was discovered and the sleepers were found alive at a period in history when heretics denied the physical resurrection.

Is the St. James (10/23) we honor Tuesday the author of the Epistle of St. James? Is he related to Jesus? Is he an Apostle? No, yes and yes. He was a son of St. Joseph the Betrothed. Like Jesus, he was a Nazarene. When his "brother" began his ministry, he believed in Him. St. James was the first bishop of Jerusalem and was martyred in 63 A.D. by being thrown from a roof and then stoned. See *The Lives of the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - HOL), *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR), and *Notes on the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - MAS) for information about his life.

Wednesday, we honor the Joy of All Who Sorrow Icon of the Theotokos (10/24). In it, she is surrounded by flowers and scenes in which the faithful are traveling, suffering in sickness and old age, and enduring other storms of life. Many icons of the Theotokos have feast days. Read about them in *Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary and Prayers for her Intercessions* (ART/ICO/ KHO).

Thursday, we commemorate St. Tabitha (10/25), also known as Dorcas, who was raised from the dead by St. Peter. Her icon shows women around her bier and showing the Apostle the many garments she had sewed for them. She lived out her faith by showing her love in very practical ways to those around her. Read more about her in *Christ in His Saints* (HAG - - - REA).

Saturday, we commemorate St. Prokla (10/27). According to the website of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Meyers, Florida, "Holy Tradition tells us that she was the wife of Pontius Pilate. She makes a brief appearance in the story of our Lord's Passion, as she tries to convince her husband to release Jesus. 'Have nothing to do with that just Man,' she begs, 'for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.' After His Resurrection, Prokla became one of the Lord's disciples." Read more about her in *Married Saints of the Church* (HAG - - - MOS).

We owe a great debt to literary giants such as the Venerable Bede and Eusebius who recorded the lives of the martyrs and the wisdom of the fathers and mothers of the Church. Among these writers was also the Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves (10/27). In the 1080s he wrote the "Account about the Life and Martyrdom of the Blessed Passion Bearers Boris and Gleb." His greatest task was compiling *The Russian Primary Chronicle* from a wide network of sources. St. Nestor said, "Great is the benefit of book learning for books point out and teach us the way to repentance, since from the words of books we discover wisdom and temperance. This is the stream, watering the universe, from which springs wisdom. In books is a boundless depth, by them we are comforted in sorrows, and they are a bridle for moderation. If you enter diligently into the books of wisdom, then you shall discover great benefit for your soul. Therefore, the one who reads books converses with God or the saints."