

From the Fathers (and others):

It is not one's own efforts which lead to the goal, because without grace, efforts produce little. Nor does grace without effort bring what is sought, because grace acts in us and for us through our efforts...Divine determination depends on the life of a man, and not his life upon the determination.

St. Theophan the Recluse

Keep a careful watch on yourself. Do not allow yourself to be swept away by external obsessions. The tumultuous movements of the soul, in particular, can be rendered quiet by stillness. But if you keep encouraging and stimulating them, they will start to terrorize you and can disorder your whole life. Once they are in control, it is hard to heal them as it is to soothe a sore that we can't stop scratching.

Abba Philemon

Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God. Thus says Christ of those who have pure hearts: "I will visit them, and will walk in them, and I will be a God to them, and they will be my people." (II Cor. 6:16)

St Nectarios of Aegina

St. John Chrysostom says of the wonderful Christian heroine and Saint Thekla: "It seems to me that as I see this blessed virgin, in one hand she offers Christ virginity, and in the other hand, martyrdom."

It takes neither money nor reputation to come to know God, but only humility.

St. Silouan the Athonite

Having God, fear nothing, but cast all of your care upon Him, and He will take care of you. Believe undoubtingly, and God will help you according to His mercy.

St. Barsanuphius the Great

Cleanse your mind from anger, remembrance of evil, and shameful thoughts, and then you will find out how Christ dwells in you.

St. Maximus the Confessor

Strive as much as possible, with God's help, to acquire patience in the bearing of deprivations and sorrows. Ask, knock, seek day and night and you will obtain from Christ the Savior the help and strength of patience, if you desire it with your whole soul and heart.

Abbot Nazarius

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ October 7, 2018 ~
19th 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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Rania Hreish**.

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. 7-14 (Wed. & Fri. fast)

- Sunday** -Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club, 6:00 p.m.
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's lunch, 12:00 p.m., Dino's
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., Icons and their meanings
-Small Compline
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela's home
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, 5:50 p.m.
Sunday -Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.
- Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Today

Urania Alissandratos – 11 years

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.

- PRIEST:** Fr. Philip
READER: John Cameron
USHER: John Sneed
HOLY BREAD: The Harveys
ALTAR SERVERS: James, Mark, Thomas, Alex
COFFEE HOUR: Young Adults

COMMEMORATIONS

Oct. 7: Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos in Syria; Hieromartyr Polykhronios; Priest Julian; Venerable John the Hermit and those with him; Venerable Sergios of Nurma.

Oct. 8: Venerable Pelagia the penitent; Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Antioch; Martyr Taisia of Egypt; Hieromartyr Artemon; Venerable-martyr Ignatios of Prodromou Skete on Athos; Venerable Philotheos, patriarch of Constantinople; Martyr Ignatios of Bulgaria.

Oct. 9: Apostle James, son of Alpheos; Venerable Andronikos and Athanasia of Egypt; Venerable Poplia the confessor of Antioch; Righteous Forefather Abraham and his nephew the Righteous Lot; Stephen the Younger, king of Serbia; Dionysios, bishop of Paris.

Oct. 10: Martyrs Eulampios and Eulampia at Nicomedia; Venerable Theophilos the confessor of Bulgaria; Venerable Ambrose of Optina.

Oct. 11: Apostle Philip, the deacon, of the Seventy; Venerable Theophanes the branded; Nektarios, Arsakios, Philotheos and Sisinius, patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Jonah.

Oct. 12: Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Cosmas the hymnographer, bishop of Maiuma.

Oct. 13: Marytrs Karpos, Papylos, Agathodoros, and Agathonika at Pergamos; Martyr Benjamin the deacon; Martyr Florentios of Thesalonika; New Virgin-martyr Chrissa (Zlata) of Meglin in Bulgaria.

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.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

			October 7 - 14	
Sunday	2 Corinthians	11:31-33; 12:1-9	Luke	7:11-16
Monday	Philippians	2:12-15	Luke	7:36-50
Tuesday	1 Corinthians	4:4-16	Matt	9:36-38; 10:1-8
Wednesday	Philippians	2:24-30	Luke	8:22-25
Thursday	Acts	8:26-39	Luke	9:7-11
Friday	Philippians	3:8-19	Luke	9:12-18
Saturday	2 Corinthians	1:8-11	Luke	6:1-10
Sunday	Titus	3:8-15	Luke	8:5-15



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.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Thank you! Thanks be to God our visit with Bishop NICHOLAS was a great blessing. Thank you to all those who devoted their time, talent and treasure to make it a joyful time. May God bless us to put into practice his inspiring words.

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. Link can be found on the St. John website.

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club - The Sons of Thunder men's book club will meet at 6 pm on Sunday, October 7 at Jack Turner's home. They will be discussing *Love in the Ruins* by Walker Percy. All men are welcome.

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, 10/7:** Keith Harlow
- Monday, 10/8:** Anniversary: Michael & Sarah Elliott
- Wednesday, 10/10:** Dianna Hildebrand, Anna Mae Schroeder
- Thursday, 10/11:** *Apostle Philip: Philip McKelroy*
- Friday, 10/12:** Tyson Smith
St. Simeon the New Theologian: Elinor Crenshaw
- Saturday, 10/13:** Billy Labonte

Women of St. John Calendar

- Monday, 11/5** **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter
- Thursday, 10/11** **Women’s Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela’s home
We are reading “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev



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! Kids are welcome to come in their costumes. This is an amazing evening of fun and fellowship; please make plans to attend and participate in a little friendly competition!!!



Items needed:

- hot dogs
- hot dog buns
- chips
- shredded cheese
- saltines
- drinks
- desserts



Volunteers needed:

- Set Up
- Competitor check-in assistant
- Assistants to serve judges
- 3-5 chili judges
- Clean Up

Library Lines

Pelegia the Penitent (10/8), 5th century, was a member of a dance troop and lived a life of prostitution. She was converted by St. Nonnus when she heard him preaching on the Last Judgment. She came to him weeping tears of repentance, and he baptized her. A demon tempted her to return to her former life but she made the sign of the cross and he vanished. She gave her wealth to St. Nonnus to distribute to the poor and lived, disguised as a monk, in asceticism until her death in the fifth century. See her story in chapter 4, “Pelegia; Beauty Riding By” in *Harlots of the Desert* (HAG - - - WAR) and in *The Desert Fathers*, p. 173 (PAT - - - WAD).

Tuesday, we remember the Righteous Abraham and his nephew Lot (10/9). God told him he would be the father of multitudes, and we even refer to God as “the God of our fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac and their righteous seed” in some of our prayers, including ones in the funeral service and the Lenten Prayer of Manasseh.

Sts. Andronicus and his wife, Athanasia (10/9), lived out their faith in alms-giving. He was a craftsman and gave three equal portions of his income to the Church, the poor, and to his family’s support. After their children died, they mutually agreed to live the rest of their lives in separate monasteries. Twelve years later they met on a pilgrimage, but St. Athanasia had dressed as a man to ensure her safety while traveling. Also, because her ascetic efforts had changed her appearance, Andronicus didn’t recognize his wife. They returned to his monastery and lived in the same cell in a life of monastic silence. She left a letter telling her secret which was to be read after her death.

Frequently we hear of saints referred to as Elder. This practice goes beyond receiving advice from a priest to that of obedience to a pious, experienced holy man. It began in the deserts and was brought to Optina Monastery in Russia in 1829 by St. Leonid (10/11). He gleaned his wisdom through a disciple of St. Paisius Velichkovsky. For more information look at *Elder Leonid of Optina* (HAG LEO SED) in the hagiography section in St. John Library.

Friday, we commemorate St. Cosmos the Hymnographer (10/12). He lived in the 8th century and was raised with St. John of Damascus. Together, they devised the system of the eight tones. He composed the Nativity Canon from which comes our Nativity greeting, “Christ is Born, Glorify Him.” Read more about him in *Christina’s Favorite Saints* (KID STS KHO).

NEW BOOKS AT ST. JOHN LIBRARY:

- Led by His Love: an Evangelical Pastor's Journey to the Orthodox Faith* (CAT GEN WAL)
- Acquisition of the Holy Spirit in Ancient Russia* (HIS KON)
- Raised in Glory: Orthodox Understanding of Death, Resurrection, and Immortality* (CAT DEA CHI)
- Children's Prayer Book* (KID CHU KRI)
- Crime and Punishment* (FIC DOS)
- Ordinary Wonders: Stories of Unexpected Grace* (HAG - - - OLE) Similar to the popular *Ordinary Saints*.