

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

Do not devote all your time to your body but apply to it a measure of asceticism appropriate to its strength, and then turn all your intellect to what is within. 'Bodily asceticism has only a limited use, but true devotion is useful in all things' (I Tim. 4:8).

St. Maximos the Confessor

As the poor should give thanks to God and love the rich who do them good, even more should the rich give thanks to God and love the poor; for they are saved by the providence of God ... because of their alms.

St. Peter Damascene

It is impossible for the mind to remain undisturbed by thoughts, but anyone serious about the matter can certainly permit them entry or drive them away, and although their origin does not lie entirely under our control we can choose to approve of them and to adopt them.

St. John Cassian

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1). And here He pronounces blessed not the disciples only, but those also who after them should believe.

St. John Chrysostom

You are searching for the Lord? You need look no further than WITHIN YOURSELF. He is not far away from anyone. The Lord is near for all those who truly call upon Him. Find a place in your heart, and there speak with the Lord. It is the Lord's Reception Room! Everyone who meets the Lord can find Him there; He has no other place for meeting souls.

St. Theophan the Recluse

Who can depict the pleasure you can enjoy when you have love for your neighbor? This is especially evident when you show him also the results and fruits of true love, which are compassion, charity, sympathy, forgiveness of his wrongs, patience with his shortcomings and simply every beneficent work and grace.

St. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

A brother asked Abba Sisoës, 'What shall I do, Abba, for I have fallen?' The old man said to him, 'Get up again.' The brother said, 'I have got up again, but I have fallen again.; The old man said, 'Get up again and again; So then the brother said, 'How many times?' The old man said, 'Until you are taken up either in virtue or in sin. For a man presents himself to judgment in the state in which he is found.'

The Sayings of the Desert Fathers

# St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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*~ November 18, 2018 ~  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

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**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*

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-7

**Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Reem Mansour**.

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

**Nov. 18 - 25 (Nativity Fast)**

- Sunday** -Teen Group, 12:30 p.m., Thanksgiving Baskets  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Men's lunch, 12:00 p.m., Dino's  
-Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday** -**Divine Liturgy for the Presentation of the Theotokos, 9:00 a.m.**  
-No Evening Activities  
**Thursday** -**Office Closed**  
**Friday** -**Office Closed**  
**Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
-Holy Baptism for Maggie Rogers following Vespers  
**Sunday** -**Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**  
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

### Upcoming Baptism

November 24 - Maggie Rogers

### DIVINE LITURGY

**Wednesday, November 21, 9:00 a.m.**

PRIEST: Fr. John  
READER: David Twombly  
HOLY BREAD: Trish Ratliff  
COFFEE HOUR: Trish Ratliff

### DIVINE LITURGY

**Sunday, November 25, 10:00 a.m.**

PRIEST: Fr. Philip  
READER: Jack Turner  
USHER: Aaron White  
HOLY BREAD: Anne Castrodale  
ALTAR SERVERS: James, Mark, Thomas, Alex  
COFFEE HOUR: Mitch & Sandy Childress, Anne Castrodale

**COMMEMORATIONS**

**Nov. 18:** Martyrs Platon of Ancyra, Ramanos, Zacchaeos the deacon and Anastasios of Caesarea in Palestine.

**Nov. 19:** Prophet Obadiah; Martyrs Agapios, Azi of Isauria, Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia, Heliodoros of Thessalonika and Euphemia; Venerable Barlaam and Joasaph; Venerable Barlaam of the Kiev Caves.

**Nov. 20:** Gregory of Decapolis; Proclos, Maximos and Anatolios, patriarchs of Constantinople; Venerable Sozomen the wonder-worker.

**Nov. 21:** The Entrance of the Theotokos into the temple. Venerable Columban of Ireland.

**Nov. 22:** Apostles Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimos of the Seventy; Clement, bishop of Ochrid and enlightener of Bulgaria; Hieromartyr Sisinius; Venerable Kallistos Xanthopoulos of Athos; Martyr Michael, prince of Tver.

**Nov. 23:** Gregory, bishop of agrigentum; Amphilokios, bishop of Iconium; Ischyriion, bishop in Egypt and hermit of Sketis; Venerable Sisinius the Confessor of Kyzikos; Dionysios, patriarch of Constantinople; repose of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Metrophanes, first bishop of Voronezh.

**Nov. 24:** Clement, pope of Rome; Hieromartyrs Peter, archbishop of Alexandria, and Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philomenos and Alexander of Corinth.

**Nov. 25:** Great-martyrs Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria and Mercurios of Caesarea in Cappadocia; Martyr Mercurios of Smolensk.



**ST. JOHN COMMUNITY**



**Catechumen/Inquirers Class** will meet on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing part 2 of the Holy Mysteries.

**NEW Bible Study** – Dn. Sidney is leading a bi-weekly Bible study on the book of Ephesians. The next meeting will be Saturday, December 1 at 4:30 p.m. downstairs in the old parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

**Parish Wish List** –St. John has compiled a wish list of items that we would love to have for our community. The list can be found on the online sign ups page of the website and in the bulletin. If you would like to purchase and donate one of the items, please contact the office. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards an item, please note on the check what you would like it used for.

**Welcome Team** – The Welcome Team is reorganizing! If you are interested in the vital ministry of welcoming our visitors and new faces during coffee hour, please contact Gary Karnaghon for more information on how you can help.

**Parish Council Update** – The Parish Council met on Tuesday, November 13. At the meeting, a woodworker was chosen to build new custom doors for the nave. Lord willing, they will be built and finished in the next few weeks. The council began the discussion on the 2019 budget, the date for the annual parish meeting and discussed the possibility of hosting the VECA Annual Meeting on January 26. For the minutes from October and the most recent financial statements, you can see the folder in the Library.

**AWSJ Women’s Teaching** will be next be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Sarah Hodges’ home. We are studying *Prayer: Encounter with the Living God* by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church** will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Festival on Saturday, December 1, 11-5 p.m. You can find more information, including how to pre-order international food, on their website, [www.orthodoxjackson.com](http://www.orthodoxjackson.com).

**The NATIVITY FAST began November 15** - It is divided into two periods. The 1<sup>st</sup> period is November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup> when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The 2<sup>nd</sup> period is December 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**November 18 - 25**

Sunday	Ephesians	4:1-7	Luke	12:16-21
Monday	1 Timothy	1:1-7	Luke	17:20-25
Tuesday	1 Timothy	1:8-14	Luke	17:26-37; 18:8
Wednesday	Hebrews	9:1-7	Luke	10:38-42, 11:27-28
Thursday	Philemon	1:1-25	Luke	18:31-34
Friday	1 Timothy	4:4-8	Luke	19:12-28
Saturday	Philippians	3:20-21; 4:1-3	Luke	10:19-21
Sunday	Galatians	3:23-29; 4:1-5	Luke	18:18-27



**Pray for our catechumen:** Frank Poppa

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

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

<b>Sunday, 11/18:</b>	Cash Wallace
<b>Monday, 11/19:</b>	Clifford McWhorter
<b>Tuesday, 11/20:</b>	Karen Bell, Lynda Spinolo
<b>Thursday, 11/22:</b>	Alex Mansour
<b>Saturday, 11/24:</b>	<i>St. Edmund the Martyr: Edmond Knight</i>

## PARISH WISH LIST

Artificial Christmas Tree for St. Raphael Hall  
(prices vary, approx. \$1200+)

Changing tables for 3 bathrooms  
(\$300 ea.)

Ping Pong Table for Teen Room  
(\$300)

Library bookshelves

Utility Shelves for Storage Room

Large Dust Mop for Hall  
(\$35 ea.)

Push Broom for Hall  
(\$25 ea.)

## Library Lines

This week we commemorate three saints; two wise and one “fool” and lesser known individuals among well-known categories of saints. From early childhood, St. Katherine (11/25) was recognized for her intellect and was instructed by her mother’s spiritual father. When grown, she refused marriage and sought to unite herself to her heavenly Bridegroom. She boldly and eloquently defended her Faith before Emperor Maximian, was tortured and martyred in 305 with 200 others who professed Christ because of her courageous testimony. Read more about her in *The Life and Sufferings of St. Katherine* (KID STS KAT), *Grandmother’s Spiritual Stories* (KID STS HRO).

St. Innocent of Irkutsk (11/26) began his career as a professor of theology and received an appointment as a naval chaplain. In 1710, he was tonsured as a monk. He was consecrated as a bishop in 1721 and attached to a mission in China although denied entrance to the country by the civil authorities. He served his people from the border under harsh living conditions and concentrated his efforts on two schools which he opened. Due to the severe climate and illnesses, he reposed at age 51. Ironically, his relics were removed from their shrine after the Russian Revolution. They were taken to a museum and displayed as “mummified remains of an unknown man.” Today they are venerated by the faithful in Irkutsk. For more information, see *New Apostles of Christ* (HAG - - - HAT) and *Recently Canonized Orthodox Saints* (HAG - - - DEV).

St. Alypius (11/26) is one several saints considered “fools-for Christ.” He yearned for the solitary life from his youth but was not given the blessing to live so. Once on a journey, he had a vision of St. Euphemia. She directed him to build a church in her honor, and he did so. There, he erected a pillar and spent a life of prayer and teaching for the next fifty-three years. He reposed in 640. For more on fools-for-Christ, see *The Freedom of Morality* (CAT GEN YAN), *The Inner Kingdom* (CAT GEN WAR) and *Seraphim’s Seraphim* (HAG SER HAT).

The Apostle Andrew (11/30) was the First-Called disciple, although not in the “inner circle.” He was devout from his youth and chose to never marry. He and St. John the Theologian were originally disciples of John the Baptist. Upon hearing the Forerunner proclaim, “Behold the Lamb of God!” Andrew immediately followed Christ and brought his brother Peter to Him. After Pentecost, he traveled through Asia Minor into what is now Russia. He was martyred by crucifixion, being tied instead of nailed to a cross to prolong his suffering. See more about him in *Christ in His Saints* (HAG - - - REA). Read to your children about him from *The Cross on the Hill* (KID STS AND) and *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR). See also *Road to Emmaus*, the fall 2004 issue for his connections to Valaam Monastery in the days of ancient Russia.

In December we honor several Old Testament saints, including the Minor Prophets. Saturday we honor the Prophet Nahum(12/1). He is perhaps the least known of the Minor Prophets. The short book is considered to be a masterpiece of literature; partially because of his powerful, short sentences and word-pictures. He treats his readers with alliteration and rare idioms. His writing did not call Israel to repentance nor condemn the nation for her infidelity; however, he prophesied the destruction of Nineveh after the city forgot God’s warning 200 years ago from Jonah. His intercessions are asked for those with mental illnesses, perhaps in keeping with his name which means “full of consolation or comfort.”