

From the Fathers (and others):

The spirit of the Saints burned with an ardent flame and not only did not become extinguished by the wind of temptations, but burned with even greater force. They walked upon the earth with their feet and labored with their hands, but their spirit dwelt unceasingly with God, and their minds did not want to be detached from the remembrance of God.

St. Silouan of Mount Athos

A manifest sign of love for God is heartfelt gladness in God, for we rejoice in what we love. For so sweet a virtue as love cannot be felt without joy. Such joy in God is found in many places in Holy Scriptures, and is portrayed most of all in the holy Psalms. This joy is a foretaste of the sweetness of eternal life.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

Do not fear the conflict, do not flee it. Where there is no struggle, there is no virtue. Where faith and love are not tested, it is not possible to be sure if they are really present. They are proved and revealed in adversity.

St. John of Kronstadt

The righteous Job said: Is not a man's life on earth a trial? Are not his days as those of a hireling? (Job 7:1) Therefore, one must be as a watchful guard and be prepared for all that may happen.

St. Nikolai of Zica

It is natural for spiritual knowledge to produce conceit and envy, especially in the early stages. Conceit comes only from within, but envy comes both from within and from without - from within when we feel envious of those who have knowledge, from without when those who love knowledge feel envious of us. Love destroys all three of these failings: conceit, because love is not puffed up; envy from within, because love is not jealous; and envy from without, because love is 'long-suffering and kind' (I Cor. 13:4). A person with spiritual knowledge must, then, also acquire love, so that he may always keep his intellect in a healthy state.

St. Maximos the Confessor

Life without Christ is not life but death, whereas death for the sake of Christ is not death but life.

St. Zenobius

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



*~ November 4, 2018 ~
23rd 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

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Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Mindy Williams**.

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. 4 - 11 (Wed. & Fri. fast)

Sunday

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Monday

-First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-AWSJ Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home

Tuesday

-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's lunch, 12:00 p.m., Dino's
-Parish Council, 6:00 p.m.
-Chant practice, 7:00 p.m. choir room

Wednesday

-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., The History of Icons, Pt. 3
-Small Compline, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Teaching, 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges' home

Friday

-First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.

Saturday

-AWSJ Baby Shower for Lavinia Dumitrache, 11:00 – 1:00 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.

Upcoming Memorials

November 4 - Margaret Layman & Helen Lutrell

November 11- William Tylavsky, 20 years

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, November 11, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST:

Fr. John

READER:

Matt Spinolo

USHER:

Matt Spinolo

HOLY BREAD:

Caitlin Romero

ALTAR SERVERS:

Max, Elijah, Brody, Paul

COFFEE HOUR:

Young Adults



COMMEMORATIONS

Nov. 4: Venerable Ioanikios the Great; Hieromartyrs Nicander the bishop of Myra and Hermas the priest; Martyr Porphyrios; Emperor John the merciful.

Nov. 5: Martyrs Galaktion and Epistima of Homs; Apostles Hermas, Linos, Gaios, Patrobas and Philogos of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Pamphilos; Jonah, bishop of Novgorod.

Nov. 6: Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Luke of Sicily; Paul the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Nicander; Venerable Barlaam of Khutyn; Herman, bishop of Kazan.

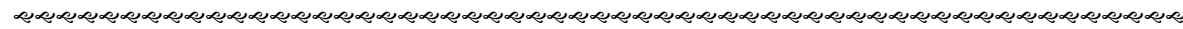
Nov. 7: Martyrs Thessalonkia in Amphipolis and Alexander of Thessalonika; the Thirty-three Martyrs of Melitene; Venerable Lazarus the wonder-worker of Magnesia; Venerable Gregory; Venerable Cyril of Novoezersk.

Nov. 8: The synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the bodiless powers of heaven.

Nov. 9: Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesos; Venerable Matrona of Constantinople; Theoktista of Lesvos; Simeon the Translator (Metaphrastes); Venerable Euthymios and Neophytos, founders of Docheiariou monastery on Athos; Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker.

Nov. 10: Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy; Great-martyr Orestes of Cappadocia; Venerable Theostiriktos of Symbola.

Nov. 11: Martyrs Menas of Egypt, Victor of Damascus, Vincent and Stephanidos of Spain; Venerable Theodore the Studite; Blessed Maximos the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Stephen of Dechani, king of Serbia; Stephen Urosh and Princess Milica; Martin the Merciful, bishop of Tours.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Ephesians	2:4-10
Monday	1 Thess	2:20-3:8
Tuesday	Hebrews	8:1-6
Wednesday	1 Thess	4:1-12
Thursday	Hebrews	2:2-10
Friday	1 Thess	5:9-13; 5:24-28
Saturday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16
Sunday	2 Corinthians	4:6-15

November 4 - 11

Luke	16:19-31
Luke	12:13-15, 22-31
Luke	12:8-12
Luke	12:48-59
Luke	10:16-21
Luke	13:31-35
Luke	9:37-43
Luke	10:25-37



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, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Holy Mysteries.

NEW Bible Study – Dn. Sidney will be leading a bi-weekly Bible study on the book of Ephesians beginning Saturday, November 17 at 4:30 p.m. The study will be held downstairs in the old parish hall. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Council Update – As we come towards the end of the calendar year, new pledge cards are available so that the council can begin to plan the budget for 2019. In addition to your regular tithe, you may also help by pledging towards our mortgage payment. The sooner we pay down our mortgage the better! The pledge cards are on the table at the front of St. Raphael Hall. Thank you for your continued support of the Church!

Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club will meet at Brandon Maas's home at 6pm Sunday, November 11. They will be discussing Wendell Berry. All men are welcome.

The NATIVITY FAST begins November 15 - It is divided into two periods. The 1st period is November 15th through December 19th 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 2nd period is December 20th through 24th 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.

Thanksgiving Baskets

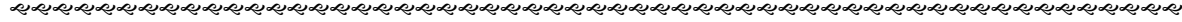
An online sign up for items needed will be emailed out and can also be found on the St. John website. No donation is too small or insignificant - do not feel as though you need to provide the entire quantity of an item listed. Items may be left in the old parish hall.

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, 11/4:** Zeke Yarbro
Anniversary: Ben & Julie Hight
- Tuesday, 11/6:** Nicholas Williams, Janna Knight
- Wednesday, 11/7:** Julia Spinolo
- Thursday, 11/8:** Priscilla Neale, Chris Hodges
Archangel Michael: Michael Yadron, Michael Elliott, Mikael Santana, Michael Cameron, Michael Hill, Michael Heisig, Michael Sanderlin
Archangel Gabriel: Ben Hodges, Gabriel Yadron, Gabriel Flexsenhar, Gabriel Martin



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, 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

AWSJ Baby Shower honoring Lavinia Dumitrache



November 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Anna Pashchinskaya’s home

Lavinia is registered on Amazon and at Target.

Contact Sarah Finley if you would like to contribute to the group gift, and Anna Pashchinskaya if you would like to assist with the shower.

AWSJ Sip & See honoring Kh. Kathryn and Maggie Rogers

November 17, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lori O’Brien

Contact Lori if you would like to assist.



* adults only, please

Library Lines

We’re hearing a lot about St. Raphael (11/4) these days at St. John. He was born in Lebanon to Syrian parents in 1860. He was the first Orthodox bishop consecrated in the U.S. by St. Tikhon and Bishop Innocent and helped in founding St. Tikhon Orthodox Seminary. Take a look at his icon on the east side of our nave today before you go over to coffee hour in our St. Raphael Parish Hall. He is commemorated by the Orthodox Church in America on February 27, the anniversary of his death, and by the Church of Antioch on the first Saturday of November, which is shortly before Raphael’s own patronal feast (the Feast of the Archangels, November 8). Read more about him in *Our Father among the Saints, Raphael of Brooklyn* (HAG RAP AOC).

This week a number of groups of saints are commemorated, 7000 martyrs of Persia, 70 martyrs of Melitine, many saints of Georgia and several of the Seventy (11/7). Most of the Seventy are unfamiliar to us, including Patrobas, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus who are remembered Sunday.

Tuesday another icon of the Mother of God is commemorated. The *Joyful Icon* (11/7) appeared on this date in 1795 in Moscow. Unfortunately, we know nothing about its history. It looks very much like the Sweet Kissing icon, sometimes called *Child Leaping for Joy*. Read more about them and others in *Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary and Prayers for Her Intercessions* (ATR ICO KHO).

Thursday, we commemorate the synaxis of the archangels (11/8). Synaxis means a coming together for a specific purpose. Liturgically, it usually describes an assembly to honor someone connected with an event that has just been celebrated. This feast day is in November because we honor nine ranks of angels and this is the ninth month after March, when the New Year began in ancient times. We commemorate them on the eighth because the dread Day of Judgment is referred to as the Eighth Day when “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him.” Matthew 25:31. See the St. John Library bulletin board for a brief explanation of their ranks, names and traditions. Read more about angels in Denys, *the Areopagite* (PAT COM DEN), *The Holy Angels* (GEN ALE), *Nicholas Meets His Guardian Angel* (KID CHU IAK), and *Guardian Angel, a Prayerful Contemplation for Each Day* (SPR LIV PUL).

Friday, we commemorate one of the 20th century saints, St. Nektarios (11/9). *Saint Nektarios of Aegina* (KID STS NEC) devotes many pages to the childhood of the saint. The book lists his miracles and concludes with a hymn to him. *Repentance and Confession* (PAT NEK), written by him, is an instructive, easily read, short discourse on these subjects. It contains several pictures of him and liturgical items he used. See also *Saint Nektarios: the Saint of Our Century* (HAG NEK CHO) and *Story of the Holy Hierarch Nektarios the Wonderworker* (KID STS NEK).