

From the Fathers (and others):

Our all-good and very merciful God, my brethren, even if we sin a thousand times an hour, has compassion on us as a father and does not cause us to die, to put us in hell, but waits with open arms for our repentance, for the time when we will repent, will stop doing evil and will do what is good, will confess, will correct ourselves, in order to embrace us and put us in Paradise to rejoice forever.

St. Cosmas Aiotolos

To look at the cross means to render one's whole life dead and crucified to the world, unmoved by evil. Truly it is as the prophet says: "They nail their own flesh with the fear of God." The nail would be the self-control that holds the flesh.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

It is by absolute rejection, humiliation, and extreme hatred that His passion began; He came meekly and humbly, which itself was incompatible with the dreams of Israel. In this way has Christ entered from the narrow way. Thus begins the way of the cross, right now, for those who cling to truth.

Matthew the Poor

"Do you wish to be free of afflictions and not to be burdened by them? Expect greater ones, and you will find peace Be of good courage, stand firm and pray."

St. Barsanuphius

"Abba, I fast and eat a couple of loaves on alternate days. Will I save my soul, or am I going astray?" "Abba, from the proceeds of my handiwork I spend two small coins a day, I keep little food and give the rest away in alms. Will I be saved or perish?" The questions seemed fairly routine but Abbot Pambo did not treat them lightly. He remained silent for three days because he did not speak readily, unless God inspired him. So, finally, he at last spoke: "Pambo fasts and eats a couple of loaves on alternate days. Will he become a monk through this? No. Pambo works for two small coins and gives these away in alms. Will he become a monk through this? Not at all." Then he said: "Ascetical practices are good. But if you keep your conscience clear with regard to your neighbor, that is what brings salvation." And consoled, they departed with joy.

What I see around me would drive me insane, if I did not know that no matter what happens, God will have the last word.

St Paisios the Athonite

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ February 10, 2019 ~
Sunday of the Canaanite Woman

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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

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Epistle: 2 Timothy 15:21-28

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Stephanie Harants**.

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

February 10 - 17 (Fast: Wed & Fri.)

Sunday -Teen Group, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
-Sons of Thunder Men's Book Club, 6:00 p.m., Bill Stanek's home

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.
-Parish Meal, 5:30 p.m.
-Teen Group, 5:30 p.m.
-Teaching, 6:15 p.m., Time: The Daily Cycle of Services, con't
-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, 5:50 p.m.
-Holy Baptism of Gwen Verbist following Vespers

Sunday -**Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

Trisagion Prayers

Mo. Olga

Upcoming Baptisms

Gwen Verbist, February 16

Philip Turner, February 23

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: Matt Spinolo
USHER: Jack Turner
HOLY BREAD: Reem Mansour
ALTAR SERVERS: James, Mark, Michael, Thomas, Paul
COFFEE HOUR: Buddy & Pam Bowick, Kh. Martha, Calen & Katherine Verbist

COMMEMORATIONS

February 10: Hieromartyr Haralampos the wonder-worker, bishop of Magnesia; Venerable Zenon.

February 11: Hieromartyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste; Theodora the empress; New-martyr George of Serbia; Vsevolod, prince and wonder-worker of Pskov; Venerable Demetrius of Prilutsk.

February 12: Meletios, archbishop of Antioch; New-martyr Christos of Constantinople; Alexis, metropolitan of Moscow.

February 13: Venerable Martinian of Palestine; Apostles and Martyrs Aquila and Priscilla; Eulogios, patriarch of Alexandria; Venerable Simeon (Nemanja) the myrrh-streaming, prince of Serbia and founder of Hilandar monastery on Athos.

February 14: Auxentios the priest of Bithynia; Venerable Abraham, Maron of Syria and Damian; New-martyrs Nicholas of Corinth and George of Mitylene; repose of Venerable Cyril, equal-to-the-Apostles and teacher of the Slavs; Venerable Isaac the Recluse of the Kiev Caves.

February 15: Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy; Venerable Eusebios of Syria; Martyr Major of Gaza; Venerable Dalmatos of Siberia.

February 16: Martyr Pamphilos, priest of Caesarea in Palestine; Venerable Flavian the hermit; Venerable-martyr Romanos.

February 17: Great-martyr Theodore the Soldier (“Tyro”); Marcian the emperor and Pulcheria the empress; New-martyrs Theodore and Michael; Venerable Euxiphios; repose of Hermogenes, patriarch of Moscow; Venerable Finan, bishop of Lindisfarne.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



New Doors! Lord willing, our new doors will begin to be installed TOMORROW! It will take a few days to finish the custom work. There is a good chance that the narthex doors will not be usable throughout this week. If you come to services during the week, please enter through the side door.

Catechumen/Inquirers Class –Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 p.m. Catechumen/Inquirers class is open to anyone interested in learning more about our faith whether you are brand new, catechumen, or long-time member. The next session will focus on the Divine Liturgy.

Camp St. Thekla – If you have a child attending Camp St. Thekla this summer, please let Fr. Philip know if you would like to receive scholarship money.

Let Drew know if you would like for your child to ride in the church van to 2nd session.

Sons of Thunder Men’s book club will meet on Sunday, Feb. 10 at Bill Stanek’s home. They will be discussing *Ordinary Men* by Christopher Browning.

Meatfare Potluck – Meatfare is just a few short weeks away on March 3. We traditionally gather following liturgy on Judgment Sunday to share this potluck meal as our last opportunity to eat meat together before the great fast begins. If you would like to support us in keeping this tradition, please check the white coffee hour board to sign up to either set up or clean up.

Lenten Meals – During Lent each year, St. John has shared a meal offered by one or more parishioners following each Wednesday presanctified liturgy and on Holy Thursday. Typically, one can count on feeding 70-75 people. If you (or a group of your friends) would like to provide one of these meals, the dates are listed downstairs on the white board next to the elevator.

Parish Council Update – Our next parish council meeting is Tuesday evening at 6 pm. If you have particular items that you would like to have discussed, please see any of our council members. We are currently transitioning to new accounting software and new directory software. Updates on how this will change parish communication will be coming!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS				Feb. 10 - 17	
Sunday	2 Timothy	15:21-28	Matt	15:21-28	
Monday	Hebrews	4:14-16; 5:1-6	Matt	10:1, 5-8	
Tuesday	1 Peter	3:10-22	Mark	12:18-27	
Wednesday	1 Peter	4:1-11	Mark	12:28-37	
Thursday	1 Peter	4:12-19; 5:1-5	Mark	12:38-44	
Friday	Philemon	1:1-25	Mark	13:1-8	
Saturday	2 Timothy	2:11-19	Luke	18:1-8	
Sunday	2 Timothy	3:10-15	Luke	18:10-14	

Pray for our catechumen: Frank Pompa

Please remember in your prayers – Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Leah Shull (pregnant), Ashley Powell (pregnant), Sarah Elliott (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Dot Lawson (Pam Bowick’s mother & Lawson’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Chris Hodges, Mickey Hodges, Matthew (Joyce Grossman’s grandson), St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 2/10: Sarah Ortwein, Joseph Shleweet
Monday, 2/11: Sandy Childress
St. Theodora: Sandy Childress
Blaise, the Holy: Blaise Brackett
Tuesday, 2/12: Brody Weatherall
Friday, 2/15: Tom Ashworth, Xenia Wallace
Saturday, 2/16: Caroline O'Brien, Thomas Yadron

Women of St. John Calendar

Mon., 3/4 **AWSJ Book Club** – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home. We will be discussing *Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth. The 2019 book list can be found on the website for those interested. (Parish – AWSJ – Book Club)
Thurs., 3/7 **Women's Teaching** - 10:00 a.m., at Kh. Pamela's home. We are studying "Prayer: Encounter with the Living God" by Met. Hilarion

Teen Group This Week

Sunday, 12:30 – 2:30
Wednesday, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming:
If you are interested in riding in the van to CST this summer, contact Drew.

Young Adults Calendar

Monday, Feb. 11 - 6:30 p.m.
"Dumping Debt" w/ Dn. Tim Mashburn

Sunday, Mar. 3 – Doctrine on Draft, 6:00 p.m., Alchemy

Saturday, Apr. 13 – Crawfish Boil, Clark McGee's home

Library Lines

Little is known of St. Haralambos's life (2/10) except his martyrdom. He lived and preached in Asia Minor in the late second century. At age 113, he was arrested for professing Christ and refusing to sacrifice to idols. His tormentors tore his body with iron hooks and flayed his skin. Some of those who directed his torture were themselves miraculously disfigured, and others witnessing these cruelties confessed Christ and were martyred. Finally, before the saint was beheaded, he prayed to God that the resting place of his relics would never suffer famine or disease and that those living there would be saved and would live in peace and abundance. His icon is in our nave.

St. Blaise (2/11) is a beloved saint of the Orthodox and the Western Church. When he hid from persecutors, wild animals came to the saint's cave, but the creatures waited for him to finish his prayers before they received his blessing. He endured many tortures and several of his followers were martyred before him. We ask his intercessions for our domestic animals and for protection against wild ones. Read a story about him and his animals in *Miraculous Friendships between Saints and the Wild Beasts* (KID STS KIS).

Thursday, we commemorate one member of a pair of missionaries. St. Cyril (2/14) and his brother St. Methodius (4/6) are known as Equal to the Apostles. These ninth century saints are models for modern missionaries because they taught, wrote and preached to the Slavs in their own language. See their stories in *Byzantium and the Slavs* (HIS OBO); *A Gift for Ianko* (KID STS CYR); *Missionaries, Monks and Martyrs* (HAG - - - VER); *Apostles of Medieval Europe* (HAG - - - SPA); and *New Apostles of Christ* (HAG - - - HAT).

St. Onesimus (2/15) rose from the life of a servant to that of a bishop. In his youth he fled from his Christian master, Philemon, to Rome where he encountered the Apostle Paul. He was devoted to him, and St. Paul wrote a letter (the epistle Philemon) to his master in his defense. He was forgiven and sent back to Rome. Years later he was appointed bishop of Ephesus after St. Timothy's repose. He was arrested, stoned and beheaded in 109 A.D. Read more about him in *Stories of Saints from the Prologue* (KID STS MAN) and *Orthodox Saints* (HAG - - - POU).

