

From the Fathers (and others):

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Life-giver, for my soul goes early to the temple of Thy holiness, coming in the temple of my body, wholly polluted. But because, thou art compassionate, purify me by the compassion of Thy mercies.

Lenten Orthros Hymn

The remedy for all of the passions is humility. Those who possess that virtue have won the whole battle.

St John Climacus

Justice was above the world when the devil offered all the kingdoms of the world and all its glory. He was above the world Who touched nothing concerning the world, Who said: The prince of this world is coming, but in Me he shall find nothing. Learn, therefore, to be above the world even while in this world, and if you bear a body, may your interior wings soar up. He is above the world who bears God in his body.

St. Ambrose of Milan

If you find that you have no love but desire to have it, do the works of love and the Lord will see your desire and effort and put love in your heart.

St. Ambrose of Optina

The person who truly wishes to be healed is he who does not refuse treatment. This treatment consists of the pain and distress brought on by various misfortunes. He who refuses them does not realize what they accomplish in this world or what he will gain from them when he departs this life.

St. Maximus the Confessor, Third Century

Long-suffering and readiness to forgive curb anger; love and compassion wither it.

St. Thalassios the Libyan

Just before his death, St. Simeon the Myrrh-gusher summoned St. Sava, placed his hands on him, and blessed him saying: “My beloved child, light of my eyes, comfort and protector in my old age! Behold, the time of our separation has arrived. Behold, the Lord is releasing me in peace. But you, my child, do not mourn because of our separation. For parting is the common cup of each and all; here we part from one another, but we will meet there, where there is no separation.”

A man does not possess all the gifts, lest he think that grace is nature.

St. Gregory Palamas

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ February 17, 2019 ~

Triodion

Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

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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: 2 Timothy 15:21-28

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

February 17 - 24 (FAST FREE)

Sunday -Teen Group, 12:15 – 3:30 p.m., Scavenger Hunt
Monday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Men's Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Dino's
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m., Divine Liturgy
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: Weekly Cycle of Services, continued
-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.
-Dinner & a Show, 6:00 p.m.
Saturday -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
-Holy Baptism of Philip Turner following Vespers
Sunday -**Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

Upcoming Baptisms

Philip Turner, February 23

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, February 24, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: David Twombly
USHER: Aaron White
HOLY BREAD: Harvey Family
ALTAR SERVERS: Max, Elijah B., Brody, Dashiell, volunteer
COFFEE HOUR: Matt & Lynda Spinolo, Sue Brownlow

COMMEMORATIONS



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.

February 18: Leo the Great, pope of Rome; Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia; Venerable Colman, bishop of Lindisfarne.

February 19: Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Apphias of the Seventy; Venerable-martyr Philothea of Athens; New-martyr Nikita the New of Epiros.

February 20: Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily; Venerable Vissarion the Great of Egypt; Agathon, pope of Rome.

February 21: Venerable Timothy of Symbola; Eustathios, archbishop of Antioch; Zachariah, patriarch of Jerusalem; George, bishop of Amastris.

February 22: The uncovering of the relics of the Martyrs at the gate of Eugenios in Constantinople; Martyr Anthusa.

February 23: Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Martyr Polychronios; Venerable Gorgonia; Venerable Damian and Venerable-martyr Damian of Philotheou monastery on Athos.

February 24: The first and second discoveries of the honorable head of the Forerunner.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb. 17 - 24

Sunday	2 Timothy	3:10-15	Luke	18:10-14
Monday	2 Peter	1:20-21; 2:1-9	Mark	13:9-13
Tuesday	2 Peter	2:9-22	Mark	13:14-23
Wednesday	2 Peter	3:1-18	Mark	13:24-31
Thursday	1 John	1:8-10; 2:1-6	Mark	13:31-37; 14:3-9
Friday	1 John	2:7-17	Mark	14:3-9
Saturday	1 Timothy	6:11-16	Luke	20:46-47; 21:1-4
Sunday	2 Corinthians	4:6-15	Luke	15:11-32



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.

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.

Men’s Quarter Dinner – The men will meet at Michael Elliott’s home for their quarterly dinner on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP online so enough food is ordered. All Men of St. John are welcome to attend!

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.

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 – The doors! The doors!! As you can see, we have new doors. They are not completely done with the installation but are well on the way. At the meeting on Tuesday, the parish council continued to discuss the shift of the financial software to Quickbooks and the new directory software as well as ways to use the recent retreat to look ahead for the upbuilding of our community. Lord willing, we will continue with this process!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Wednesday, 2/20: Audrey van Drimmelen

Friday, 2/22: Corina Walker

Saturday, 2/23: Caitlin Salloum

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

AWSJ Psalter Groups

If you would like to sign up to be a part of a Lenten Psalter group, please email Trish, tratliff@stjohnmemphis.org by Thurs., March 7.

The Psalter is the book of Psalms divided into 20 sections called kathismata. During Lent, individual members of a Psalter group of 20 will read 1 Kathisma per day, resulting in the Psalter being read in its entirety each day by the group. By the end of the fast, each individual will have read through the entire Psalter twice. Additionally, each group member commits to praying for each other daily. Everyone would read and pray at home (or the place of their choosing) at a convenient time for them each day. Although we are not in the same physical location, we will be together in prayer.

Teen Group This Week

Sunday, 12:15 – 3:30

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

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

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

Library Lines

Our commemoration list includes several Theodores. Today we honor Theodore the Tyro (2/17), which means “the Recruit.” Often this was a term of derision, but this saint proved it otherwise. He was put in prison for refusing to obey the order of his commanding officer to sacrifice to idols. Christ appeared to him, encouraging him before his martyrdom. On the 50th anniversary of his death, he appeared to a bishop and warned him to guard his flock against eating food that had been secretly sacrificed to idols. He is also commemorated on the first Saturday of Lent, and a Canon was composed to him by St. John of Damascus. We ask his intercession for the return of stolen items.

St. Leo the Great (2/18) is perhaps the most well-known bishop of Rome whom we commemorate. He brought a devout faith, underscored by an excellent education, to the Church when She was attacked by the heresy of the Monophysites who denied the dual natures of Christ.

Many of us are fond of the Celtic saints. And, there is a strong tie between the Orthodoxy and the Celtic Church. Look at *Orthodox America*, February 1986, pp. 5-6 and at *Road to Emmaus*, spring 2001, pp. 49 and 32, summer 2007, p. 3. Check the book shelves for *Saints of the British Isles* (HAG - - - PET), *A Staff to the Pilgrim* (HAG - - - ROC), and *Anglo-Saxon Saints* (HAG - - - MOS). Like your info on CD? Listen to *Saints of Old Britain, Especially Wales* (HAG - - - DEI).

Sts. Colman (2/18) and Finan (2/17) both of Lindisfarne, Ireland, were upholders of the Celtic tradition in its struggle against the Roman influence. St. Finan, Irish by birth, became a monk and upheld the Celtic traditions against the encroachment of Roman practices. Finan baptized local rulers and debated the correct way to calculate the date of Easter. He died in 661.

St. Colman, also of Ireland, was tonsured as a monk and was a devoted disciple of St Columba (6/9) and a contemporary of Sts. Aidan (8/31) and Finan. Most of our information of him comes from the Venerable Bede (5/27). He was a strong influence in controversies of the time: proper calculation of the date of Pascha, power of local monasteries over worship practices, and the practice of tonsuring. (See the bulletin board for a history of the practice.)

St. Polycarp (2/23) is an example of a man who was and kept good company. St. Irenaeus of Lyons was his disciple and is quoted as saying to a friend that although he was very young when he first saw Polycarp, he “would still be able to point out the place where Blessed Polycarp sat and conversed, and able to depict his walk, his mannerisms in life, his outward appearance, ... and how he himself related, together with other eyewitnesses of the Lord...through the mercy of God to me. I then listened attentively to Polycarp and wrote down his words, not on tablets, but in the depths of my heart." St. Polycarp was martyred by Emperor Marcus Aurelius in the 2nd century. Read more about him in *The Encyclopedia of Major Saints* (HAG - - - ELE), *Fathers of the Church* (HAG - - - WUE) and in *Pillars of the Church* (HAG - - - GRA).