

From the Fathers (and others):

Beloved Christians, you and your children shall appear at that Judgment of Christ, and you shall give account for them to the just Judge. He will not ask you whether you have taught you children the arts or whether you have taught them to speak French, or German, or Italian, but whether you have taught them to live as Christians.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

Thou died – Thou Who art the Life of all – in order to revive me, the dead. Thou wast laid in the tomb that I might rise from the tomb. Thou wast brought to life again that I might believe in my resurrection.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

He is spiritually courageous who manages to take refuge in repentance when caught in the snares of the enemy and fallen into the nets of sin.

St. Gregory Palamas

No one can say, “I am poor and hence I have no means of giving alms.” For even if you cannot give as the rich gave their gifts into the temple treasury, give two farthings as the poor widow did, and from you God will consider it a greater gift than the gifts of the rich. And if you do not have as much as two farthings? You can take pity on the sick and give alms by ministering to them. And if you cannot do even this? You can comfort your brother by your words. “A good word is better than the best gifts.”

St Dorotheos of Gaza

I know a man who kept no long strict fasts, no vigils, did not sleep on bare earth, imposed on himself no other specially arduous tasks; but, recollecting in memory his sins, understood his worthlessness and, having judged himself, became humble – and for this alone the most compassionate Lord saved him; as the divine David says: “The Lord is near to them that are of a broken heart: and saves such as be of a contrite spirit’ (Psalm 34:18). In short, he trusted the words of the Lord and for his faith the Lord received him.

St Symeon the New Theologian

The mind of a person is like the rudder of a ship. Just as a ship without a rudder goes off course, the same is true of our mind. It’s closely connected to the heart and, when it’s disturbed, the whole of the inner and outer person is disturbed and they don’t know what they are doing.

Elder Cleopa of Romania

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



~ August 19, 2018 ~
Sunday after Transfiguration

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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

Sunday after Dormition

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Dn. Charles**.

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

Aug. 19 – 26 (Wed. & Fri. fast)

- Sunday** -Teen Swim Party, Caroline O'Brien's home, 3:00 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
-Catechumen/Inquirers Class, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Dinner & games following
Thursday -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-AWSJ Ladies Night, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Terry Harter's home
Friday -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.
Saturday -Mental Health First Aid, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.
-Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.
-Marriage Blessing for Charlie & Meribeth Harvey, following Vespers
Sunday -**Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Aug 26 – Churching, Anne Katherine & Mary Vanlandingham
Sept 1 – Baptism of Mary Vanlandingham
Sept 15 – Baptism of Abigail Yadron

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.

- PRIEST:** Fr. Philip
READER: David Twombly
HOLY BREAD: Anna Pashchinskaya
USHER: Ervin Romero
ALTAR SERVERS: James, Mark, Thomas, Alex
COFFEE HOUR: Kate Kumar, Lori O'Brien, Stephanie Harants

COMMEMORATIONS

Aug. 19: Martyr Andrew the General (“Stratelates”); Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos.

Aug. 20: Prophet Samuel; Martyrs Heliodoros of Persia and Photeini of Blachernae.

Aug. 21: Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa, Theognios, Agapios, and Pistos of Edessa; Venerable Abraham of Smolensk and his disciple, Venerable Ephraim.

Aug. 22: Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him.

Aug. 23: Martyr Loupos; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos.

Aug. 24: Hieromartyr Eutychos, disciple of John the Theologian; New-hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; Dionysios the wonder-worker, bishop of Zakynthos; translation of the relics of Peter the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow.

Aug. 25: Apostles Titos of the Seventy and Bartholomew.

Aug. 26: Martyrs Adrian and Natalia of Nicomedia; Venerable Joasaph; Venerable Adrian of Ondrutsov.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 19-26

Sunday	1 Cor	15:1-11	Matt	19:16-26
Monday	2 Cor	8:7-15	Mark	3:6-12
Tuesday	2 Cor	8:16-24; 9:1-5	Mark	3:13-21
Wednesday	2 Cor	9:12-15; 10:1-7	Mark	3:20-27
Thursday	Philippians	2:5-11	Luke	10:38-42, 11:27-28
Friday	2 Cor	11:5-21	Mark	4:1-9
Saturday	Titus	1:1-5; 2:15; 3:1-2, 12-15	Matt	5:14-19
Sunday	1 Cor	16:13-24	Matt	21:33-42



Please remember in your prayers - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Nicholas Hill, Janna Knight (pregnant), Katherine Verbist (pregnant), Lavinia Dumitrache (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Dot Lawson (Pam Bowick’s mother & Lawson’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman’s granddaughter), Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. We will be continuing our discussion of the Ten Commandments.

AWSJ Secret Sisters – Each year the Women of St. John are invited to participate in Secret Sisters during the months of September and October. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better. We will end with a “reveal” potluck at Corinne Elliott’s home (date TBA) which is open to all women whether or not they participated in secret sisters. The questionnaires that Corinne will use to match everyone up can be found downstairs as you enter St. Raphael Hall. Please return forms to the large envelope or Corinne by August 26.

St. John Job Fair – On Sunday, September 9, St. John will again host a “Job Fair” to assist parishioners in knowing where they can get involved as well as the opportunity to sign up. Representatives will be on hand to explain responsibilities or activities.

Dinner Clubs - For several years, many people have been participating in our dinner clubs. Dinner clubs are groups of 6-8 St. John people who meet together for a meal once every 2-3 months for a year. **The focus is on fellowship, not food.** This is another great way to meet and get to know more people and develop a sense of community. Please sign up in the parish hall by September 9; additionally, the sign up will be available at the job fair. You may contact Margaret McKelroy with any questions.

Mental Health First Aid. On Saturday, August 25, from 8 to 5, St. John will be hosting a mental health first aid seminar put on by Church Health. This informative session is free and includes lunch. Space is limited so sign up soon!

Church School and Fall Schedule – Church school and our normal Wednesday schedule (5:30 dinner, 6:15 teaching/atrium, 7:00 Small Compline) will resume the week of September 9. Parents, a roster for the coming year of church school will be emailed and posted in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Bishop NICHOLAS – His Grace +NICHOLAS will be visiting St. John Sept. 25 – Oct. 1. See the insert for a schedule of opportunities to pray with and to visit with him.

Ministry Champions Needed! There were a number of suggestions about how to do different ministries more efficiently. Each ministry needs a champion. If you would like to champion one of our parish ministries, for instance: greeters, bookstore, outreach, etc., please see Fr. Philip!

Parents Corner:

In the past, it was the custom for visitors and those celebrating a particular event (birthday, anniversary, nameday, etc) to go first in the food line during coffee hour. We are going to attempt to go back to this practice. Parents, please have your children stand back from the food tables so that our guests and those mentioned may have the honor of going first. This is a great opportunity to remind our children of the importance of patience as well as respect and honor for others. Thank you for your help!!

Parish Council Update

With over 70 survey responses to comb through, we ask for your patience as we read and consider all of the data. As all of the comments are considered, please remember that not every comment will be addressed immediately. Some of the suggestions can be implemented quickly, others over a more deliberate process. In addition, since the survey was anonymous, if you volunteered to help with an area of parish life or would like to add to your comments, please see Fr. Philip. May God give continued discernment and wisdom as we build up the Body of Christ!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 8/19:	Calen Verbist, Anne Katherine Vanlandingham Anniversary: Sarah & Joel Finley
Wednesday, 8/22:	Luna Moore
Thursday, 8/23:	Fr. Don Berge, Jennifer Stanek Anniversary: Fadi & Rana Ibrahim
Friday, 8/24:	Elijah Brackey
Saturday, 8/25:	Crystal Eastman, Aaron White

Women of St. John Calendar

Aug. 23	AWSJ Girls Night Out – Please remember to RSVP to Caitlin Romero. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Terry Harter’s home
Sept. 6	Women’s Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges home We are reading “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev
Sept. 9	AWSJ Business Meeting following liturgy
Sept. 10	AWSJ Book Club – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing <i>Towers in the Mist</i> by Elizabeth Goudge

AWSJ Quarterly

WINE & DINE

Thursday, August 23
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Terry Harter’s home



All ladies of St. John are invited
to join us for desserts, wine, and fantastic company!

Library Lines

The Prophet Samuel’s life (8/20) has many parallels to that of the Theotokos. Like her, he was born from a “barren” woman. His mother, Hannah, prayed fervently for children, and God answered her request. She took Samuel to live in the temple when he was weaned. Her prayer of thanksgiving to God is recorded in I Samuel 2:1-10. The next chapter shows us the beautiful story of God calling the young child. He thought Eli, the high priest, was calling him. This happened three times, and Eli realized that the Lord was calling the child. He told Samuel to reply, “Speak Lord, for your servant listens.” Samuel went on to be a great prophet, and anointed Saul and David as king of Israel. Read more about him in the *Children’s Bible Reader* (KID BIB GBS).

Many times we hear of The Seventy. A few of them are more familiar to us than some of the Twelve. Thaddeus (8/21), not to be confused with St. Jude who was one of the Twelve, heard the preaching of St. John the Baptist. He was baptized by him and then became a follower of Jesus. After the Ascension, he preached the Gospel in Edessa and Beirut. Some sources say he died peacefully, and others reported his torture and martyrdom in 50 A.D. Find out more about him in *Orthodox Saints*, volume 4, January-December, p. 115.

St. Titus (8/25), another one of the Seventy, was a native of Crete. After traveling to Jerusalem, he listened to Christ’s teachings and witnessed the Crucifixion. He later became a disciple of St. Paul and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. Read more about him in *Orthodox Saints*, volume 3, p. 141, in *Cretan Saints* (HAG - - - TIT) p.,99 and in *Christ In His Saints* (HAG - - - REA) p. 288.