

From the Fathers (and others):

Preserve a meek and peaceable disposition towards your brother, even when he cunningly or artfully, or somehow unintentionally deprives you of all you possess. Show then that you love God's image in him more than anything earthly and perishable, that your 'charity never faileth' (I Cor.13:8).

St. John of Kronstadt

Each parish is like a gateway to the Kingdom of Heaven. Do you desire an eternal life in Paradise? Then the road naturally leads to the Church.

His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

Love and self-control free the soul from passions; spiritual reading and contemplation deliver the intellect from ignorance; and the state of prayer brings it into the presence of God Himself.

St. Maximos the Confessor

Let us force ourselves. Let us make a beginning and let us desire the good with all our heart. Because, even if we are not perfect, wanting to be is the beginning of our salvation. From wanting we come, with God's help, to struggling and from struggling one is helped in acquiring the virtues.

Abba Dorotheos

Even the doing of what is good requires discrimination...for the good is not good unless its purpose is conformed to God's will.

St. Peter of Damascus

The human soul is a free power, for it can become either a power for good or evil, according to the direction which you yourself give it.

St. John of Kronstadt

If you are making something, you must call to mind the Creator of all things; if you see the light, remember the Giver of it. If you put on your clothes, recall whose gift they are and thank Him who provides for your life. In short, let every action be a cause of your remembering and praising God, and lo! you will be praying without ceasing and therein your soul will always rejoice.

St. Peter of Damascus

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



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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 16:13-24

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Anna Pashchinskaya**.

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. 26 – Sept. 2 (Wed. & Fri. fast)

Sunday -
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 Beheading, 9:00 a.m.
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
-Dinner & games following
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 Mary Vanlandingham following Vespers
Sunday -**Orthros, 9:00 a.m.**
-**Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.**
-AWSJ meeting, coffee hour

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

Today – Churching, Anne Katherine & Mary Vanlandingham
Aug 28 – Great Vespers for the Beheading of the Forerunner, 6:00 p.m.
Aug 29 – Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Forerunner, 9:00 a.m.
Sept 1 – Baptism of Mary Vanlandingham
Sept 7 – Great Vespers for Nativity of Theotokos, 6:00 p.m.
Sept 8 – Divine Liturgy for Nativity of Theotokos, 9:00 a.m.
Sept 15 – Baptism of Abigail Yadron

DIVINE LITURGY

Wednesday, August 29, 9:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
HOLY BREAD: Trish Ratliff
COFFEE HOUR: Trish Ratliff, Christine McGee

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, September 2, 10:00 a.m.

PRIEST: Fr. Philip
READER: Jack Turner
HOLY BREAD: Anne Dugan
USHER: Jack Turner
ALTAR SERVERS: Max, Elijah B., Brody, Paul
COFFEE HOUR: HELP NEEDED

COMMEMORATIONS

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

Aug. 27: Venerable Pimen the Great and Osios; Martyr Anthusa; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; Caesarios, bishop of Arles; Venerable-confessor Hosios, bishop of Cordoba.

Aug. 28: Venerable Moses of Ethiopia; Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; Martyr Susanna of Georgia; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev.

Aug. 29: The Beheading of the Forerunner. Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica, Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka.

Aug. 30: Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Martyrs Phantinos of Calabria and Januaros; Repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia.

Aug. 31: The commemoration of the placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Halkoprateia-Constantinople.

Sept. 1: The beginning of the Indiction or the ecclesiastical New Year. Forty Virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon; Venerable Simeon the Stylite and his mother Martha; Venerable Euanthia; Righteous Joshua, son of Nun; Meletios the New of Greece; Venerable Nicholas of Crete; New-martyr Angelis of Constantinople.

Sept. 2: Martyr Mamas and his parents, Martyrs Theodotos and Rufina; John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 26 – Sept 2

Sunday	1 Cor	16:13-24	Matt	21:33-42
Monday	2 Cor	12:10-19	Mark	4:10-23
Tuesday	2 Cor	12:20-21; 13:1-2	Mark	4:24-34
Wednesday	Acts	13:25-33	Mark	6:14-30
Thursday	Galatians	1:1-3, 20-24; 2:1-5	Mark	5:1-20
Friday	Hebrews	9:1-7	Luke	10:38-42, 11:27-28
Saturday	1 Timothy	12:1-7	Luke	4:16-22
Sunday	2 Cor	2:21-24	Matt	22:2-14



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), Matthew (Joyce Grossman's grandson), 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, September 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will be continuing our discussion with Part 3 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 today.**

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.

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 is included in this week's inserts.

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

Parish Council Update

Traditionally, August has been a month without a parish council meeting. The next parish council meeting will be Tuesday, September 11. This will be the first meeting with our new parish council members: Pauline Koplín, Ben Shull, and Anna Pashchinskaya!

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!!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

Sunday, 8/26:	Anniversary: Gary & Cindy Karnaghan
Monday, 8/27:	Brandon Maas Anniversary: Billy & Marjo Labonte <i>St. Phanourios: Calen Verbist</i>
Tuesday, 8/28:	Patrick Koplin <i>Moses, the Black: Buddy Lyons, Tekla Haymanot, Nathan Powell</i>
Wednesday, 8/29:	Elian Harants <i>John, the Forerunner: John David Williams, Jake Ratliff, John McGee</i>
Thursday, 8/30:	Karen Wells <i>St. Alexander: Alexandru New, Jack Turner, Alex Klimkowski, Aleksandra Klimkowski</i>
Friday, 8/31:	Adam van Drimmelen
Saturday, 9/1:	Anna Pashchinskaya

Women of St. John Calendar

Sunday, 9/2	AWSJ Business Meeting following liturgy
Thursday, 9/6	Women's Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Sarah Hodges home We are reading "Prayer: Encounter with the Living God" by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev
Monday, 9/10	AWSJ Book Club – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela's home. We will be discussing <i>Towers in the Mist</i> by Elizabeth Goudge

Library Lines

The last week of our liturgical year honors St. Phanourios (8/27), one to whom we pray when we have lost things. This sounds a bit glib or even frivolous to us, but when we dig deeper, we find a more profound reason for this tradition. He suffered many tortures for Christ's sake, and the finding of his icon was a miraculous story. Read the account of his life in St. John Library and see why his mother may be the most prayed-for relative of any saint.

Right before and after the Dormition of the Theotokos, we commemorate two holy women whose lives were intertwined with hers. The repose of her mother, St. Anna, was July 25, and the commemoration of St. Anna the Prophetess is August 28. She was widowed after seven years and then lived a life of prayer and fasting in the temple. At age 84 she was blessed to see the Theotokos and her infant Son being presented there and received into St. Simeon's hands. St. Luke records that she "gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."

On the last day of the liturgical year, we commemorate two well-known saints and a miracle from a relic of the Theotokos. Her sash which had been given to the Apostle Thomas, was in Jerusalem in the late ninth century. The empress Zoe, wife of Leo the Wise, had a vision that she would be cured of an illness if the sash was placed upon her. The patriarch found the belt unmarked by time when he opened its container. He placed it on her and she was healed instantly.

St. Aidan (8/31), a popular Celtic saint, was born in the seventh century. He converted King Oswald of Northumbria and his people to the Faith, and the king gave him the island of Lindisfarne where he founded a monastery. The Venerable Bede in his Ecclesiastical History of the English People (HIS BED) commended St. Aidan as an example to other priests and bishops for his humility and piety. The saint developed warm friendships with Oswald and his successor, King Oswin. When St. Aidan died peacefully in a local church, a young St. Cuthbert saw a vision of angels taking St. Aidan's soul to heaven in a fiery sphere.

St. Cyprian of Carthage (8/31) spent his youth in extravagant living. However, his soul was unsatisfied until he read of Tertullian's writings on Christianity. He became a catechumen at age 46 and was baptized, then ordained to the priesthood. The focus of his ministry was the welfare of the Church. He went into hiding during the persecution of Emperor Decius so he could continue to strengthen the faith and courage of the faithful. Many people denied Christ under severe torture. A great disagreement arose over their re-admittance. Cyprian ruled that they could be restored only after an examination of the circumstances and then receive a penance and permission of the bishop. St. Cyprian was a prolific writer in which he spoke of the unity of the Church and Christian love. He was martyred in 258. Read more about him in Fathers of the Church (HAG - - - WUE) and Fighters for the Faith (HAG - - - TAR).

Saturday is the beginning of the Liturgical New Year! The Indiction is a feast day and even has its own icon. The church calendar is so important that there are Old Calendarists and New Calendarists who, sadly, cannot agree on which one to use. Actually the liturgical year is a concept that is much deeper than that of a device to mark time. Read about the significance of the church year in The Year of Grace of the Lord (CAT CAL MON) written by a monk of the Eastern Church. See also *A Companion to the Greek Orthodox Church* (CAT GEN LIT), *The Orthodox Church Calendar* (CAT CAL PHO), *Victories of Orthodoxy* (CAT GEN CAV), *The Calendar Question* (CAT CAL SAK) and *The Church Year* (CAT CAL SCH) from the *Celebration of Faith* series for an explanation of the history and development of our calendar.

We also begin the year by commemorating Moses the God-seer (9/4) and an Old Testament action-hero, Joshua (9/1). God enabled Joshua to stop the Jordan River, win a victory by halting the sun, and smash the walls of Jericho by carrying the Ark of the Covenant around them for seven days. As Moses's successor, he ruled Israel for twenty-five years and divided the Promised Land among the Twelve Tribes of Israel.