

From the Fathers (and others):

For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

St Paul to Titus 1:7-9

That is why it is proper for your conduct and your practices to correspond closely with the mind of the bishop. And this, indeed, they are doing; your justly respected clergy, who are a credit to God, are attuned to their bishop like the strings of a harp, and the result is a hymn of praise to Jesus Christ from minds that are in unison, and affections that are in harmony. Pray, then, come and join this choir, every one of you; let there be a whole symphony of minds in concert; take the tone all together from God, and sing aloud to the Father with one voice through Jesus Christ, so that He may hear you and know by your good works that you are indeed members of His Son's Body. A completely united front will help to keep you in constant communion with God.

St Ignatius to the Ephesians

If the prayer of one or two individuals has such efficacy, how much more powerful is that of the bishop together with his whole church.

St Ignatius to the Ephesians

If sanctification is to be yours in full measure, means uniting in a common act of submission and acknowledging the authority of your bishop and clergy.

St Ignatius to the Ephesians

Through Peter, Christ gave to the bishops the keys of heavenly honors.

St Gregory of Nyssa

Be eager, therefore, to use one Eucharist—for there is one flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ and one cup for union with his blood, one sanctuary, as there is one bishop, together with the presbytery and the deacons my fellow slaves—so that, whatever you do, you do it in relation to God”

St Ignatius to the Philadelphians

St. John Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



*~ September 30, 2018 ~
18th 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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:39-45

Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

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

Sept. 30 – Oct. 7 (Wed. & Fri. fast)

- Sunday** -Teen Group
-Doctrine on Draft, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 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
-Catechumen/Inquirer's Class, 7:00 p.m., Saints
- Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.
-Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
-Wednesday Teaching, 6:15 p.m., Icons and Their Meaning – Camp Lessons
-Small Compline
- 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.
- Sunday** -Church School & Orthros, 9:00 a.m.
- Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Today

Bishop ANTOUN – 1 year

DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.

- PRIEST:** Fr. Philip
READER: Matt Spinolo
USHER: Ervin Romero
HOLY BREAD: Rania Hreish
ALTAR SERVERS: Zach, Nicholas, Eli, Gabe
COFFEE HOUR: Justin Bowles, HELP NEEDED

COMMEMORATIONS

Sept.30: Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop and enlightener of Greater Armenia; Martyrs Rhipsime and Gaiana and companions of Armenia; Michael, first metropolitan of Kiev; Venerable Gregory of Pelshma River.

Oct. 1: The Protection of the Theotokos; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy, first bishop of Damascus; Martyr Domninos; Romanos the Melode; Venerable John Koukouzelis of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Gregory the Domestikos of the Great Lavra on Athos; Venerable Sabbas of Vishera.

Oct. 2: Hieromartyr Cyprian the confessor; Virgin-martyr Justina; Venerable Theophilos; New-martyr George; Blessed Andrew, fool-for-Christ; David and Constantine, prince-martyrs of Georgia; Anna, princess of Kashin.

Oct. 3: Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite, first bishop of Athens; Martyrs Eleutherios and Rustikos.

Oct. 4: Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Apostle Krispos of the Seventy; Martyrs Domina and her daughters of Syria; uncovering of the relics of Gurius, first archbishop of Kazan; Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; Stephen (Stiljanovich) and Elizabeth.

Oct. 5: Martyr Charitina; John, bishop of Euchaita; Venerable Eudokimos of Vatopedi monastery on Athos; uncovering of the relics of the wonder-workers Peter, Alexis, Jonah, Philip and Hermogenes, metropolitans of Moscow.

Oct. 6: Apostle Thomas; Venerable Kendea; Venerable-martyr Makarios of St. Anne Skete on Athos; Innocent, metropolitan of Moscow, enlightener of the Aleuts and apostle to America.

Oct. 7: Martyrs Sergios and Bacchos in Syria; Hieromartyr Polykhronios; Priest Julian; Venerable John the Hermit and those with him; Venerable Sergios of Nurma.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS			September 30 – October 7	
Sunday	1 Corinthians	15:39-45	Luke	5:17-26
Monday	Acts	9:10-19	Luke	6:24-30
Tuesday	1 Timothy	1:12-17	Luke	6:37-45
Wednesday	Acts	17:16-34	Luke	6:46-49, 7:1
Thursday	Philippians	1:20-27	Luke	7:17-30
Friday	Philippians	1:27-30; 2:1-4	Luke	7:31-35
Saturday	1 Corinthians	4:9-16	John	20:19-31
Sunday	2 Corinthians	11:31-33; 12:1-9	Luke	7:11-16



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.



ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



Welcome, Bishop NICHOLAS

It is a great joy to welcome His Grace, Bishop NICHOLAS. This is his second visit to Memphis. Lord willing, he will come many more times in the future and continue to unite our community to the Diocese, the Archdiocese and the rest of the Orthodox world. Many years, Master!

Doctrine on Draft – The Young Adults are sponsoring a special event at Crosstown Brewing this evening from 6-8. The discussion will be on the importance of community!

Catechumen/Inquirers Class will meet on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing the saints.

Becoming Truly Human – St. John will be hosting a small group ministry workshop led by Brian Short on Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. See the bulletin insert for more details. There is a suggested donation of \$25 per person made payable to Truly Human, LLC. Those interested can register on becomingtrulyhuman.com/register. Link can be found on the St. John website.

Sons of Thunder Men’s Book Club - The Sons of Thunder men's book club will meet at 6 pm on Sunday, October 7 at Jack Turner's home. They will be discussing *Love in the Ruins* by Walker Percy. All men are welcome.

Parish Council Update - The Parish Council’s next meeting will be Tuesday, October 16. If there are particular items that you feel need to be addressed, feel free to speak with any of the parish council members or Fr Philip.

Survey Responses - Thank you for your input! An effort is being made to revamp our bookstore area. Be on the lookout for updates to the space and new items for sale.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Monday, 10/1:** Don Sanderlin, Kathryn McWhorter
Anniversary: Don & Crystal Eastman
St. Romanos: Tom Ashworth
- Tuesday, 10/2:** Anniversary: Justin & Anne Katherine Vanlandingham
- Thursday, 10/4:** Regina Fahhoun, Fran Tylavsky
- Friday, 10/5:** Cailyn Ratliff, Lawson Bowick, Patty Harants
- Saturday, 10/6:** *St. Innocent: Dn. Sidney, Don Sanderlin, Gavin van Drimmelen*

Women of St. John Calendar

Monday, 10/1

AWSJ Book Club – 7:00 p.m., Kh. Pamela’s home. We will be discussing *Cherry Bomb* by our very own Kh. Susan Cushman! You can find copies at Burke’s Books, Novel, Amazon, or from Kh. Susan. Kh. Susan will be joining us to lead our discussion.

Thursday, 10/11

Women’s Teaching - 10:00 a.m., Kh. Pamela’s home
We are reading “Prayer: Encounter with the Living God” by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev

St. John Chili Cook Off, Saturday, October 27th

Whether you form a team or compete on your own, bring your best chili recipe and join us for the **St. John Chili Cook Off!**

The fun begins following an **early Vespers** at 4:30 p.m.! Sign ups are available online, just check our website for ways in which you can help! Kids are welcome to come in their costumes. This is an amazing evening of fun and fellowship; please make plans to attend and participate in a little friendly competition!!!



Items needed:

hot dogs
hot dog buns
chips
shredded cheese
saltines
drinks
desserts



Volunteers needed:

Set Up
Competitor check-in assistant
Assistants to serve judges
3-5 chili judges
Clean Up

Library Lines

We often don’t associate miracles with music, but they came together in the life of St. Romanos(10/1). The simple monk possessed a voice unfit for singing or reading in church and was made fun of by those around him. The Theotokos appeared to him and told him to eat a scroll she carried in her hand. His voice then offered beautiful praise to God. St. Romanos the Melodist composed nearly 1000 hymns before his repose. In fact, one of our favorite Nativity hymns, "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One" was composed by him. Look for his story in *Poets and Hymnographers of the Church* (HAG - - -TAR), in *Grandmother’s Spiritual Stories* (KID STS HRO), in *Orthodox Saints*, October-December (HAG - - - POU), and in *Sweet Song: A Story of Saint Romanos the Melodist* (KID STS ROM).

Sts. Cyprian and Justina (10/2) endured spells and powerful black magic. Cyprian was a sorcerer and used his power to help a young, pagan man to court the pious Justina. She rebuffed him, and Cyprian turned the suitor into a large, black bird so he could fly into her room. Next, he conjured up demons to trick her. St. Cyprian saw the futility of his tricks, repented and struggled to live a life of virtue. They were both eventually martyred and are intercessors for the faithful against the powers of darkness. See their stories in *A Child’s Paradise of Saints* (KID/MCL).

Wednesday, we commemorate St. Dionysius the Areopagite (10/3), a scholar who first knew of Christ in Athens by seeing the sun darkened from His death at the Crucifixion. He became a Christian and traveled with St. Paul for three years. He was also blessed to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos in 57 A.D. Only some of his letter and four of his books are known to us today: *On the Celestial Hierarchy*, *On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchy*, *On the Names of God*, and *On Mystical Theology*. The OCA website tells us that, according to the saint, the first two tell us that the ranks of angels and humanity exist in a "spiritual light-bearing hierarchy." *On the Names of God* tells us of knowledge of God through a progression of Divine Names. *On Mystical Theology* shows us the theology of our Faith comes to us through "experience of divine knowledge" by drawing close to God with a pure heart in pure prayer. Read these books and more about his life in *Pseudo-Dionysius: The Complete Works* (PAT DIO LUI).

Saturday, we honor St. Thomas (10/6) who is remembered by the world as a doubter. Sometimes even we forget that after Jesus was threatened in Judea and he then asked his disciples to accompany Him there to raise Lazarus, St. Thomas said, “Then let us also go that we may die with Him.” The Church praises Thomas for his honest doubt after the Resurrection because it led to a life driven by belief. St. John Chrysostom, in comparing him to the other apostles, says he “toiled through the grace of God more...zealously than them all as he ended up preaching in most of the known earth.” He was martyred in India. Read more about him in *Orthodox Saints* (HAG - - - POU), October-December, in *Stories of Saints from the Prologue* (KID STS MAN), *The Disciples of Christ* (KID STS SPR) and in *The Lives of the Holy Apostles* (REF HAG - - - HOL).

St. Innocent (1797-1879) is known as an Apostle to the Americas. He was born in one of the largest cities in Siberia. He labored for 45 years working in severe weather and harsh conditions in Alaska. His efforts in composing an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and in studying the geography of his new homeland were instrumental in his baptizing thousands of people and building numerous churches and schools. Read more about him in *From Earth to Heaven* (HAG INN WER) and in *Saint Innocent of Alaska: Apostle and Missionary* (KID STS INN). His most famous book, which is in our library and bookstore, is *The Indication of the Way in to Kingdom of Heaven* (PAT INN). He is commemorated on the day of his repose (3/31) and the day of his glorification (10/6).