

*Sunday of the
Canaanite Woman*

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*2 Cor. 6:16:7:1  
Matthew 15:21-28*

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*Homily by
Subdn. Chris Kies*

*Epistle Reader:
Jerry Finkler*

No Coffee Hour

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

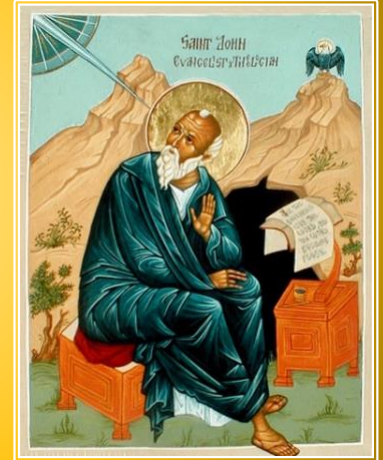
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, February 18, 2024*

*And the Days Following*

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O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Parish Events and News

Important Church Family Meeting on Saturday Evening March 2 at 7:15pm after Early Vespers at 6:15pm

This will be an important meeting to discuss various parish issues. Note that we will start Vespers at 6:15pm that Saturday night and have the Church Family meeting immediately afterward at 7:15pm. More information will be coming.

New Parish Council Members Needed / Church Family Meeting

We need to fill two positions on the Parish Council.

If you are willing to serve in this role, please submit your name to the Church office by phone (907) 696-2002 or by email (stjohnalaska@aol.com).

“The Church is a community, the ‘body of Christ.’ As such all members of the Parish need to use their talents to contribute to the health and well-being of the whole. Those on the Parish Council assume a special role of leadership to help make important decisions and guide the parish in its ministries and good works. Offering a positive contribution with a spirit of commitment is the essential work for a healthy governing body. We need our Parish Council members to be examples of committed effort and willingness to serve.

Qualifications: 25 years or older; Member of parish for two years, demonstrate membership “by regularly participating in the parish’s sacramental life and by regularly contributing to its temporal maintenance through the payment of dues, pledges, assessments (tithes).”

The Parish Council regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, about 10 times a year, with allowances for Feast Days or other scheduling conflicts considered.

Saint John’s is Seeking to Hire a Full-Time “Parish Administrator”

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral is looking to hire a Parish Administrator to assist the Pastor in coordinating and managing the properties, ministries, and activities of our Cathedral parish in a way that serves our mission and vision, especially in the areas of community, education, and hospitality. Please share this announcement with anyone who might be interested and qualified. You can see the job description and application here: [Parish Administrator Job Description and Application](#) Printed copies are also available on the Narthex table. Applications are due February 23, 2024.

Wedding Wall

If you would like your picture on the Wedding Wall in the church basement please send me a vertical picture with your names, the date you were married, and the location of where you married. If you could send it to my email snowybunny@live.com it would be amazing or if you have a hard copy that I could scan, please leave in my folder in the church basement and I will return it to your folder. If you have any questions, see me, or call my cell at 907-854-5408. Thank you, Kathleen Sorensen

Fr. Marc Out of Town – No Thursday Night Talk This Week

Also, the Tuesday night inquire catechism classes are completed for now.



No Atrium This Sunday – Due to School Fundraiser



Coffee Hour This Sunday - February 18, 2024 Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

NO COFFEE HOUR FEBRUARY 18TH – DUE TO SCHOOL DINNER

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**Next Sunday – Group D – February 25 Hosts: Snider / Cowan**

*Anderson, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Cowan, Dougherty, Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster*

## St. John's School Weekly News

### Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser Dinner This Sunday – February 18 at 5:30pm

We still have a limited amount of tickets for purchase at the door (first-come, first-served) for the Hawaiian Fundraiser extravaganza! We hope to see you there!

Mahalo.



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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



A short article from Metropolitan Saba will be published each week. These can be found in our Sunday Bulletin each week with a link to the new articles.

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Metropolitan Boulos \(Bandali\): A Fruitful Seed in Antioch](#)

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

### **Farewell to Paul & Olivia Gillquist and their three boys: Jonas, Rollie and Sam.**

Paul has accepted a job with the Arizona National Guard and the family is moving there in March. **There will be a farewell party at the St. James House on Saturday February 24 from 4:00-7:00pm.** Come any time during those three hours and say goodbye and wish them well on their new adventure.

### **Looking for Rides**

I am looking for a rides to and from the Anchorage Airport: “to” on February 22nd at 4pm and “from” on February 27th in the morning at 6:30 am. Then I will be hopping a flight on the 28th to Homer and need a ride there. I am not sure of the exact time, yet.

Please text or call me if you are available at #907-299-1432 —Lily Cowan

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## *Dates to Remember*

### *Monday ‘Moms with Kids’ Reading Group*

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### *Monday Evening Reading Group*

The evening reading group will meet this Monday at 6:30pm in the “Reading Room.” Come and enjoy! Reading to be determined.



### *Thursday Reading Group*

We will meet Thursday at the Chugiak Senior Center at 10am



## *Birthdays This Week*

February 18 - Mia Fletes

February 20 - Samantha Bahl

February 21 - Ben Dunaway

February 21 - Rhett Medders

February 24 - Nathan Stevens

February 25 - Lily Cowan

*M A N Y Y E A R S !*



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Gwyn Jones*

*Janet Hawi*

*Judi Hoyt*

*Jan Northey*

*Gale Armstrong*

*Kerry Jones*

*Eloise Lamb*

*Tisha Dunham*

*Elisa Betson*

*We will continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

## *Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month*



\* Steven Theodore Primis - February 3, 2001

\* Archpriest Jack Sparks - February 8, 2010

\* Phyllis Isabel Webster - February 12, 1992

\* Lynn Ellen Guio - February 17, 2019

\* Dn. Christian Timothy Sorensen - February 23, 2000

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

## *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

For the Month of **February** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, February 24, 2024.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



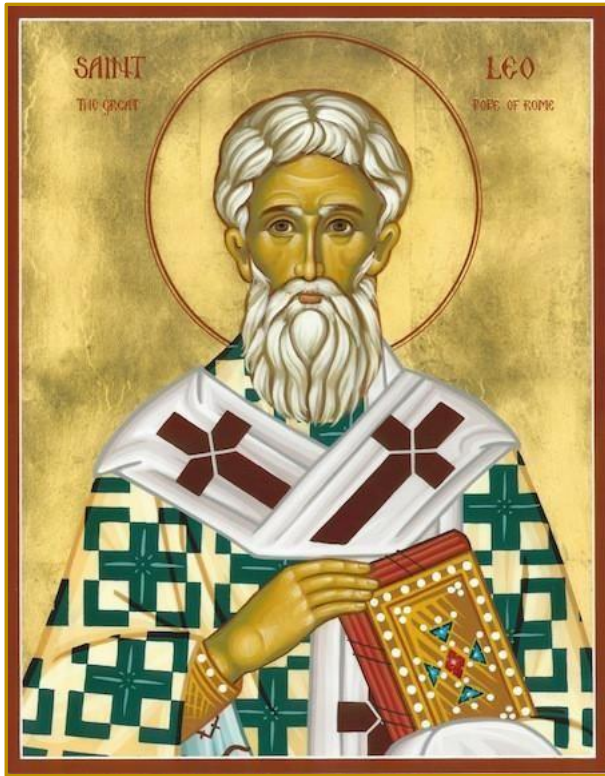
### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com). Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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## THE SYNAXARION

### Leo the Great – February 18



On February 18, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints, Leo the Great, pope of Rome.

#### *Verses*

*Pouring forth his soul, divine and godly Leo  
Poured dread and terror into hordes of  
demons.*

*On the eighteenth Leo poured forth his soul.*

Leo was born in Italy in 400 of devout parents, becoming Pope of Rome in 440. When Attila, with his Huns, drew near to burn Rome, Leo came out before him in his episcopal vestments. Leo subdued the wrath of Attila and averted the destruction of Rome. Attila allowed himself to be counseled by this holy man but was also frightened by a vision of the Apostles Peter and Paul, who stood alongside Leo and threatened him with flaming swords. Leo also saved Orthodoxy from the heresy of Eutyches and Dioscorus. They erroneously taught the merger of the divine and human natures of Christ into one and, consequently, the denial of the two wills in the person of the Son. Because of this, the Fourth Ecumenical Council was convened in Chalcedon in 451, at which time the tome of Leo the Great was read and the Council condemned this heresy. This saint peacefully reposed in the Lord in 461.

On this day, we also commemorate Agapitos the Confessor, bishop of Synnada in Phrygia, and his companions. By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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