

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

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Ephesians 2:14-22  
Luke 12:16-21

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Homily by  
Subdn. Chris Kies

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Epistle Reader:  
Stan Snider

Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Saur / Okuley

# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

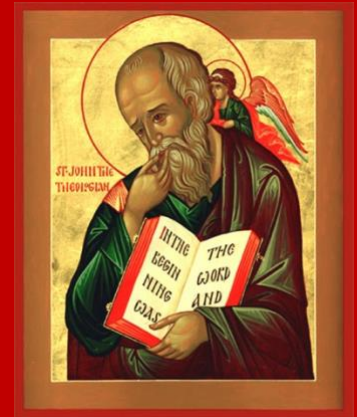
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## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 19, 2023

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.*

## Feast Days and Services



### Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple Feast Day – Tuesday, November 21

**Vesperal Liturgy for the Feast is  
Monday, November 20 at 6:15pm**

This feast day commemorates when the Theotokos was brought as a small child into the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She was received by Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.

### Thanksgiving Services This Week

- \* Akathist of Thanksgiving at 7:15pm – Wednesday Evening, November 22.
- \* Te Deum Service at the Chapel at 9:15am – Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 23  
We will leave the Cathedral to walk to the Chapel at 9am. On the way to the Chapel, we will stop at the cemetery and sing the “Trisagion Prayers for the Departed”.



## Parish Events and News

### Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering Last Couple of Days to Bring Your Boxes of Stuffing! As of Last Tuesday - We Only Had 139!



Scheduled delivery of our stuffing is set for this Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy

As is our custom, St. John will collect 350 (individual) boxes of stuffing for this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn. Kevin.



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

*Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.*

If you have any questions, you may contact Rhonda Clodfelter at 907-696-2128  
(No Atrium on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Weekend)

### Kid's First Choir Practice on Sunday, November 19



Please join us on Sunday November the 19th at 12:00 in the Nave for our first children's choir practice for St. Nicholas Day and Christmas. We will continue to have practices on the following Sundays.

All kids ages 4 through high school are welcome. Please contact Jessica Kies if you have any questions. We look forward to singing with you!

### Inquirer/Catechism Classes on Tuesday Evening

Next Class is November 21, 7pm-8:30pm (Class Topic *The Church of God*)

### No Thursday Night Talk This Week, November 23 (Thanksgiving)

We will continue meeting next week at the St. James House, November 30 at 6:30pm



### Coffee Hour This Sunday - DATE Group C - Third of Sunday of the Month

#### Hosts Families: Saur / Okuley

Snacks: Amundson, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hannah, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

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Next Sunday – Group D – November 26 Hosts: B & M Johnson / Snider

Snacks: Amundson, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hannah, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile

## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Metropolitan Saba and our Archdiocese are trying to improve communications to parishes and give people a better understanding of our Archdiocese ministries and programs. A regular series of articles will be made available to highlight different Archdiocese departments and ministries. Also, 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.

### **New This Week**

- How Our Archdiocese Serves Us: [How Our Archdiocese Serves Us: Liturgics](#)
- Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Orthodox Spirit and the Nativity Fast](#)
- Also, on the Archdiocese website. [2024 Sunday Liturgical Readings Calendar](#)

## *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)



### **Jones Family in Tonga – November Update**

Click [HERE](#) for the Jones Family Update and a Video Tour

### **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.

## *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 Mondays at 6:30pm in the “Reading Room.”



## Thursday Reading Group

No Thursday reading meeting this week. Happy Thanksgiving. We will meet next Thursday the 30th, including a potluck lunch, weather permitting.

Whimsy week ☺

## Birthdays This Week

November 19 - Russell Clodfelter	November 23 - Tailia Haines
November 20 - Tim Terrell	November 25 - Stephen Macalino
November 21 - Logan Davisson	November 25 - Sylvia Villafana
November 21 - Dolph Ihde	



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## Anniversaries This Week

Chris & Margaret Grasse - November 22, 1980  
Stan & Laurie Snider - November 24, 1984

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## Remembering in Prayer...

Janet Hawi	Eloise Lamb
Gwyn Jones	Kerry Jones
Myles Kelly	Tisha Dunham
Jan Northey	Jennifer Stogsdill
Katy Jones	Judi Hoyt
Kh. Sally Howell	Gale Armstrong

*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*

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

For the Month of **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, November 25**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



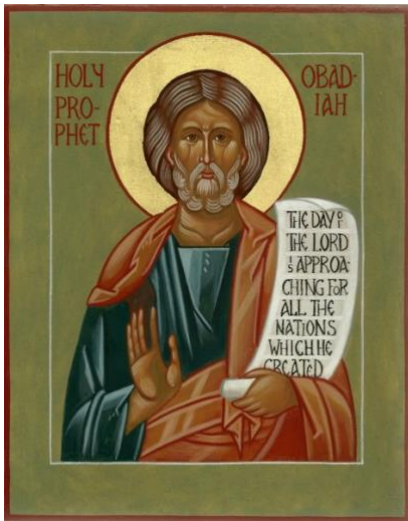
## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
  - \* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
  - \* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
  - \* Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
  - \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992
- M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

### THE SYNAXARION

#### Prophet Obadiah & Barlaam of Antioch – November 19



On November 19, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Prophet Obadiah.

#### *Verses*

*Obadiah would again tell of the future,  
Were he not struck with awe at his own departure.  
On the nineteenth, died Obadiah.*

Obadiah lived at the court of King Ahab of Israel, but when the king turned away from true worship and bowed down to idols, Obadiah refused to follow the king, but continued to serve the one true God. When the evil Queen Jezebel raised a persecution against all the prophets of God, Obadiah gathered one hundred of them, hid them in two caves, and fed them to the end of the persecution. As a contemporary of the great Prophet Elisha, Obadiah revered him greatly and served him in all things as his follower and disciple. He lived 900 years before Christ and entered peacefully into rest.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Barlaam of Antioch. Because of his faith in Christ the Lord, an impious judge tortured him harshly. He took Barlaam to the pagan temple and set a burning coal on his palm and incense on the coal. The judge thought that the pain would cause the martyr to shake the coal and incense off his hand before the idols, and thus involuntarily cense them. However, this soldier of Christ heroically held the burning coal on his palm with no thought of casting it before the idols, until his fingers were burned through and fell off and his palm was completely burnt. After that, the elder Barlaam's whole body fell to the ground and his soul went to the eternal rest of our Lord the Savior. This glorious, heroic elder suffered in the year 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Azi the wonderworker of Isauria in Asia Minor and 150 soldiers with him; Martyr Agapios of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Heliodoros of Magidum in Pamphylia; Venerable Abbot Barlaam of the Kiev Caves and Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow.

By their intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us. Amen.