

4th Sunday after
Pentecost

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Romans 6:18-23  
Matthew 8:50-13

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Homily by
Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton

Coffee Hour Hosts:
B & D Dunaway &
Tysver

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

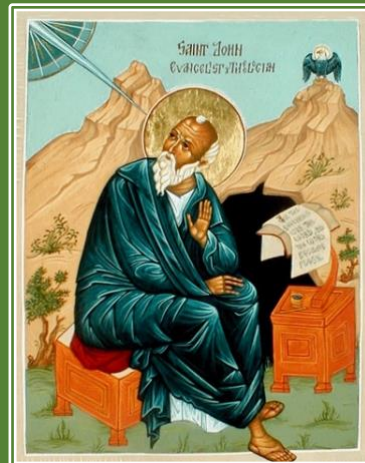
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## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, June 28, 2026

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



Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day June 29

Services for Saints Peter and Paul

Great Vespers – Sunday Evening – June 28 at 6:15pm

Divine Liturgy – Monday Evening – June 29 at 6:15pm

Parish Events and News

Celebrate Tim Mellor's Ordination as a Deacon - July 12



On Saturday, July 4, Tim Mellor, our Parish Administrator, will be ordained Deacon Timothy by Bishop Anthony at the Parish Life Conference in San Diego. Tim has prepared himself for this day by completing three years of study in the Saint Stephen's correspondence course that also included a week of studies each year at Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania. In the fall of last year, he petitioned Metropolitan Saba for ordination and then met with Bishop Anthony at the Clergy Seminar in California this past February. We thank God that Tim and Lori are willing to undertake this ministry of service to our Parish. We will celebrate Tim's ordination on the following Sunday, July 12, when he and Lori return. This is an exciting and important event for our Parish. **Axios, Tim!** "Axios" is Greek for "He is worthy!" repeated many times in the ordination service by the Bishop and the people.

Help us celebrate by bringing a plate of cupcakes and chips to Church for Coffee Hour that Sunday.

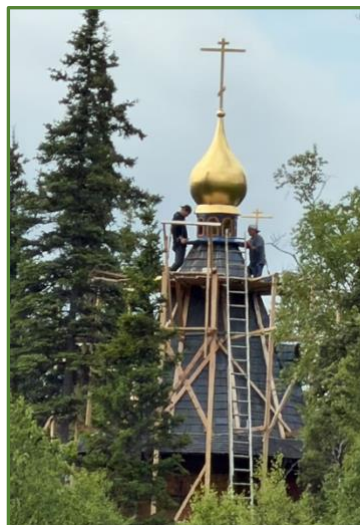
Drinks and sandwiches will be provided by the Church.

Fr. Marc & Kh. Betsy, David & Kristine Lindblom and Tim & Lori Mellor will all be traveling to the Parish Life Conference this week.

Cupola Installation from June 22, 2026



After a long wait, the large cupola has been installed on the St. Sergius Chapel after a special blessing by Fr. Marc. The installation was completed by Kuchar Construction and their team leader Lucas Parker. It was a wonderful event attended by a number of parishioners and children. As not everyone was able to attend, we will be collecting photographs and videos of the installation. Nicole Unser has volunteered to collect the photographs and videos to make them available to parishioners in a shared album. If you are able, please upload your photos/videos to this [google drive folder](#). If you have questions about uploading photos/videos, please contact Nicole Unser at (509) 362-1685 for assistance. If you have an Android cellular phone, please contact Nicole to set up a time to meet to get the photos transferred. We would like “anything and everything” that was recorded to include in our St. John archives.



Save the Date!



Saint John's Eagle River Institute

August 1-5, 2026

Brochures Available in the Narthex

Register Now for Eagle River Institute Meals and Childcare

Our annual Institute now provides childcare for ages 1-10 so parents can attend sessions more easily. We also provide meals between classes on weeknights for attendees. It is important that everyone register today so we can arrange childcare and meals: [ERI Registration 2026](#). The brochure provides detailed information about topics and a schedule: [ERI Brochure 2026](#). The ERI website will be updated with this information soon.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - June 28, 2026 *Group John (4) - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

Hosts Families: B & D Dunaway / Tysver

Snacks: J. Alvarez, S. Alvarez, Arvidson, Burton, Cooley, Dougherty, FrM & KhB Dunaway, Goetz, Gresset, Haines, Hawi, D & S Ihde, M Johnson, Keener, Kies, Macalino, Mason, Minea, J Northey, Parker, DnJ & D Ray, Schlicting, Sparks, J. Stiehr, Templeton, Van Dyke, Watson

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**Next Sunday - Group Matthew (1) - July 5 - Hosts: Lineer / Griffith**

*Snacks:* Abel, Amundson, Betson, Clodfelter, Culton, Curry, Dozier, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, G & J Gillquist, H Gillquist, Grasse, G & A Ihde, Haley, Hightower, D & A Jenkins, K & G Jones, Kelly, Klatt, Lamb, Lineer, K & J Medders, Mee, Moffatt, Okuley, Patras, N & M Ray, Sluz, Stallman, Stogsdill, J. Temple, Terrell, Webster

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## *St. James House Weekly News*



**St. James House Café**  
**Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and**  
**Catch Up With Friends**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Faithful and Secularism, Part Three](#)

## Local Community News



### Fireworks Reminder...

In the Municipality of Anchorage, which includes Eagle River and Girdwood, all fireworks are illegal, including sparklers and bottle rockets. The use of fireworks is punishable by a fine of up to \$300, [according to the Municipality of Anchorage](#). This ban applies year-round and is strictly enforced, [according to the Anchorage Police Department](#).

The Anchorage Fire Department encourages residents to enjoy fireworks displays at local events instead of using personal fireworks, according to the Anchorage Fire Department. Here is a [link](#) where you can enjoy fireworks and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. (*So, let's respect our neighbors and our neighbors' animals.*)

## State Fair Artist Competition

### A Note from Taylor Wilson...

"I work closely with the Mat-Su Farm Bureau chapter, and we are hosting an art competition. Details are in the flyer.

If anyone has any questions, they may email me or text me at 907-444-9229."

*(This flyer is also posted on the church basement bulletin board)*



**State Fair Artist Competition**

**ALASKA FARM BUREAU INC.**  
THE MAT-SU CHAPTER

Calling all artists, designers, and creative minds! The Alaska Farm Bureau is looking for fresh new designs to showcase at our booth during the Alaska State Fair!

We are currently accepting:

- Hoodie design submissions
- Sticker design submissions

This is your chance to create something that represents Alaska agriculture, farming, ranching, and the spirit of our unique ag community.

The winner of the hoodie design contest will receive a **one year Alaska Farm Bureau membership paid in full**, and their design will be featured at our Alaska State Fair booth. Sticker design winners will receive a **free sticker** along with a **free hoodie of their choice**.

**Submission Rules:**

- Designs must be original artwork created by the person submitting
- AI generated artwork will not be accepted
- All submissions must be submitted in PNG format
- Deadline for submissions is July 15th

**Haybale Theater is Back!**

Get **FREE** advertising for your farm or agriculture-related business at the Alaska State Fair!

Showcase your operation to thousands of fairgoers each day by having your farm photos and videos featured on the Mat-Su Farm Bureau booth display screen throughout the fair. This is a great opportunity to increase visibility, connect with consumers, and promote Alaska agriculture at no cost.

Videos and photos must be submitted by July 31.  
Send your footage and images to: [matfarmbureau@gmail.com](mailto:matfarmbureau@gmail.com)



## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

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

### Links to Articles on Ukraine – Submitted by Oksana Artz

Oksana has written a couple of articles on the situation in Ukraine and about its history. She would like to share them with the parish. Here are the Links: There are also a couple of copies to share on the Narthex Table.

[“A People That Cannot be Broken”](#) and [“Green Wedge – A history to Share”](#)

## Dates to Remember



### Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181.

### Birthdays This Week

June 29 - Dan Palmer

July 2 - Lousia Fisher

July 4 - Harold Parker

July 4 - Ian Griffith

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### Anniversaries This Week

Nathanael & Macrina Ray - July 1, 2012

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### Remembering in Prayer...

Jennifer Saur

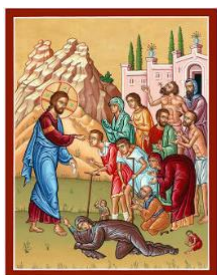
Matt Komar

Travis Cook & Parents, Bill & Mary Alice Cook

For those suffering from the devastation of war

Sylvia Villafana

Ben Polson



### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month

\* Brenda Joy Davis - June 28, 1994



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

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



### **THE SYNAXARION**

## **Unmercenaries Cyrus & John, Translation of Relics – June 28**



On June 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the recovery of the precious relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John.

#### *Verses*

*The bones of the Unmercenary Martyrs now appeared in the town of  
Menuthis*

*And they gush forth mighty torrents of unmercenary marvels.  
On the twenty-eighth appeared Cyrus with fellow contender John.*

The Patriarch of Alexandria, Cyril, prayed fervently to God to destroy the idolatrous impurity in the town of Menuthis where a pagan temple was located and where the power of the demons ruled. An angel of God appeared to the patriarch and told him that this town would be cleansed of its impurity if he translated the relics of Saints Cyrus and John from Canopus to that town. The patriarch did this immediately, built a church there in their honor and the demons were taken over. Many people were healed of various diseases and torments by the relics of these saints: Ammonius, the son of Alexandria's mayor was healed of tuberculosis; a man named Theodore was healed of blindness and his wife from poisoning, a woman named Eugenia was healed of dropsy as well. Many other miraculous healings took place. This all occurred in the year 412.

On this day, we also commemorate the holy martyr Papios; Paul the Physician of Corinth; Venerable Moses the anchorite; and Venerable Sergios and Herman, wonderworking abbots of Valaam. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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