

5th Sunday after
Pascha
Blind Man

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Acts 16:16-34  
John 9:1-38  
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Homily by
Dn. Kevin Dougherty

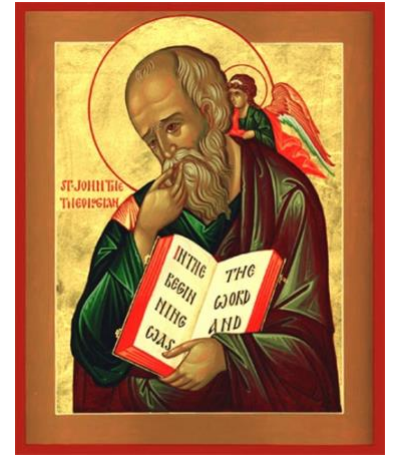
Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Weaver / Amundson

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, May 17, 2026
And the Days Following



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



Feast of the Ascension

Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast

Wednesday, May 20, 6:15pm

Baptisms & Chrismations at 5:45pm

We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension this Wednesday with a Vesperal Liturgy at 6:15pm. Before Liturgy we will begin at 5:45pm to receive into the Church Cole and Marie Durand by the Sacrament of Chrismation and their daughters Charlotte and Juliet by the Sacrament of Baptism. Those who are able may come early to participate in the Baptisms. The Vesperal Liturgy itself should begin about 6:15pm as usual. This is another joyous feast day for our parish to receive another family into the Orthodox Church.

Parish Events and News

This Sunday, May 17...

Cookout and Conversation

"Building Orthodox Traditions at Home"

Sunday, May 17, 5:30-7:30pm at the Saint James House

This gathering is open to anyone new to Orthodox Christianity (and others). We will have hamburgers and hotdogs from the grill followed by an hour discussion led by Fr. Marc. Children are welcome, and food and childcare will be provided. Bring your questions and thoughts to share. Topics include: What is the goal of an Orthodox Christian home? How do we integrate the feast days into family life? What is an Icon corner? Does Orthodoxy offer a perspective on parenting? And more. To help us prepare, please RSVP to Tim Mellor at (timmellor@stjohnalaska.org) if you will attend and include ages and number of children.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm

This will be our last Atrium for the season

SUMMER DAY CAMP

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2026

Summer Day Camp

ALL ABOUT:
THE SAINTS OF ALASKA

JUNE 3-5
9:30am-12:40pm
Ages 2-12 Welcome
Cost is \$15/camper

LEARN, PRAY, & PLAY
Join us to learn about the lives of St. Herman, St. Olga, and St. Innocent through crafts, storytelling, games, and fun.

FAMILY CAMP OUT
On Friday night, join us for a family camp out on the church lawn. Details to follow.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Cara Fletes
caramia1984@gmail.com

Pay Registration Fee Here

If you are interested in St. John Orthodox Day Camp, please make sure you have filled out the registration form and paid the “Day Camp” fee online! We have a stellar set of teachers already planning fun activities all to do with “Saints of Alaska”. We are hoping to have registration forms completed soon so we can begin organizing classes.

** This year we have a \$15.00 registration fee to help us cover our camp expenses. You can also decide to sponsor a child or several children by covering their camp fees.

You can pay online via the church website. Under the “Other” tab on the drop-down menu, please label your fee “Day Camp”.

Here is the QR code you can scan to access the site.



Thank you so much to those who have already registered and be sure to look in the bulletin in the following weeks for any camp

updates! Thank you so much and please call or email with any questions! —Cara Fletes - caramia1984@gmail.com

New...You can now click on the Sign-up Genius Link to volunteer for the camp and campout.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CAFA922A1FC1-64105244-saint#/>



Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 17, 2026

Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Weaver / Amundson

Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Burkowske, Cook, Doss, B & D Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, P. Gillquist, Griffith, Hattenburg, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Justus, Kendall, Labrecque, Lowry, Marcus, O Medders, T & L Mellor, Northey, Palmer, Polson, Scherer, Sorensen, J & A Stiehr, A & J Temple, V. Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff

Please Note: Starting May 24 and throughout the summer we will have Coffee Hour Outdoors

Next Sunday – Group John (4) – May 24, 2026 - Hosts: Clodfelter / Lowry

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

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Guidance on Reading](#)

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you’d like to share? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

Swan Lake Canoe Trip - June 12-14



“A few of us guys have shown interest in bringing back a yearly canoe trip on the Swan Lake Canoe Trails in Sterling, AK, as was common in years past. This is a great way to get out into the quiet and stillness in nature, connect and bring people together with canoeing, camping, and prayer. We would like to start off with a guy’s trip to scout out the system and familiarize some who have not experienced it before and prepare the way for future trips involving additional groups. As it is a strenuous activity to haul gear across portages, we are currently thinking guys over the age of 18, unless accompanied by a parent. We will hold a trip planning meeting for any who would like to attend this year, and for any interested in attending for future years; the meeting will be held after coffee hour at the St. James House on Sunday, May 17th at 12:30pm.” For any questions, please contact Will Klatt (907) 854-8836 or Michael Jones (907)726-4772.

Dates to Remember

‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group - Wednesdays 10am

We will meet at the St. James House If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



Women’s Reading Group - Thursdays at 10am

We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building on the second floor. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras



Anniversaries This Week

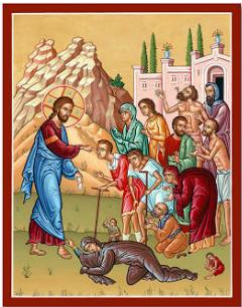
Steve & Valorie Sparks - May 19 - 2002
Dolph & Sydney Ihde - May 21, 2017
James & Mary Curry - May 22, 2005
Michael & Katya Mee - May 22, 2022

Birthdays This Week

May 17 - Sally Eckert
May 17 - Cara Fletes
May 17 - Luke Mellor
May 19 - Kali Macalino
May 19 - Martha Fisher
May 19 - Olivia Fletes
May 21 - Ruth Templeton



M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

*Jennifer Stogsdill
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)
Dirk Moffatt
Jan Northey*

*Joyce Arvidson
Sally Eckert
Justin Clodfelter
Shirley Wolkoff*

*We 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



- * Infant Lazarus Frizelle - May 1, 2008
- * Abner Picon - May 1, 2016
- * Presbyter Garland Peters - May 6, 19979
- * Eloise Mae Lamb - May 10, 2024
- * Infant Benjamin Ray - May 12, 2022

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 **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, May 22. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Blind Man – 5th Pascha

On May 17, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostles Andronikos and Junia of the Seventy; Athanasios the New, bishop of Christianopolis; Venerable Nektarios and Theophanes, founders of the Barlaam Monastery on Meteora; and Eudoxia, princess of Moscow.

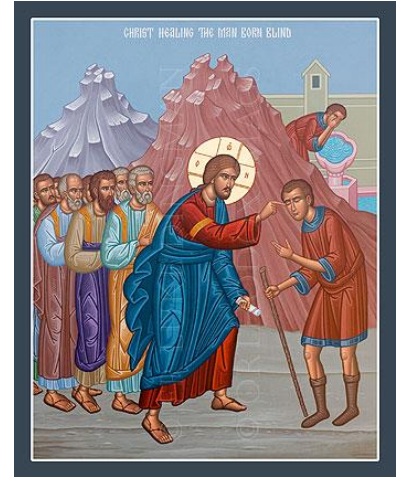
On this day, the fifth Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth. We rightly celebrate the miracle bestowed on him.

Verses

*O Bestower of light, Who are Light coming forth from Light,
You give sight to the man who was blind from his birth.*

While leaving the Temple on the Sabbath, the Savior met this man who was born blind and who was incurable after every human effort. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus all teach that the man was born literally without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Your boundless mercy, O Christ our God, and the Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.



Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: cathedral@stjohnalaska.org 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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