

*Repose of Anna,
Mother of the
Theotokos*

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*Galatians 4:22-27  
Matthew 8:28-34, 9:1*

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*Homily by
Fr. Thomas Frizelle
Epistle Reader:
Tim Terrell*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

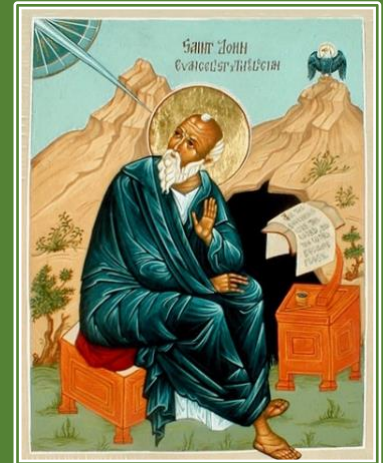
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, July 25, 2021*  

### *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

Dormition Fast Begins August 1

This fast is kept the same as Great Lent, except that fish, wine and oil may be eaten on August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Liturgy on the 15 end the fast.

Parish Events and News

Eagle River Institute Starts Sunday, August 1 **Sunday's Schedule:**

- ** 3:00-4:30pm Dr. Paul Gavrilyuk – “Who Do You Say that I Am? (Part 1)
- ** 5:00 to 6:30pm Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost – “What does the Orthodox Church say about Motherhood, and what does Motherhood have to say to the Church?”



[See the Brochure for the Full Schedule](#) which include a couple of special services: Paraklesis at 8:00 am on Monday, August 2 and Liturgy at St. Sergius Chapel at 7:45am on Wednesday, August 4.

Local Community News

Eagle River's Guiding Light Assisted Living Home Openings for Seniors

Perhaps you know that Fr. John Downing resides at a small, comfortable Assisted Living Home called "Guiding Light Assisted Living Home" in Eagle River. Currently, *there are a number of rooms available for seniors*. I am personally recommending this Home since -

- 1). It is a serene, clean, and comfortable senior home that Fr. John enjoys;
- 2). Professionally run by a licensed & experienced R.N. who is of the Christian faith (Yolanda Jackson),
- 3). Laura Scott, Fr. Jack Sparks, and other St. John family members have resided there over the years.

I especially recommend Guiding Light Home since there are currently only two residents (Fr. John & another senior) and this low census may cause Yolanda to consider closing the Home. Therefore, please share the word with others of this opportunity for a Christian senior home in Eagle River for our Seniors!

It is located on 11522 Aurora St.(visit Fr. John and the home!)phone number is 696-5545 and here's a link [Guiding Light Assisted Living Home - Pricing, Photos and Floor Plans in Eagle River, AK | Seniorly](#)—Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to this summer? Please email stjohnalaska@aol.com Hope to hear from you .

Open House to Send Sloan Medders off to Indiana Saturday, August 7 – 3 to 6pm

Please join us for an Open House to send Sloan off to Indiana on Sat. August 7th between 3pm-6pm. Sloan will be moving to Indianapolis, Indiana to complete her senior year at Cathedral High School with the intention of attending college in Indiana. She will be living with our close family friends. Please join us on August 7th from 3-6pm for an open house going away party.

Our address is 15712 Moose Berry Bend
Kim, Sloan, Elias, Rhett and Oscar Medders



Update on Ezra Marizan

Last November I asked for prayers for the Marizan Family for their 4yr old son, Ezra, who had been diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma and was beginning a yearlong treatment at Seattle's Children Hospital. I wanted to give an update. (*Ezra's mom is a long-time friend of Cara Fletes.*)

Nov-May: Induction Phase - Ezra underwent 5 separate sets of Chemo (each lasting 5-7 days) to shrink the tumor. On Apr 5th he underwent abdominal surgery (6.5hrs) to remove as much of the tumor as possible as well as one of his adrenal glands. The tumor was still very present mostly in his bone marrow.

Jun - Aug: Consolidation Phase – Ezra will undergo two chemo/stem cell transplant sessions. This phase will begin with strong doses of chemo to completely decimate his immune system. He will then be given his own stem cells back (previously retrieved in December). It will take a few weeks for the cells to engraft and start building up his immune system again. Until then he will remain an inpatient at the hospital.



Jun 1-7 Ezra underwent the first session and is scheduled to begin his 2nd session now ~ Jul 22. Please keep Ezra and his family in your prayers.

—Deb Stallman

If you would like to know more about Ezra and the GoFundMe account please visit:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/bear-cub-grows-for-ezra-medical?viewupdates=1&rcid=r01-162701886187-9534746ace114a3f&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2B1137-update-supporters-v5b

Gillquist Twin Bed Frames – (Clarification)

“We are not in need of beds. We are trying to figure out where our bed frames went. They are twin size and are a bit lower to the ground. We think maybe they were borrowed but not returned. Let us know if you have any information.” —Jennifer Gillquist

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week



July 28 - Nicholas Guio

July 30 - Barbara Parker

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Anniversaries This Week



Keith & Anna Haley - July 26, 1981

William & Liz Klatt - July 27, 2008

Bruce & Monica Johnson - July 28, 1991

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Remembering in Prayer...



Preston Collier

Anna Haley

Gwyn Jones

Tom Johnson

Mother Galina

Tisha Dunham

Eloise Lamb

Bruce Johnson

Riley Fitt

(Dn. Larry Hartman's son-in-law)

Laura Temple

All Those Suffering With Covid

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Presbyter Daniel Ryan - July 7, 1984
- * Theodore Wells - July 20, 2009
- * Marlene Dyal - July 24, 2005

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

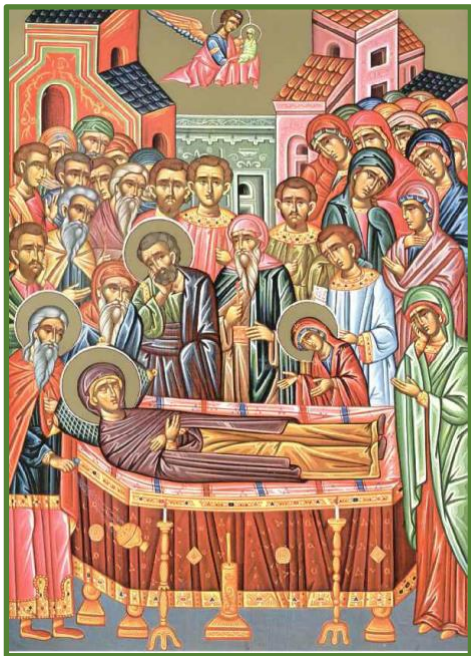
Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **July** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, August 28. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Rest of Anna, Mother of the Theotokos – July 25



On July 25, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Rest (or Dormition) of Saint Anna, Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Verses

*The Virgin-mother Maiden's Mother now dies,
Who for child-bearing mothers is swift salvation.
On the twenty-fifth died Anna, the comfort of those in hard
travail.*

According to tradition, Anna, the ancestor of God, lived for 79 years, and her spouse Joachim, for 80, who preceded Anna in death. They were married for 50 years and prayed to God for a child—male or female—to comfort them in their old age. Anna gave birth to the one who would bear God in her womb. The Theotokos had been orphaned of both her parents when she was 11 years old, when she was living in the Temple. Saint Anna is invoked for conceiving children, and for help in difficult childbirth.

On this day, we also commemorate our righteous mothers Olympias the deaconess of Constantinople; and Eupraxia of Tabenna. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.