

Post Ascension
Fr. 1st Ecumenical

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Acts 20:16-18, 28-36  
John 17:1-13

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

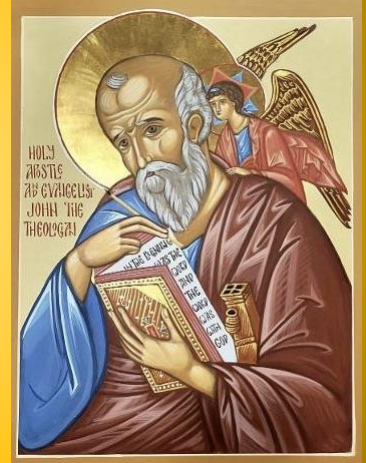
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Clodfelter / Culton

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, May 24, 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

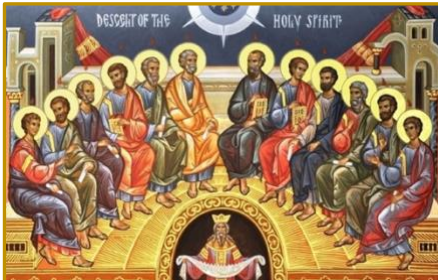
Next Sunday, May 31...

Pentecost

Descent of the Holy Spirit

**Kneeling Vespers - Next Sunday Night,
May 31 at 6:15pm**

June 1-6 – Pentecost Week – No Fasting



Parish Events and News



Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 24, 2026
Group John (4) - Fourth Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Clodfelter / Culton

Snacks: S. Alvarez, J. 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, Weaver

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**Outdoor Coffee Hour Postponed – Waiting for Better Weather**

**Next Sunday, May 31 – All Groups – Hosts: Cook / Mee**

**Everyone brings snacks and helps clean up.**

## St. John's Youth Corps



Each summer the Cathedral hires several young adults (14+) to do the work needed at the Cathedral, surrounding buildings, and their ~55-acre campus. We call this group our Summer Youth Corps, and their tasks vary widely based on what is needed that year. This might include everything from hauling firewood, finishing decks and siding, cleaning carpets, building fences, maintaining trails and much more! You can be part of a long tradition that takes pride in the upkeep of St. John's campus while making money and gaining work experience. Applications are available online at [www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps](http://www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps) Applications are due May 25.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

**Summer Day Camp**  
ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
2024

**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](mailto: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](mailto:caramia1984@gmail.com)

***Click on the Sign-up Genius Link to volunteer for the camp and campout.***  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CAFA922A1FC1-64105244-saint#/>

## St. James House Weekly News

**St. James Café**  
COFFEE, PASTRIES,  
and COMMUNITY!

Come Sit And Enjoy A Cup Of  
Coffee and Catch Up With Friends

**TUES & THURS**  
8 AM - 9 AM

- Drip Coffee
- Wild Iris Pastries
- Great Conversation

Saint James House

**St. James House will continue to have their Café open during the summer.**

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## *Local Community News*

### **Looking for a Place to Live**

Kirstie Trinidad (a friend of Jennifer Gillquist and our community, as she has been cleaning for the church and people who live in our community) needs a place for her family to live by June 1. Two adults, two children ages 9 and 3 and a cat. They would love to live in our community or as close as they can get. If you know of anything becoming available soon, please let Jennifer know ASAP. (907-632-1064, prefer text) —Jennifer Gillquist

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Church Fathers and Us](#)

Financial News from Archdiocese: [2025 Annual Financial, Departmental Reports](#)

[New! May-June 2026 Mobile Issue of The WORD Magazine](#)

[The Antiochian Women Spring 2026 E-Bulletin Honors Mothers](#)

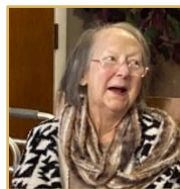
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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### *A Surprise Happy Birthday Visit to Sally Eckert!*



*May 17<sup>th</sup> at  
Guiding Light  
Assisted Living  
in Eagle River*



*Choir members  
and friends  
along with  
Sally  
sang Paschal  
Hymns.  
Christ is Risen!  
Indeed, He is  
Risen!*



## Swan Lake Canoe Trip - June 12-14

“A few of us would like to have a guy’s trip to scout out the Swan Lake Canoe Trails in Sterling, Alaska and familiarize ourselves to 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. For any questions, please contact Will Klatt (907) 854-8836 or Michael Jones (907)726-4772.”

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### *Dates to Remember*

**Save the Date!**

## Saint John’s Eagle River Institute

**August 1-5, 2026 - Our 30<sup>th</sup> Year!**

Click [here](#) for further information on the upcoming ERI



### *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



Men’s Book Club

### *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. (Subdn. Chris Kies will lead the group while Sam is away.)



### *Anniversaries this Week*

Marshall & Mary Ruth Alexander - May 29, 2022

Mel & Janet Hawi - May 29, 2004

Dn. Joseph & Denise Ray - May 30, 1983

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



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Matt Komar*

*Sylvia Villafana*

*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, 1979

\* 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 **JUNE** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, June 27.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### First Ecumenical Council Fathers – 6<sup>th</sup> Pascha

On May 24, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia; and Venerable Vincent of Lerins.



On this day, the sixth Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia.

#### *Verses*

*O light-bearing stars of the spiritual firmament,  
enlighten my mind with your rays.*

#### *Verses Against Arius*

*Calling the Son a stranger to the Father's essence,  
Arius proved to be a stranger to God's glory.*

Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as with one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in essence, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith—“The Nicene Creed”—which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles.

By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

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