

12th Sunday after
Pentecost
Lv. Dormition

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Matthew 19:16-26  
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Homily by
Protodn. Pat Lamb

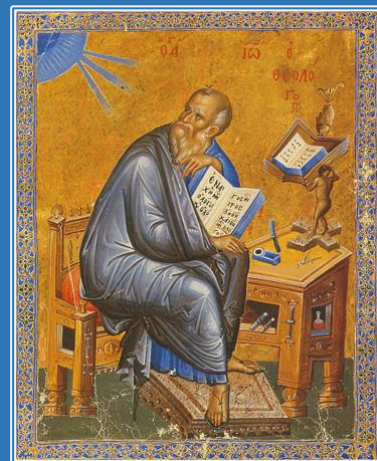
Epistle Reader:
Ben Dunaway

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Snider / N & M Ray

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 23, 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

#### August 29th – Remembering the Beheading of John the Baptist

Friday, August 28 – Great Vespers at 7:15pm

Saturday, August 29 – Divine Liturgy at 9:15am

This day is a strict fast day in the Church in honor and memory of the Righteous Forerunner's suffering and death at the hands of Herod the King. *(In some places, it has also been the custom not to eat anything on a plate on this day, since Herod ordered that Saint John's head be brought to him on a platter.)*



### Parish Events and News



Dear Faithful and Friends of Saint John's,

With great sadness I convey the news that Robin Armstrong, the gifted Iconographer, fell asleep in the Lord Wednesday, August 19. Although some of you may not know Robin and her husband Gale, if you have worshipped in our Cathedral, you have been touched by her heart and soul through the many Icons she painted for our parish over the decades they lived in Eagle River. Robin painted all the Icons in the Iconostasis which was designed and built by Gale.

Robin was 80 years old and died in Kodiak where her daughter, Katie and her husband Chris Jones live, along with their son Elijah, the grandson who was the light of Robin's life. Her son David and his wife Megan lives in Austin, TX. Although Gale & Robin lived different places in their retirement years, their deep roots at Saint John's remained. May God give rest to her soul and comfort to her family.

**Funeral Services: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 / Visitation 4-5pm / Funeral at 5pm**

**Mercy Meal immediately following**

*People can contact Jennifer Gillquist about contributing to the Mercy Meal. Help with set up and clean-up is always appreciated too.*



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 23, 2026 Group John (4) - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Snider / N & M Ray**

*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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5th Sunday of the Month – August 30, 2026 – Goetz / P Gillquist
Everyone Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up

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

St. John's School Weekly News



Dear Saint John's Families,

Once again, we are excited to invite you to our annual "Stone Soup" sale and Farmer's Market which will be held **Thursday, September 3 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.**

Our Kindergarten class will be making and selling our traditional "Stone Soup," available by the bowl or by the pot. The vegetables for the soup will come from Pyrah's U-pick farm in Palmer, which the students will have visited earlier that week. If you want a pot, please bring your own pot and we will fill it.

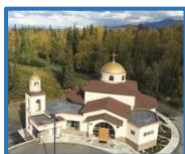
Other classes will prepare items for the Farmer's Market, such as homemade rolls, jams, cakes, cupcakes, muffins, and other treats. If you cannot attend, send some money with your student so they can participate by purchasing a bowl of soup or some other goodies.

Hope you can come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Saint John's Staff and Students

Local Community News

Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church Upcoming Events:



**Greek Festival – At Holy Transfiguration This Weekend
August 21, 22 and 23**

**Invite to the Celebratory Banquet for the Consecration of
Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Saturday, September 19, 2026, at the Anchorage Museum**

Enjoy a dinner celebration of the blessed occasion of the consecration of their church, and the community of the Holy Transfiguration Church at the Anchorage Museum at 6pm. Tickets are \$125 per person, Formal attire. RSVP by August 25. [See the online invite and all the details here.](#)

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? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

Inkwell Creative Meetings

“Hello everyone, our monthly Inkwell Creative meetings will resume **Sunday, September 20th at 2pm at the St. James House** and childcare will be provided. Inkwell is a creative gathering for both men and women similar to the Inklings group of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. We meet to spur each other along in our creative endeavors and find community in our creative callings. We have creators ranging from those who knit, paint, write, draw, play musical instruments, edit videos, etc. Whether you are highly trained or simply love creating as a hobby, you are welcome! If you're wondering if this group is for you, feel free to chat with me at church, shoot me an email at nicole@nicoleunser.com, or text/call me at 509-362-1685. We'd love to have you there. -Nicole Unser”

Dates to Remember

‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group Wednesdays 10am

Our Wednesday Morning Group will start up for the fall on September 2, 2026. We will meet at the St. James House If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.





Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm

The Men's Book Club is reconvening and continuing its way through *On the Incarnation* by St. Athanasius. We will do all the reading together during our meeting time, with discussion interspersed throughout.

We will be meeting from 7:00–8:00 PM at the St. James House.

Public-domain printouts of the text will be available at our meetings, so there is no need to purchase a copy. For anyone who would like to buy one, we will be using the Lawson translation.

For questions, please contact Sam Lowry at (616) 928-5181.

Birthdays This Week

August 23 - Francis Dunaway

August 23 - Mel Hawi

August 24 - Quentin Lourie

August 25 - Josiah Temple

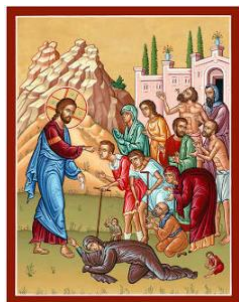
August 26 - Pinja Culton

August 27 - Mary Alice Cook

August 29 - Eddie Dunaway

August 20 - Serenity Lourie

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer

Oksana Artz

Ben Polson

Maris Kelly

Travis Cook

Lily and baby Moses

For those suffering from the devastation of war

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



* Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001

* Bruce Alan Johnson - August 15, 2025

* Preston Collier - August 16, 2023

* Kh. Lynn Moffatt - August 16, 2023

* Robin Raye (Eudocia) Armstrong - August 19, 2026

* Richard Eckert - August 29, 2013

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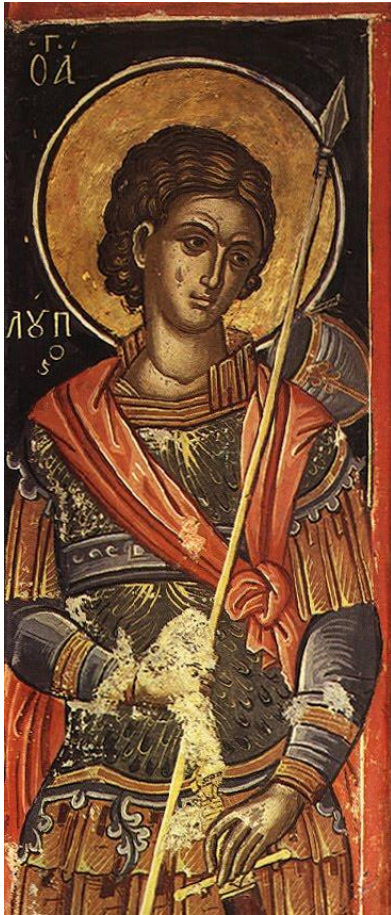
Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, September 26, 2026. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Martyr Lupus – August 23



On August 23, we celebrate the leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Lupus.

Verses

*Lupus was a servant, but the freeing act of a blade
sent him to Christ as a friend and a freeman.*

On the twenty-third Lupus was slain by the edge of the sword.

He was the servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios. When Demetrios was beheaded by the Emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the martyr's blood. Lupus worked many miracles and healings in Thessalonica with this garment and ring. The Emperor Maximian discovered this and commanded that Lupus be tortured and killed. But the soldiers who drew their weapons on Lupus turned on themselves and wounded one another. Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow get baptized before his death. Suddenly water poured down on the holy martyr from a cloud, and he thus received his baptism. After harsh torture, Lupus was beheaded and entered the heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons; and Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, 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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