

21st Sunday after
Pentecost

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Galatians 2:16-20  
Luke 8:26-39

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Homily by
Dn. Tim Mellor

Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton

Coffee Hour Hosts:

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

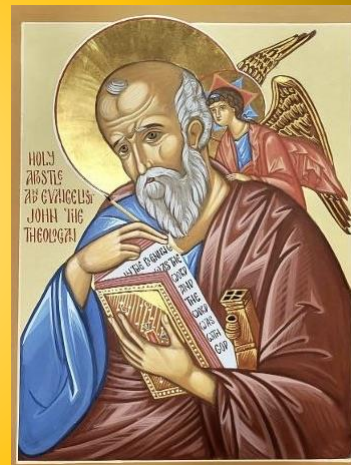
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## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 25, 2026

And the Days Following

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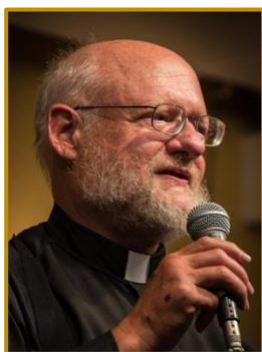


O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Parish Events and News

Deacon Fred Arvidson - Memory Eternal!

With sadness and yet with confident hope in the life to come, we share news received that Deacon Fred Arvidson fell asleep in the Lord at his home in Wasilla on Thursday, October 22. Deacon Fred and Joyce, along with their sons Joshua, Jacob and Noah, were founding members of Saint John Cathedral. Dn. Fred was ordained to the Diaconate by Metropolitan Philip on April 2, 1987. As he began to retire from his law practice, Dn. Fred and Joyce moved from their home on Monastery Drive to live in Wasilla near their son Jacob and his family. Deacon Fred was 77 years old. May God give rest to his soul among the righteous and make his memory eternal!



Funeral services will be on Saturday morning October 31 at Saint John Cathedral.

Visitation at 10am; Funeral 10:30am followed immediately by the Gravesite service and a Mercy Meal.





Youth Group Dinner Meetings - Tuesday Nights, 6:30-8pm at the St. James House

We'll have dinner together at the 'big table' starting at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm. —John Marc & Beth Dunaway 317-9549.

“Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity”
Thursday, October 29, 6pm-7:30pm in the Church Basement
What We Believe – The Creed (of Nicaea and Constantinople)
This Week - “About the Holy Spirit and the Church”



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm



Thanksgiving Offering - 200 Individual Boxes of Stuffing

Love Inc. of Eagle River and its member churches are once again coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. A complete (uncooked) turkey dinner with all the fixings will be provided to an anticipated 400 local families in need.

We are signed up to collect 200 (*individual*) boxes of stuffing before the scheduled delivery to Joy Lutheran on Sunday, November 22.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - October 25, 2026 ***Group John (4) - Fourth Sunday of the Month***

Hosts Families: Betson / M Labrecque / Mason

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) – November 1, 2026 - Hosts: Kies / Fletes***

*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, 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**

## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Saint Maria Skobtsova of Paris](#)

## 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)

## 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.



### *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.



### *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

## *Birthdays This Week*

October 25 - Lucia Fletes

October 25 - MaryAnn Northey

October 26 - Chris Grasse

October 26 - Ryan Hattenburg

October 27 - Gwyn Jones

November 1 - Robert Amundson

November 1 - Marie DuRand

November 1 - Silas Mason

November 1 - Veronica Stiehr

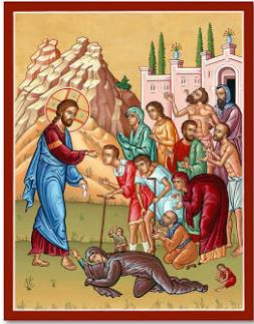
*M A N Y Y E A R S !*



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

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





### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Oksana Artz  
Ben Polson  
David Lindblom  
George Dozier  
For those suffering from the devastation of war*

*Travis Cook  
Lily & baby Moses  
Helen Gillquist*

### *Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month*



- \* Fr. John Downing - October 4, 2024
  - \* Kh. Nancy Downing - October 19, 2002
  - \* Helen Grace Edzards Peters - October 23, 1998
  - \* Isabella Joy Fletes - October 24, 2019
  - \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !**

Trisagion Prayers for the departed - Fr. Maximos (Brian) Herman, husband of Mat. Angelia Herman, will take place after Divine Liturgy this Sunday. This marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year of his passing. May his Memory be Eternal



**Advent Calendars Available in Narthex  
And on our website under "Bulletins"**

### **Bulletin Announcements**

Do you have an announcement you want in the bulletin? Send it to [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) or contact Maris Kelly at [Maris@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:Maris@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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## THE SYNAXARION

### Marcian & Martyrios – October 25



On October 25, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios, secretaries and disciples of Saint Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.

#### *Verses*

*Take note in these scribes the pens of Jesus,  
Dipped by the point of the sword in their own blood as  
Martyrs.*

*On the twenty-fifth, they beheaded Marcian and  
Martyrios.*

These saints fought against the Arian heresy which blasphemed God and His Son by saying that Christ was not God consubstantial with the Father, but rather that He was a created being and stranger to the divine essence of the Father. The Emperor Constantius himself inclined towards Arianism. Patriarch Paul was dethroned and driven out to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him. Orthodoxy had two fierce strugglers on hand against the pagans and the heretics. The reader Marcian and the sub-deacon Martyrios planted themselves decisively on the side of Orthodoxy. The Arians first tried to bribe them, but when the two holy men refused this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. At their martyrdom, they raised their hands and prayed to God, thanking Him that they were finishing their lives as martyrs in 346. St. John Chrysostom later built a church in their honor over their relics, which worked many miracles and cast out demons.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Valerios and Chrisaphios; Tabitha the Merciful, who was raised from the dead by the apostle Peter; and the translations of the relics of the Venerable Sabbas the Sanctified and Venerable John of Beverly. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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