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Pentecost
Raphael of Brooklyn
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Galatians 2:16-20  
Luke 8:41-56

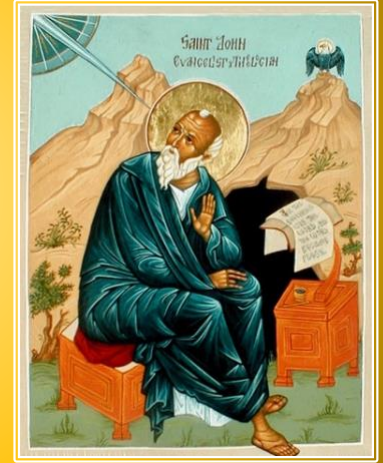
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Homily by
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Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Abel / Templeton

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 6, 2022
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.

Parish Events and News

Remember...
Sunday Morning at 2am



Inquirer Classes

Inquirer Classes for catechumens and others continue. Classes are Tuesday evenings at Fr. Marc and Betsy's home from 7pm-8:30pm.

Class	Date	Topic	<u>The Orthodox Church</u> by Ware, ed. 2015
3	Tuesday, November 8, 2022	The Human Person: Our Creation, Vocation, Failure	Ch. 11, pages 212-218
4	Tuesday, November 15, 2022	Jesus Christ	Ch. 11, pages 218-224
November 22 - no class - Parish Council Meeting Night			
5	Tuesday, November 29, 2022	"Partakers of Divine Nature"	Ch. 11, pages 225-231
6	Tuesday, December 8, 2022	The Church of God	Ch. 12, pages 232-247
7	Tuesday, December 15, 2022	The Living and the Dead: The Mother of God: The Last Things	Ch. 12, pages 247-256
Break for Christmas			
8	Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Orthodox Worship 1: The Earthly Heaven	Ch. 13, pages 257-266
9	Tuesday, January 31, 2023	Orthodox Worship 2: The Sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist	Ch. 14, pages 267-281



Advent Calendar Available

The 2022-2023 Advent Calendar is now on our Website and also available in the Narthex.

Next Church Family Meeting - Saturday, November 19, 6:00pm

We had our last Church Family Meeting on October 9. There was a request that the November meeting be held at a different time, so we will meet on Saturday, November 19 in the Church basement at 6pm, concluding in time for Vespers. The agenda will include talking further about the Church basement our School and other news. As before, our aim will be to use this time for open discussion and questions with limited time on reports. At next week's meeting we will not have any arranged childcare. I hope you make an effort to come.

Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering



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 300 local families in need. As is our custom, St. John will collect 350 (individual) boxes of stuffing. Scheduled delivery of our stuffing to Joy Lutheran is set for Sunday, November 21 when the Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn. Kevin.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 6, 2022 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Abel / Templeton

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Eckert, Gillquist, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Streff, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells, Zink

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.



Next Sunday – Group B – November 13, 2022

Hosts: Komar / Keener

Snacks: Agnew, S. Alvarez, Betson, Coverdell, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hattenburg,, Hoyt, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Linear, Moffatt, Parker, Peters, Peyton, N & M Ray, Schlicting, Sturdevant, Villafana.

St. John's Bookstore



Time to start Christmas Shopping! The bookstore now has Christmas cards and some beautiful children's books, including a children's Bible. What better gift for that little one than a lovely illustrated book. Come browse during Coffee Hour.

Local Community News

Heart to Heart – Pregnancy Resource Center Pies for Life!



Calling all bakers! Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center is seeking homemade pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup fundraiser on Nov. 22. Many families look forward to this fun tradition and count on it for fresh pies for Thanksgiving dinner.

Homemade pies are preferred, but if you know a bakery with tasty pies, those are also appreciated. Donated pies may be dropped off at Heart to Heart (next to Subway in downtown Eagle River) either Monday evening Nov 21 (6-8 p.m.) or Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for Prettiest Pie, Worth the Weight (most tempting), Far Out Flavor (most unique) and Funniest Piemaker (best original flavor title).

Enjoy fresh hot coffee from Jitters while visiting the pregnancy center, and see how Heart to Heart is growing and serving families in our community. Pie Pickup will run 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. Suggested donation

is \$20 per pie. Handmade quilts also will be for sale by donation.

Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center “Serves Seniors from Hiland to Eklutna”

Did you know that the senior center provides transportation to residents and the wider community? Each week there are scheduled trips to Fred Meyer, Walmart, Carrs and Three Bears, starting at the senior center. For those needing to go to appointments, including to Anchorage, rides may be scheduled through the center. These van trips will pick you up at your home and return you there. A nominal donation is suggested.

Details at www.chugiak.org, Facebook or the monthly newsletter.

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email stjohnalaska@aol.com

Note from Brother Preston Collier to the Parish

I just wanted to say hello and may God bless you all in my St. John's parish. I'm at Providence Extended Care off of Boniface Ave. and I'm very pleased with the care and staff here. And I'm thankful that I've had a lot of healthy life over the years.

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

November 6 - Mary Curry

November 7 - Katy Arvidson

November 9 - Annalyn Potts

November 11 - Iris Klatt

November 13 - Dan Kendall

M A N Y Y E A R S !





Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday Readers will meet at JoAnn Webster's home at 10am.



Anniversaries this Month

John Marc & Bethany Dunaway - November 8, 2015

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

*Eloise Lamb
Janet Hawi
Gwyn Jones
Dan Kendall*

*Lena Curry
Al Zink
Kh. Rita Molloy*

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- * Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- * Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- * Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- * Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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 **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, November 26. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION



Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn - 1st Saturday in November

On the first Saturday in November in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the Saints, Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn, “good shepherd of the lost sheep in America.”

Verse

*O holy hierarch Father Raphael,
the first to be consecrated to apostolic ministry in the New World,
lift up your hands and bless your people, consecrating us, your inheritance,
who consecrate this day to you.*

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Damascus, Syria, Halki, Turkey, and Kiev, Russia, Raphael found himself virtually exiled in Kazan, Russia. The young archimandrite was called to the New World by the Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Committee in New York City. He immigrated in 1895 and served under the guidance of the Russian Orthodox Mission, which at the time was the only established Orthodox hierarchy. He was technically pastor of St. Nicholas Church (later Cathedral) in Brooklyn, New York, but was, in fact, the roving pastor of several dozen tiny, isolated communities spread thinly across the continent. As a priest he crossed the continent repeatedly in the course of nine years, and did so several more times after being consecrated Bishop of Brooklyn in 1905. This was the first such Orthodox consecration in North America. He established a journal entitled *al-Kalimat*, which means The Word. He used this to spread “The Word” to places he could not himself be, and worked diligently at translating Greek liturgical books into Arabic. He distributed these at his own expense to communities throughout the Middle East and to refugees in the Americas, Africa, and Australasia. Thus, this “shepherd of the lost sheep” helped preserve Orthodox Christianity in those regions.

Paul the Confessor – November 6

On November 6, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our father among the saints Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople.

Verses

*Paul, serving Liturgy with his vestments about his shoulders,
Lifts his voice to God in the heavens
And on the sixth is strangled by his own vestments.*

When Blessed Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria lay on his deathbed, the faithful asked him who should succeed him as the chief shepherd of the spiritual flock of Christ. He said: “If you desire a shepherd who will teach you and who will shine with virtues, choose Paul.” The people did accept Paul, but unfortunately, this decision was not accepted by the Arian heretics, nor was it accepted by the current Emperor of Antioch, Constantius. Paul boldly preached the true dual natures of Christ and was come to be known as the second “Apostle Paul.” He was soon overthrown and fled to the city of Rome with Saint Athanasius the Great. There he was received warmly by Pope Julian and Emperor Constans and defended the Orthodox Faith with them. They saw to it that Paul was returned to his throne, but when Emperor

Constans died, the Arians rose in power again and the Patriarch Paul was banished to Armenia. In 351, while Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the Arians attacked him and strangled him with his own bishop's vestments.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Luke of Sicily; Paul of Corinth, the fool-for-Christ; Martyr Nicander; Venerable Barlaam of Khutyn; and Herman, bishop of Kazan.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amén.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: stjohnalaska@aol.com. 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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