

*Postfeast Elevation
Sunday after the
Cross*

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*Galatians 2:16-20  
Mark 8:34-9:1*

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*Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Templeton / Haley*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

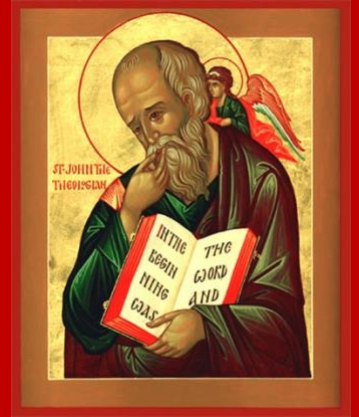
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, September 20, 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



Walk to the Chapel Friday, September 25 – 1:00pm Saint Sergius of Radonezh

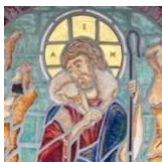
We will have a special prayer service for St. Sergius of Radonezh at the Chapel on Friday, Sep 25 at 1pm. We will meet at the Cathedral steps at 1pm. All of St. John's students and teachers will participate in the Chapel service. Everyone is invited to join us.

The Falling-Asleep of St. John the Evangelist Feast Day – September 26

**Great Vespers with Litia & Artoklasia on Saturday,
September 26 at 7:15pm.**



Parish Events and News



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

“Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity”

A series of classes beginning Thursday, October 1

6pm-7:30pm in the Church Basement

These classes will aim to open the door to knowing the real God as He is revealed through Jesus Christ and known in the Scriptures and the Orthodox way. They are for seekers, inquirers and catechumens, “nones” and Churchgoers, non-Orthodox and Orthodox, young and old, and any who want to understand the Christian faith better.

One important change this year is that we plan to hold our gatherings in the Church basement. This is to accommodate more people and to facilitate streaming sessions for those who miss a class. For current church members, attending the classes can be a good way to refresh your basic knowledge of the Orthodox faith, and a way to get to know some of our new catechumens and inquirers.

Here are some other important things to note:

1. Please respond using the sign-up form in the link below to confirm that you plan to attend. This will help us arrange our meeting area.
2. We will have childcare available during the classes for children (ages 1+). If you plan to use this, include the names and ages of your children. Saint John’s will pay the babysitters, but parents are encouraged to offer a tip.
3. Finally, we will not make paper copies of the material we read in class. Instead, documents will be posted online through a link provided on the home page of our Cathedral website (stjohnalaska.org). So, bring a laptop, tablet, or mobile phone to access these online.
4. **Please respond to the link below by September 24.**
5. [Sign-up Form for Classes](#)
6. [Schedule of Classes 2026/27](#)

Tithes and Donations from this Year's PFD Designated for

Cemetery Expansion

Please Read Messages Below

The Parish Council and the Cemetery Committee are currently addressing the need to expand our Cathedral Cemetery. A proposal for an expansion has begun and should be available for consideration by the Parish next spring. If you would like to participate in this expansion plan, please contact Sydney Ihde. The Parish Council will continue to hold donations from last year's PFD which was designated for the construction of a more accessible entry to the Saint James House. This project had to be put on hold for now as more time is needed to develop a suitable plan, due to the difficulties encountered with a ramp system and/or a lift system. The Parish Council feels the Cemetery Expansion is also an important need. Also, please read the note about Cemetery Guidelines below.

Cemetery Purpose and Guidelines

The updated guidelines approved by the Parish Council give the following as the purpose for our cemetery. “Saint John the Evangelist Orthodox Cathedral Cemetery is intended primarily for the burial of Orthodox Christians who are members of the Cathedral and who depart this life in communion with the Church.”

It is important that families in our Parish understand these guidelines, particularly in light of family members or friends from other parishes who may not meet the Cemetery's main purpose. While there is an avenue for exceptions, because of the limited size of our Cemetery and because it is an Orthodox Cemetery, departures from this purpose must be granted rarely, and other alternatives should be considered ahead of time. The full text of the guidelines can be found at this link: [Cemetery Guidelines](#).

Tithes on PFD 2026



It's that time of year again when we are all blessed with a PFD gift from the State of Alaska. This year each Alaskan will receive \$1,200.00. For many years we have set aside the tithe and donations from the PFD for some important projects. Please donate and mark your PFD tithe in the memo as PFD tithe. (You can scan this using your phone, or you can go to the [donation page](#) on our website and donate there.) Thank you!



Youth Group Starts This Tuesday...

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 and Bethany Dunaway (907) 317-9549.

Sisters of Mary and Martha

Sisters of Mary and Martha are recruiting for several positions that will be opening on the Leadership Board. If you'd like to have a direct impact on how the Sisters of Mary and Martha care for our church and community, please contact Katy Arvidson or Hannah Hanna.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 20, 2026 Group Mark (3) - Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Templeton / Haley

Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Burkowske, Cook, Doss, B & D Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, P. Gillquist, Griffith, Hattenburg, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Justus, Kendall, Labrecque, Lowry, Marcus, O Medders, T & L Mellor, Northey, Palmer, Polson, Scherer, Sorensen, J & A Stiehr, A & J Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff

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***Next Sunday - Group John (4) - September 27, 2026 - Hosts: Doss / M. Johnson***

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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## ***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**

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Cross in Our Life, Part Two](#)

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*



### **Come pick Apples**

The apples are ready to pick at the Kendall's house.  
Come on up at your convenience.

### **For Free...**

"I have a pair antique Norwegian cross-country ski free FCFS"  
Kerry Jones



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## *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

### *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



### *Anniversaries This Week*

Stephen & Kali Macalino - September 20, 1992

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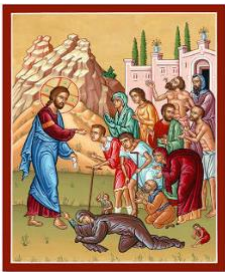
### *Birthdays This Week*

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| September 21 - Blaise Alexander | September 23 - Taylor Wilson    |
| September 21 - Ashley Ihde      | September 24 - Ben Labrecque    |
| September 21 - Hilda Justus     | September 24 - Ann Patras       |
| September 21 - Evan Kies        | September 25 - JD Curry         |
| September 22 - Myles Kelly      | September 27 - Fr. Marc Dunaway |
| September 23 - Janet Hawi       |                                 |



*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*

### *Remembering in Prayer...*



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| <i>Oksana Artz</i>                                     | <i>Travis Cook</i>         |
| <i>Ben Polson</i>                                      | <i>Lily and baby Moses</i> |
| <i>For those suffering from the devastation of war</i> |                            |

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



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 9, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Bell Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17 - 1983
- \* Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 1986

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

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

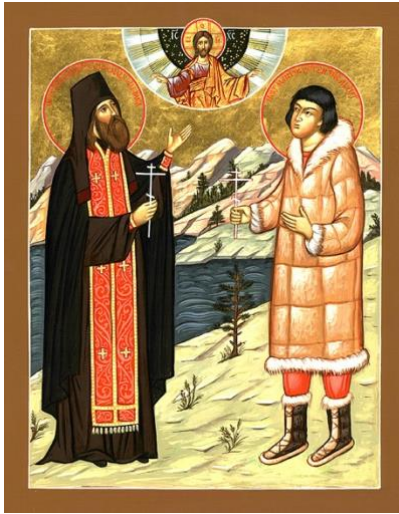
For the Month of **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, September 26, 2026.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Martyrs of Alaska - Juvenaly & Peter – September 24



On September 24, in the holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Synaxis of all Saints of Alaska, in particular, the Martyrs Juvenaly and Peter.

Saint Juvenaly, the first Orthodox martyr in America, was born in 1761 in Siberia and entered a monastery at St. Petersburg at the age of 30. In 1794, he travelled to Alaska as a missionary along with seven other monastics, including Saint Herman. Father Juvenaly baptized over 700 natives near the mouth of the Copper River. In 1796, Saint Juvenaly came to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River in western Alaska, where he was killed by the Yupik people. Later, the natives of that area told St. Innocent that Juvenaly did not defend himself when attacked, nor did he make any attempt to escape. They said that while they were striking him, he continued to get up urging them to repent. The zealous Priest-monk Juvenaly became the first Orthodox Christian in America to receive the crown of martyrdom.

Very little is known about the early life of Peter the Aleut, except that he was from Kodiak, and is said to have received the Christian name of Peter when he was baptized into the Orthodox Church. In 1815, a Russian ship, with a group of Aleut seal and otter hunters, including Peter, was captured by Spanish sailors off the coast of California. They were taken to San Francisco for interrogation. Under threat of torture, the Aleuts were told to deny their Orthodox faith and to convert to Roman Catholicism. Peter refused and was tortured severely and then killed. The Spanish captors were about to torture the next Aleut when orders were received to release the other Russian and Native Alaskan prisoners.

Both in their sufferings and steadfast confession of Faith, Saint Peter the Aleut and Saint Juvenaly are the equals of the martyrs of old, and of the New Martyrs who have shone forth in more recent times.

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### Great Martyr Eustathios & Family – September 20



On September 20, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, and commemorate holy Great-martyr Eustathios, Theopiste his wife, and their two sons Agapios and Theopistos.

#### *Verses*

*A bronze bull cauldron took the life of the household of Eustathios;  
And, O Word of God, You saved them all.*

*On the twentieth, the lives of Eustathios and his family were taken by fire.*

Before his baptism, Eustathios was an illustrious Roman general named Placidus in the second century. While hunting in the country one day, he was converted to the faith of Christ through the apparition of an uncommonly majestic stag, between whose antlers he saw the Cross of Christ, and through which the Lord spoke to him with a human voice. Upon returning home, he learned that his wife Tatiana also had a similar vision. They sought out the Christian Bishop and were baptized, Placidus receiving the name Eustathios, and Tatiana the name Theopiste; their two sons were baptized Agapios and Theopistos. Soon after, Theopiste was abducted by a ship captain, and the two sons were dragged off into the wilderness by wild beasts. After many years, through God's great mercy, the entire family was miraculously reunited. Refusing to renounce their faith, the family was subjected to torturous trials such as Job endured. When the family refused to sacrifice to the idols - a public sacrifice from which no Roman general could be absent - the Emperor Hadrian had them put into a large bronze device in the shape of a bull, which was heated with fire until they died. When their holy bodies were removed, they were found to be without harm. The martyrs suffered in the year 126.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Mount Athos; Venerable John of Crete; Martyrs Michael, prince of Chernigov, and his councilor Theodore. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto: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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