

Sunday after
Epiphany
Polyeuktos of
Armenia

Tone 4

Ephesians 4:7-13
Matthew 4:12-17

Homily by

Fr. Thomas Frizelle

Epistle Reader:

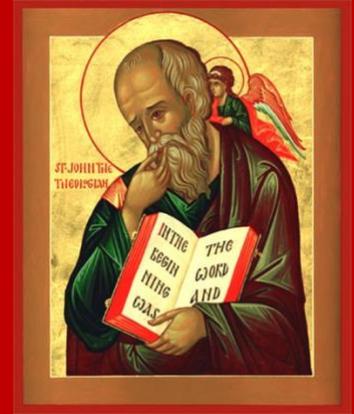
Russell Clodfelter

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 9, 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

During Divine Liturgy This Sunday

Infant Baptisms - Sunday Morning at the Beginning of Liturgy
Woodrow Fisher and Ryan Hattenburg

40-Day Memorial Service for Tom Webster at the End of Liturgy
Memory Eternal

Atrium is Suspended for Now Until Further Notice



Coffee Hour This Sunday Group 2 – January 9

Hosts Families: Haines / Jenkins

See Host Instructions [HERE](#)

Group 2: S. Alvarez, Cook, Dyal, Haines, Hoyt, Jenkins Families, Keener,
D & M Kendall, Labrecque, K & J Medders, Northey Families, Patras

* Each family in the assigned Group should **bring snacks to serve at least four families**. (A variety of healthy, delicious and not-too-messy snacks are appreciated and they don't need to be individually wrapped).

Next Sunday – January 16, 2022

Group 3: Hosts: E & H Johnson / Saur

Snacks: Amundson, Curry, Finkler, E & H Johnson, Kies, Lamb, K Medders, Peters, Saur, Streff, Snider, Sturdevant, Tsyver, Wasile

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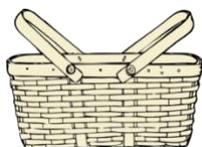
Our Parish is truly blessed to have so many faithful people support our church.

Thank you to all and glory to God.

You can find your 'Record of Contributions' in your mail box folder. (This is also a chance to look at your mail box folder if you haven't in a while.) If you are unable to pick up your copy, and would like it in an email – contact Maris Kelly at stjohnalaska@aol.com

Good Works Basket Project for January and February Refugee Assistance & Immigration Service

Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) provides a bridge for refugees from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. RAIS is currently relocating about 100 Afghan refugees into the Anchorage area. We want to support their efforts through a donation drive:



* Gift cards for Walmart, Target or Fred Meyers. *“Gift cards are a great thing for us to give to new arrivals who can then use them to buy what they desire whether it be groceries, clothes, etc!”*

Please put gift cards in the tithe box and label RAIS

Items Needed Not Listed Below: Towels and New Baking Sheets

Clothing Items: Winter coats (adult S, M), Winter gloves & hand warmers (all sizes), Winter Hats, Winter scarves, Ice cleats (sizes S, M, L), Children's clothing (for all items)

Household Items: Brooms & mops, Cleaning sponges, Dish soap, Liquid laundry detergent, Multi-purpose cleaner, Tall trash bags, Toilet plunger & brush, Vacuums, Toilet paper, Paper towels

Toiletry Items: Shampoo & conditioner, Body wash/soap, Deodorant, Hand lotion, Lip balm, Travel tissue

Miscellaneous Items: Gift Cards, Bicycles, Dining tables, Dressers, Simple board games, Oxford Picture Dictionary, Bus passes

Specific Food Items: Beans, White rice, Black tea bags, Cooking oil, Honey, Pasta, Tomato sauce, Salt & pepper

*To learn more about the Afghan relief efforts and how you can help read this

article: www.cssalaska.org/our-programs/refugee-assistance-immigration-services/afghan-relief/

*Amazon wish list for RAIS :

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/1s/31UWW3ISOW0C/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl

* Online “Wish List” [Wish List](#)

Home Blessings

A signup sheet for Epiphany Home Blessings will be available next Sunday. As Covid is beginning to rise again in our community, we will evaluate at this time the best way to do home blessings.

On Vacation

Fr. Marc & Kh. Betsy will be out of town from January 7-18 on a previously planned family trip to Maui, Hawaii. John Marc will also be out of the office and returns January 16 along with the rest of his family. Other family members will join them as well. Please pray for their safe travels.

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 stjohnalaska@aol.com

A Letter from John and Anjali Haley...



As we take down frames and start selling things. We think of all the memories we have made with our Alaskan friends/family.

Working with many folks in the St. John's community, through out these past few years, has been an adventure and many lessons learned.

We would like to say thank you to everyone, who not only helped us for our wedding, but watched us grow as a little family. We plan to go down to the lower 48 sometime in March. We will be spending some time in NYC/MD. (Anjali) also walks in April 2022 for graduation, fingers crossed.

We will eventually settle down in North Carolina and make it our new home for now.

P.s. We also ask for positive thoughts for our family during this time of change.

With love From -John Anjali, Liam, Aaron & Savannah.



Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week



January 13 - Jane Lamb
January 13 - Laura Temple

January 14 - Joey Finkler

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday readers will meet this coming week at 10am at JoAnn Webster's home.



Anniversaries in Week

Tim & Tanna Terrell - January 9, 2005
Eric & Hannah Johnson - January 13, 2010

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

*Karina Lindblom
Eloise Lamb
Tom Johnson
Mary Ann Northey
Will Klatt
Margaret Grasse*

*Jennifer Medders
Preston Collier
Mother Galina
Teri Van Dyke
Jim Forest
Katie Jones*

Please pray also for our own parish during this time as we are entering a new surge of Covid infections. In the last two weeks, five families in our parish have been infected with Covid. We will continue as well to pray for our greater community and our state and our nation and the world.

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



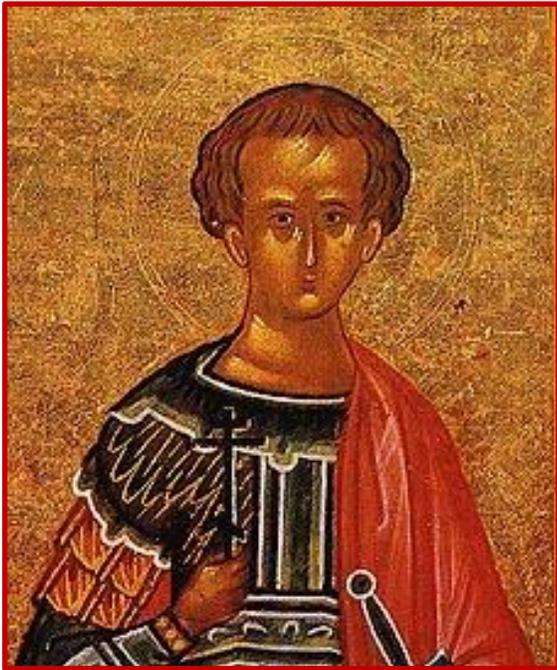
- * Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012
- * Khouria Barbara Ann Dunaway - January 25, 2011
- * Infant Mark David McIlrath - January 25, 1986

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 **January**— our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, January 22. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.

THE SYNAXARION



Polyeuktos of Armenia - January 9

On January 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, the third day of the Post-feast of Christ's Epiphany, we commemorate the holy Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitene, in Armenia.

Verses

*Polyeuktos, whose passion was beheading,
Through much prayer had Your grace to suffer, O
Word.*

*On the ninth, the stroke of the sword on Polyeuktos
gave You glory.*

Polyeuktos was an officer in the Armenian city of Melitene. His close friend, Nearchus, was a fellow-soldier and a firm Christian. However, Polyeuktos, although leading a virtuous life, remained a pagan. When a decree went out from the Emperor Valerian, which required everyone to worship idols or be killed, Nearchus prepared himself for death. On the following day, Polyeuktos related to Nearchus a dream which he just had: the Lord Himself had appeared to him in light, stripped his old clothing from him, clothed him in new and shining garments and set him upon the saddle of a winged horse. This dream had a dynamic and immediate effect on Polyeuktos. He was baptized, and then went off to the town, tore up the royal edict and smashed many statues of idols. His father-in-law, Felix, who was the magistrate, and was responsible for enforcing the imperial edict, was horrified at what Saint Polyeuktos had done and advised him to obey the imperial edict. Polyeuktos told him that we must obey God rather than men. Felix declared that Polyeuktos must die for this. "Go then, bid farewell to your wife and children," he said. His wife, Paulina, wept and urged her husband to renounce Christ. Felix, his father-in-law, also wept, but Saint Polyeuktos remained steadfast in his resolve to suffer for Christ. The blood of Polyeuktos was spilled in the year 259. His friend, Nearchus, later became a martyr for Christ in the fire.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Eustratios the wonderworker; New-martyr Parthenas; and Philip, metropolitan of Moscow. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.