

9th Sunday after
Pentecost

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I Corinthians 3:9-17  
Matthew 14:22-34

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

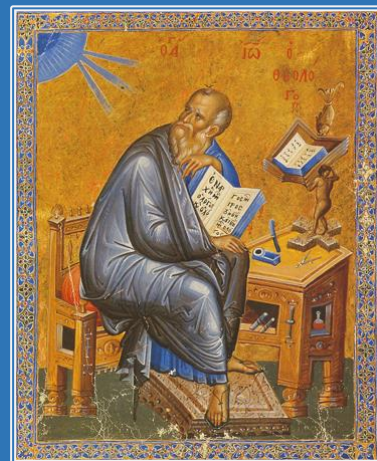
No Coffee Hour

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 2, 2026
And the Days Following

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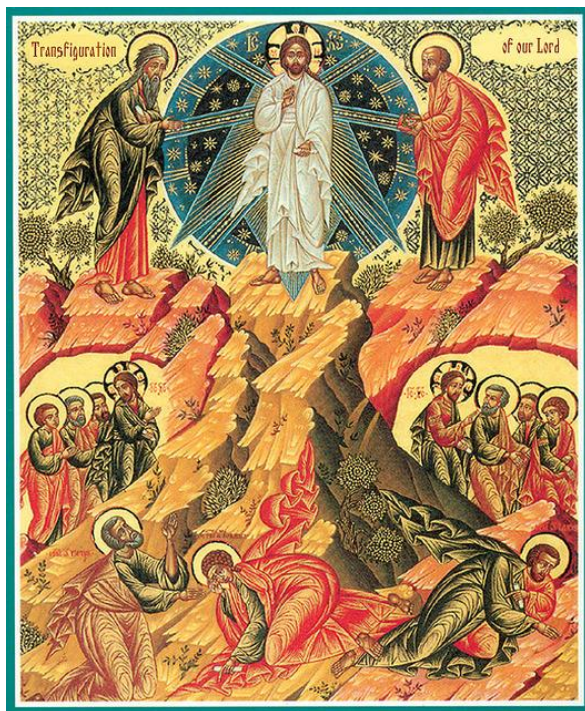


*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## Feast Days and Services

### The “Dormition” Fast - August 1-15

This fasting season centers around two summer Feast Days: The Transfiguration of Our Lord on August 6 and the Falling-Asleep, “Dormition,” of the Mother of God on August 15. As with every fasting season, the aim is to help us spiritually focus and prepare to celebrate these Feast Days. For us at Saint John’s this fast has also become part of our Eagle River Institute week. The fasting during this season, strictly speaking, is the same as the Lenten Fast, with some lessening on weekends and the Feast Days.



### Feast of the Transfiguration Thursday, August 6

*Matins at St. Sergius Chapel for the  
Forefeast of Transfiguration  
Wednesday, August 5 at 9:00am*

*Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the  
Feast Wednesday, August 5 at  
6:15pm*

## *Parish Events and News*

# **EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2026**

## **Overall Title for 2026: How We Live**

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***Please Note: On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – A light lunch will be available after Dr. Irina's talk at 1:00pm***

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| <b>Friday, July 31</b><br>7:15pm – Paraklesis                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Tuesday, August 4</b><br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina Paert<br>Meal following<br>7:30-9pm – Dr. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak                          |
| <b>Saturday, August 1 – Dormition Fast Begins</b><br>9:30-11am – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak<br>Break with snack<br>11:30am– 1pm – Dr. Irina Paert<br>Light Lunch will follow<br>7:15pm – Great Vespers | <b>Wednesday, August 5</b><br>9:00 Matins at Saint Sergius Chapel<br>6:15pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord |
| <b>Sunday, August 2</b><br>9:15am – Matins, 10am – Divine Liturgy<br>3-4:30pm – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak<br>Break with snack<br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina Paert                                           | <b>Thursday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration</b>                                                                                                |
| <b>Monday, August 3</b><br>5-6:30pm – Dr. Irina<br>Meal following<br>7:30-9pm – Dn. Perry Hamalis & Dr. Gayle Woloschak                                                                                             | <b>August 7-9</b><br>Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island – OCA Alaska Diocese                                                                 |

## *No Coffee Hour This Sunday – August 2, 2026*



## *Next Sunday – August 9, 2026*

***Next Sunday – Group Luke (2) – August 9, 2026 – Hosts: Scherer / A & J Temple***

***Snacks: Agnew, Arnold, Bower, Davisson, Drennan, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hoyt, J. Jenkins, M & M Jones, D & M Kendall, Komar, Lindblom, K Medders, L & M Mellor, G. Moses, Peters, Saur, Snider, Sturdevant, N. Temple, Tysver, Vermeylon, Villafanna, Wells***

***Notes from Jennifer Gillquist:***

***Coffee hour hosts: If you cannot host on your assigned day, please find your own replacement and then let me know if the change ASAP. Initial set up can be done the evening before.***

## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

August 3 - Kyra Lineer

August 5 - Kyle Hawi

August 5 - Laurie Snider

August 7 - Georgianna Moses

August 8 - Isaac Kies

August 8 - Josephine Stiehr

August 9 - Stina Dozier

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



### *Anniversaries This Week*

Kerry & Gwyn Jones - August 2, 1979

Sam & Jenny Stogsdill - August 6, 1977

Brian & Sylvia Okuley - August 6, 2006

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### *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, 1023

\* Richard Eckert - August 29, 2013

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Sam Stogsdill*

*Ann Patras*

*Travis Cook*

*Maris Kelly*

*Sylvia Villafana*

*Matt Komar*

*Ben Polson*

*For those suffering from the devastation of war*

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

For the Month of **August** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 22, 2026.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Protomartyr Stephen, Translation of Relics – August 2



On August 2, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the recovery of the sacred relics of the holy Proto-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen.

#### *Verses*

*O Jerusalem, you are the habitation of many strange and divine things*

*So, the Church now offers up the sacred relics of Stephen. Then on the second Stephen's body was transferred to the holy city of Constantinople.*

When the wicked Jewish leaders stoned Stephen to death, they left his body for the dogs to eat. After two nights Paul's teacher, Gamaliel, and a secret follower of Christ, came and took Stephen's body to Caphar Gamala, and buried it there in a cave. Eventually, Gamaliel, along with his friend Nicodemus, and his nephew Abibos, were laid to rest in the same cave. The graves were forgotten, but in 415, in the time of Patriarch John of Jerusalem, Gamaliel appeared three times in a dream to the Priest Lucian, in Caphar Gamala, and told him the exact location of the burial place. With the Patriarch's blessing, Lucian and others dug up the graves. A strong and fragrant odor from the relics of these saints filled the cave. The relics of St. Stephen were solemnly moved to Jerusalem and buried there with sacred ceremony. The relics of the others were taken to a high place above the cave and there laid to rest in a church. Later, Stephen's healing relics were transferred to the holy city of Constantinople.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Photini the wonderworker of Carpasia in Cyprus; and Blessed Basil the fool-for-Christ, wonderworker of Moscow. By their holy intercessions, O 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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