

9th Sunday after
Pentecost
Postfeast
Transfiguration

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Matthew 14:22-34

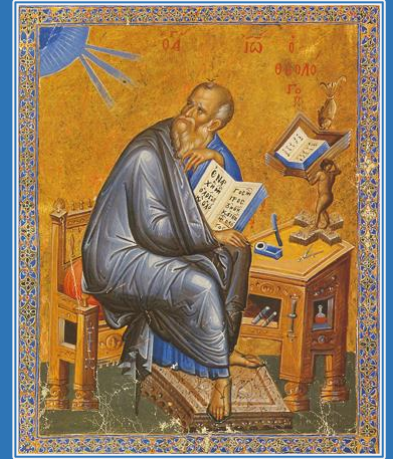
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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway
Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Kies / Davisson

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 10, 2025
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



### Feast of the Dormition

#### The Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God – August 15

**Service Schedule: Vespers Divine Liturgy, Thursday, Aug 14 at 6:15pm**

It is our tradition to bring flowers from our gardens to decorate the Cathedral for this Feast Day and place in front of the Icons. (If you bring your own vases, please put a label on the bottom and they will be put aside in the Narthex at the end of the week. Blue is the color theme for the Feast Day.)

Divine Liturgy on Thursday night will end our fast of the Dormition.

## Parish Events and News

### Infant Baptisms - Next Sunday, August 17

We will baptize Leisel Jean Scherer, Rose Marian Alexander and Alice Magdalene Oliveria.



### Beginning of the New Liturgical Year (Indiction) – September 1

#### New 2025/2026 Liturgical Calendars Available

St. John's Liturgical Calendar is now posted on our Website under the Bulletin Section and some copies are located in the Narthex.

### Coffee Hour – Information Needed for New Host Schedule Coming Up

"I will be creating a new hosting schedule soon. If you know you will be out of town, please let me know and I will make sure you are not scheduled for that time. I will also update the snack groups soon as well." Thank you — Jennifer Gillquist (Prefer text at 907-632-1064, email is [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com))



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 10 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month*

**Fasting - Hosts Families: Kies / Davisson**

Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Cain, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlichting, Sturdevant, Villafana

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Next Sunday – Group C – August 17 Hosts: Kendall / Lindblom / E. Stiehr

Snacks: Arnold, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehrs, Temple, Wasile

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 cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

Volunteer Drivers are Needed for Oksana Artz to Come to Church

Drivers are needed for Oksana to attend church with us each Sunday - hope you could help. Please email Dn. Kevin or text him at 907-947-5345 for any Sunday that you could volunteer. Please see the days of needed rides. **August 10, August 17, August 24 and August 31.**

Rides Needed for Helen Gillquist

Greg and I will be traveling to Indiana for our new grandson's baptism and to see family. We are looking for replacement rides that we normally provide for Helen:

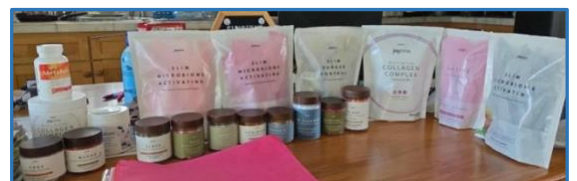
- To liturgy on 8/17 and 8/24
- To ARC of Anchorage on 8/18 and 8/25 - she needs to be there at 10:30 AM

Please contact me at 907-632-1064 (preferably text) if you can provide a ride. Thank you - Jennifer Gillquist

Come Support your Local Vendors at “Ken’s Garden Center”



“Come support your local vendors including me, Elisa Betson! This event is Saturday August 9th. Located at Ken's Garden Center, 4121 Diamond Way, in Wasilla, from 10:00 to 5:00. Hope to see you there! —I am an avid user and advocate for supplements that aid in our health and wellbeing that start with our gut microbiome using Plexus products. I will have a booth there on Saturday the 9th. It's a fun event that has many booths, including crafts and others.” Thank you — Elisa Betson



Property for Sale – Just Next Door



A unique 2.8-acre property located next to the church at [15730 Old Glenn Hwy, Eagle River](#) is now available for private sale. This versatile parcel includes:

- An artesian well – a rare and valuable water source in our area
- Two rental homes
- A 24' x 40' shop/garage
- A gravel pad prepped for commercial storage
- B3 zoning for flexible use

The property will be listed soon for \$890,000, but I'm open to early, private offers from those in the church community.

For more information, please contact: Patty Bailey-Ruiz 📞 907-250-7591

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

August 12 - Gordon Hoyt

August 13 - Jesse Stiehr

August 17 - Moses Labrecque

August 17 - Woodrow Fisher

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Anniversaries This Week

Sbdn. Chris & Jessica Kies - August 16, 2009

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Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001
- * Preston Collier - August 16, 2023
- * Kh. Lynn Moffatt - August 16, 2023
- * Richard Eckert - August 29, 2013

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

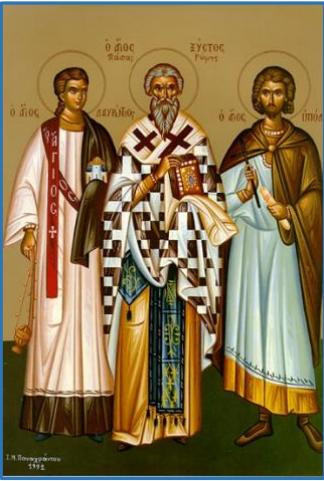
Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each MONTH

For the Month of **AUGUST** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, Aug. 23. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Archdeacon Laurence & Sixtus of Rome – August 10



On August 10, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome, Hieromartyr **Sixtus**, bishop of Rome and those with them.

Verses

*Laurels to Laurence, both the fisherman and the catch of Christ,
who was tortured on a fiery griddle.*

*On the tenth of August, they burned Laurence like a fish.
And O Bishop Sixtus, you willingly suffered the sword for the One
Who worked six days and rested on the seventh.*

Emperor Decius was determined to destroy Christianity and Bishop Sixtus was quickly brought to trial with two of his deacons. Sixtus foretold to the Archdeacon Laurence that he would die for Christ soon thereafter, so Laurence placed all his affairs and the affairs of the church in order. As soon as they had beheaded Sixtus and his deacons, Laurence was apprehended. Immediately before his martyrdom, Laurence safeguarded the church valuables and healed four people. Laurence refused to deny Christ and advised Emperor Decius to reject his false gods. Decius refused, and Laurence was beaten, and then placed on a gridiron over a fire. Roasting in the fire, Laurence thanked God and mocked the emperor for his paganism. Laurence gave up his pure and heroic soul to God on August 10, 258.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Laurence of Kaluga, the Fool for Christ. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Canonization Herman of Alaska – August 9

On August 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the canonization of our righteous Father Herman of Alaska, Enlightener of the Aleuts, who reposed in peace in the year 1837.

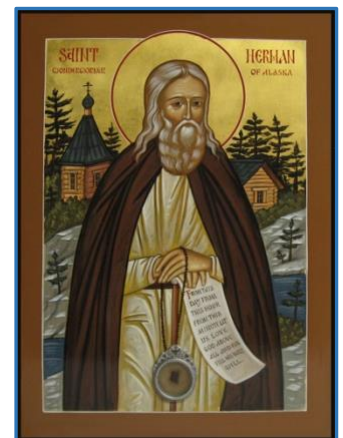
Verses

Having stripped off the old man with many labors,

To the new world came Herman as an Apostle.

On the thirteenth, Herman shone like Alaskan gold.

Herman was born in the town of Serpukhov in the Moscow Diocese around 1756. At age 16, he entered Russian Orthodox monastic life at the Holy Trinity - St. Sergius Hermitage near St. Petersburg. Later, he moved to the Valaam Monastery. During this time, the head of the Golikov-Shelikov Company, Gregory Shelikov, visited Valaam and made a request for several monks to begin a mission into the Alaskan territory. Father Herman was selected, along with seven other monks.



They arrived on Kodiak Island on September 24, 1794. The monks educated and converted the Aleuts and native Alaskans and, as time progressed, they found themselves protecting the natives from exploitation and abuse. Because of this moral stance the monks themselves were abused, arrested and physically threatened. In time, enduring hardship, inclement weather, illness and more, Herman stood as the only remainder from the original band of missionaries. Father Herman felt it his duty to protect the native Aleuts from exploitation. He defended them against the often-cruel treatment of those who controlled the colony, which he documented and presented to the governors of the colony. The natives regarded him as their intercessor before God. Once when there was a tidal wave on the Island, Herman took an icon of the Theotokos, placed it on the beach and assured the people that the water would not rise beyond the place where the icon was, and it did not. Another time, when there was a great fire on the island, he dug a trench and stayed the flames. Prior to his death he foretold that there would be no priest to bury him and that he would be forgotten for 30 years. He died on December 13, 1837, and was forgotten until the first investigation of his life in 1867 by Bishop Peter of Alaska.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: 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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