

29th Sunday after
Pentecost
Tone 8

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Colossians 3:4-11  
Luke 17:12-19

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Homily by
Fr. Robert Polson

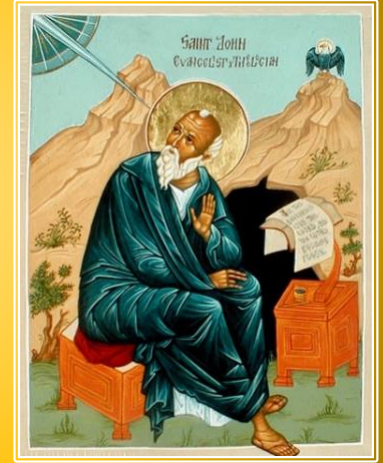
Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:
E & H Johnson /
Lowry

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 21, 2024
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

Soon to Begin the Process of Hiring a Parish Administrator

After many discussions the Parish Council is preparing to move ahead with creating and hiring a position of Parish Administrator for Saint John's. We hope to post the job description and hiring process by February 1, with the aim to fill the position by April 1. We will also have a general Church Family Meeting soon to further describe and explain this new position.

New Speaker System for Homilies

A new amplification system was installed in our Cathedral this week. This will first be used to better amplify homilies given from the pulpit. We will also experiment using it at the Altar. As with any new technology, we expect it will take some practice to get it right. So please be patient with any glitches and share your suggestions with John Marc Dunaway. - Fr. Marc

Thursday Night Talks - with Nathan and Gabriela Hoppe – Jan. 25

This coming Thursday night we will be privileged to have missionaries, Nathan, and Gabriela Hoppe, join us for our discussions. Nathan visited our Cathedral last September for a conference sponsored by the Lausanne Orthodox Initiative. Nathan sent me two articles we could use for discussion. They are both fairly lengthy and I am not sure which one he will choose to highlight for discussion. Either way, the articles are excellent and stem from his many years of dedicated work in Albania. The two articles are "Mission in Christ's Way" by Archbishop Anastasios and the Introduction from a book Nathan is working on, "Fostering Local Eucharistic Communities." These articles and more information about Thursday Night Talks can be found online [here](#). Note that we do not provide printed copies of articles, so please come prepared to view them on your own device or print your own copy.

**There Will Not be a Tuesday Inquirer/Catechism Class this Tuesday
Due to a Scheduled Parish Council Meeting**



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.

Coffee Hour This Sunday - January 21, 2024

Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: E & H Johnson / Lowry

Snacks: Amundson, Arnold, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, V & L Temple, Wasile

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**Next Sunday – Group D – January 28 - Hosts: Kies / I. Temple**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr.M & B Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster



## St. John's School Weekly News



## Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser Dinner

**February 18 at 5:30pm**

St. John's School is having a Hawaiian-themed fundraiser dinner on Sunday, February 18 in our Cathedral basement. This was a tradition of our School pre-Covid, and will be the first time for us to have a dinner like this in several years.

It will be a fun and family-oriented event, and an opportunity to raise money to support our School. Beginning at 5:30pm we will have children's activities at the school, allowing adults a time to gather in the basement, have appetizers, and look at silent auction items. Dinner will be served about 6:15pm.

Tickets for the dinner are: \$35 for adults and \$25 for kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We can only seat about 200 people. There will also be a silent auction and a raffle for two Alaska Airline tickets. Raffle tickets are \$20. Call the School office soon and talk to Kali Macalino to reserve your dinner tickets, or to buy a raffle ticket 907-696-3920.

## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Little Flock](#)

Many thanks to the parishes that submitted pictures of Theophany celebrations. The collection received enthusiastic reviews on social media: [Theophany 2024 Celebrations Across the Archdiocese](#)

Video of a Cross Throw: [Cross Throw](#)

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you’d like to share? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

## Dates to Remember

### Monday ‘Moms with Kids’ Reading Group

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### Monday Evening Reading Group

The evening reading group will meet Mondays at 6:30pm in the “Reading Room.”



### Thursday Reading Group

We will meet Thursday at the Chugiak Senior Center at 10am

## Birthdays This Week

January 21 - Kerry Jones

January 21 - Sloan Medders

January 21 - Valorie Sparks

January 23 - Harold Davis

January 23 - Sarah Drennan

January 23 - Leland Scherer

January 25 - Khafani Abel

January 25 - Olivia Gillquist

January 26 - Macrina Labrecque

January 27 - Tim Mellor

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*







### *Anniversaries this Week*

Michael & Megan Jones - January 22, 2012

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*

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



\* Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012

\* Kh. 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 !*



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Judi Hoyt  
Jan Northey  
Rollie Gillquist  
Amy Jenkins*

*Eloise Lamb  
Kerry Jones  
Tisha Dunham  
Elisa Betson  
Gale Armstrong*

*We will continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

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

For the Month of **JANUARY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, January 27, 2024.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto: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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## THE SYNAXARION

### Maximos the Confessor – January 21



On January 21, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous Father Maximos the Confessor.

#### Verses

*Being severely tortured and disfigured, you were made whole;  
And into God's hands, O Maximos, you present your soul.  
On the twenty-first, the voice of Maximos was made silent on  
earth.*

Maximos was born in Constantinople. First, he was a high-ranking official for Emperor Heraclius and, after that, a monk and abbot of a monastery close to Constantinople. He was the greatest defender of Orthodoxy against the so-called Monothelite heresy which proceeded from the heresy of Eutyches. This heretic claimed that there is only one nature in Christ (Monophysitism), so the Monothelites claimed that there is only one will in Christ (Monothelitism). Maximos openly opposed this heresy and found himself as an opponent of the emperor and the patriarch. Maximos did not frighten easily but endured to the end in preaching that there were two wills as well as two natures in Christ. Because of these efforts, a council was held in Carthage and another in Rome. Both councils anathematized the teachings of the Monothelites. Maximos suffered greatly for Orthodoxy: he was tortured by princes, deceived by church officials and bishops, spat upon by the masses of the people, beaten by soldiers, exiled, imprisoned, until finally, with a severed tongue and hand, he was condemned to exile for the rest of his life where he spent three years in prison and gave up his soul to God in the mid-seventh century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Neophytos of Nicaea; Venerable Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily; and Venerable Maximos the Greek of Russia.

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

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