

*Sunday after the  
Cross  
Tone 6*

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

*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders*

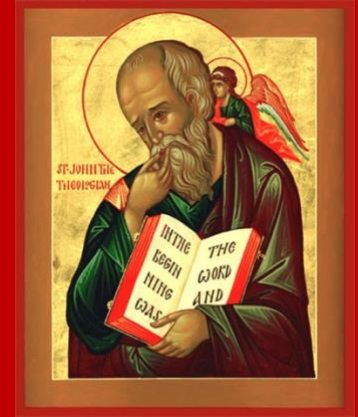
*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Johnson, E & H /  
Medders Families*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, September 17, 2023*

*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*

#### **Important Church Family Meeting on Saturday Evening September 30 at 7:15pm after Early Vespers at 6:15pm**

This will be an important meeting to discuss various parish issues. Note that we will start Vespers at 6:15pm that Saturday night and have the Church Family meeting immediately afterward at 7:15pm. More information will be coming.

#### **Inquirer/Catechism Classes Begin October 3**

These informal classes will be held at Fr. Marc and Betsy's home on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm, beginning October 3. They are intended for all our catechumens, but they are also for open to any others who want to check out the Orthodox Church or to learn more about its beliefs and practices. So please feel free to invite friends and family members who might want to attend. We will use Metropolitan Kallistos Ware's book, The Orthodox Church, as a framework for these classes. A schedule of dates and topics, along with a sign-up sheet, is available on the table in the narthex.

#### **St. John's Youth Group – Grades 7-12 – Tuesday Evenings**

Youth group will meet Tuesday evenings this fall. Each Tuesday we will meet from 6:30 until 8:00pm to eat dinner together, play games, and discuss important topics from an Orthodox Christian perspective. All Jr. High and Highschoolers are welcome.

I look forward to seeing you all there. You can call us with any questions at (907) 317-9549. —John Marc and Bethany Dunaway



#### **Kid's Fun Run Saturday Sept 23rd at 3pm**

All kids are invited to "Fun Run Races" on Saturday Sept 23rd at 3pm at the Church lawn! Races for all ages etc. Enjoy. Call Dn. Kevin at 907-947-5345 for questions.



## St. James House News



### Young Adult Brunch – Sunday, September 17

Young Adult Brunch at the St. James House. All post-high school age young adults are invited to brunch after liturgy today at 1PM.

### Come and Say Farewell to the Potts Family

#### At the St. James House – Wednesday, September 20th

Stop by anytime between 6pm-8pm to say, “See ya later” to the Potts family and Susanna, before they move to their new home in Kentucky. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. Tea will be provided by SJH.



### Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 17, 2023 Group C - 3rd Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Johnson, E & H / Medders Families**

*Next Sunday – Group C – September 17, 2023*

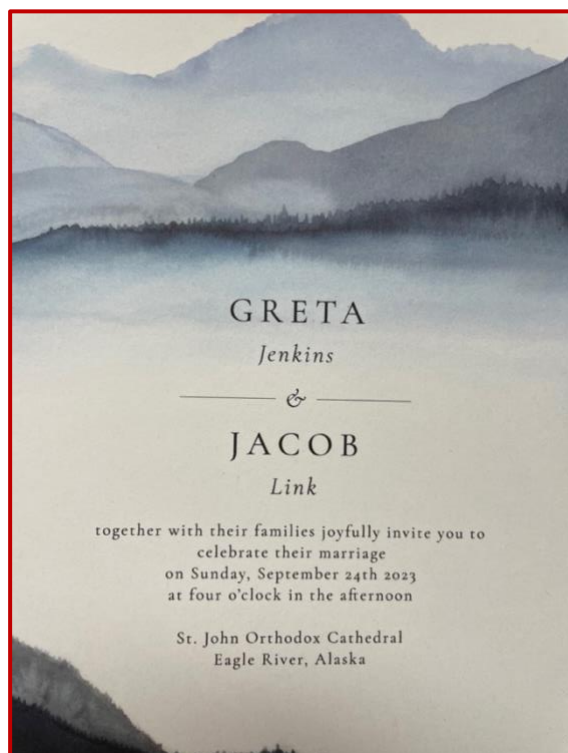
*Hosts: Johnson, E & H / Medders Families*

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

**Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.**

*Next Sunday – Group D – September 24*      *Hosts: Stogsdill / Haines*

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



*Wedding  
Greta Jenkins*

*&*

*Jacob Link*

*Sunday, September 24 at 4:00pm*

*The wedding reception is being held at a different location, which is a smaller venue, and therefore is limited to family and a few friends. We are grateful to everyone for your prayers and support.*

## 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)



Christi Barr, daughter of Fr. David and Kh. Luanne (Dunaway) Barr will be visiting here Alaska family and staying with her great aunt, Phebe Dyal. Christi is currently the parish administrator for Saint Ignatius Church in Tennessee.

### Free Treadmill

FREE TREADMILL - If anybody would like a free treadmill text David Badke at (907) 214-0495

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

September 17 - Hannah Johnson  
September 18 - Stan Snider  
September 18 - Melinda Kendall  
September 22 - Myles Kelly

September 23 - Dirk Moffatt  
September 23 - Janet Hawi  
September 24 - Ann Patras  
September 24 - Ben Labrecque

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



### Thursday Reading Group

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

## *Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group*

Calling all moms with babies and toddlers! Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area. How much we read each week depends on moods of little ones. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



## *Anniversaries This Week*

Stephen & Kali Macalino - September 20, 1992

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

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



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Al John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant 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 !*



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Ruth Templeton  
Jan Northey  
Tisha Dunham  
Gale Armstrong*

*Eloise Lamb  
Margaret Grasse  
Kh. Sally Howell  
Gordon Hoyt  
Fr. Michael Molloy  
Kyra Lineer*

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

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

**We need someone to bake 24 potatoes every 4th Saturday of the month for the Clare house.** Please contact Cara Fletes for details! [Caramia1984@gmail.com](mailto:Caramia1984@gmail.com) or 907-854-6632



## THE SYNAXARION

Sophia, Faith, Love, and Hope – September 17



On September 17, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross; and we commemorate the Martyrs Sophia and her daughters Faith, Love and Hope.

### *Verses*

*When Sophia's Faith, Hope, and Love were beheaded,  
Then was wisdom justified of all her children.  
On the seventeenth, they beheaded Love, Faith, and Hope.*

This blessed family lived and suffered in Rome during the reign of Emperor Hadrian. Sophia was wise, as her name implies; she was widowed, and had established herself and her daughters well in the Christian Faith.

When Hadrian's persecuting hand extended over the virtuous home of Sophia, Faith was only twelve years old; Hope was ten; and Love was nine. Brought before the emperor, these four held each other's hands "like a woven wreath," humbly but steadfastly confessed their faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifices to the pagan idol Artemis. Before their suffering, the mother encouraged her daughters to endure to the end: "Your heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, is eternal health, inexpressible beauty, and eternal life. When your bodies are slain by torture, He will clothe you in incorruption and the wounds on your bodies will shine in the heavens as stars." The torturers inflicted cruel torments on each daughter and killed them. Sophia took the bodies of her daughters and honorably buried them. She remained at their grave for three days and nights, praying to God. Then she gave her spirit to God, flying off to Paradise, where the blessed souls of her daughters awaited her.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Agathokleia; Hieromartyrs Heracleides and Myron, Bishops of Tamasus in Cyprus; Venerable Anastasios Peristeron of Cyprus; and Euxiphios of Cyprus, the bishop.

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



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### **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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