

Pentecost Sunday

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*Acts 2:1-11*

*John 7:37-52; 8-12*

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Homily by

Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:

Steve Templeton

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Cook / Mee

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

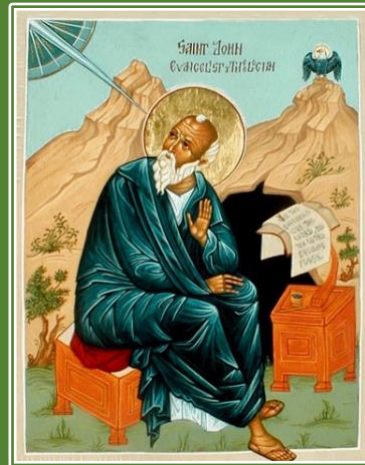


Weekly Bulletin

May 31, 2026

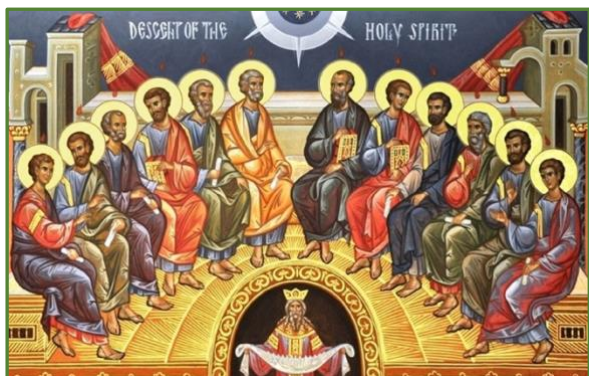
And the Days Following

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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



*Pentecost  
Descent of the Holy Spirit  
Kneeling Vespers  
This Sunday Night,  
May 31 at 6:15pm*

*June 1-6 – Pentecost Week – No Fasting*

### Parish Events and News



**Day Camp is Here  
This Week - June 3-5**

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH 2026

*Summer Day Camp*

**ALL ABOUT:  
THE SAINTS OF ALASKA**

**JUNE 3-5**  
9:30am-12:40pm  
Ages 2-12 Welcome  
Cost is \$15/camper

**LEARN, PRAY, & PLAY**  
Join us to learn about the lives of St. Herman, St. Olga, and St. Innocent through crafts, storytelling, games, and fun.

**FAMILY CAMP OUT**  
On Friday night, join us for a family camp out on the church lawn. Details to follow.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Cara Fletes  
caramia1984@gmail.com

Pay Registration Fee Here



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 31, 2026 Fifth Sunday of the Month*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – May 31, 2026 – Cook / Mee**  
Everyone Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up

***We will now have outdoor Coffee Hour starting this Sunday (pending on weather)***

*Next Sunday – Group Matthew (1) – June 7, 2026 Hosts: J & B Dunaway / J. Jenkins*

*Snacks: Abel, Amundson, Betson, Clodfelter, Culton, Curry, Dozier, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, G & J Gillquist, Grasse, G & A Ihde, Haley, Hightower, D & A Jenkins, K & G Jones, Kelly, Klatt, Lamb, Lineer, K & J Medders, Mee, Okuley, Patras, N & M Ray, Sluz, Stallman, Stogsdill, Terrell, Webster*



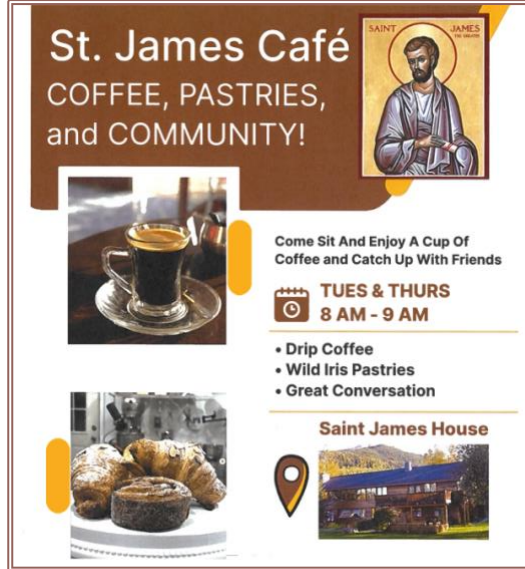
**Summer Calendars are Available in the Narthex  
and on the website under Bulletins - Click [HERE](#)**

### **05/19/26 Parish Council Meeting Summary**

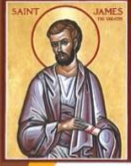
- Each PC member shared plans for the summer or something they enjoyed from this past year.
- The PC discussed having a BBQ to commemorate St. John's 40 anniversary. It will be postponed in hopes that Metropolitan Saba will visit sometime next year and could be here for the celebration.
- Marshall updated the PC on the first quarter financial status. Our finances are on track for the first quarter.
- The PC reviewed the Financial Advisory Committees by-laws and unanimously agreed to adopt them.
- Fr. Marc provided an update on the current tenants in the Maranatha House and a summary of the "Cookout and Conversation" event recently held. The Maranatha House will be vacant by mid-summer and the cookout was well attended.
- The PC reserved time during the PC meeting to discuss the cemetery guidelines, parishioners were invited to this discussion. We talked about several items but the focus was on inclusion criteria for burial at the cemetery. The cemetery committee will take feedback from this discussion and include it in the guidelines to be updated in the near future.
- The PC does not meet during the summer but instead will work in smaller groups on committee projects. Our next regular meeting will be in September.
- Please send any comments/questions/suggestions to the Parish Council at [parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org)

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## *St. John's School Weekly News*



**St. James Café**  
COFFEE, PASTRIES,  
and COMMUNITY!







Come Sit And Enjoy A Cup Of  
Coffee and Catch Up With Friends

 **TUES & THURS**  
**8 AM - 9 AM**

- Drip Coffee
- Wild Iris Pastries
- Great Conversation

**Saint James House**



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## *Local Community News*

### **2026 St. Herman Pilgrimage Schedule**

Click this [Link](#) for the information from the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Alaska

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)

### **Note from Teri Van Dyke...**

Teri Van Dyke will be taking multiple trips to Homer and back again to Eagle River this summer. If you are interested in helping her drive one way in either direction (she will be using her car) please let her know. This would be a one-way ride – as she will be staying in Homer for a bit before traveling back to Eagle River on each trip. Her first trip to Homer is Monday, June 1. If interested, please give her a call at 229-7926.

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## *Dates to Remember*

### **Save the Date!**

## **Saint John's Eagle River Institute**

**August 1-5, 2026 - Our 30<sup>th</sup> Year!**

Click [here](#) for further information on the upcoming ERI



### *Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm*

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181. (Subdn. Chris Kies will lead the group while Sam is away.)



### *Women's Reading Group - Thursdays at 10am*

The Thursday Women's Reading Group is taking our usual break to enjoy our summer. We will start back up in the fall when school resumes. —Ann Patras

### *Birthdays This Week*

June 4 - Mateo Dunaway

June 5 - Nathanael Ray

June 5 - Lucia Johnson

June 7 - Nathaniel Lourie

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



### *Anniversaries This Week*

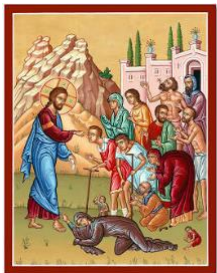
Myles & Maris Kelly - June 1, 1975

Zach & Nelly Doss - June 3, 2023

Gordon & Judi Hoyt - June 4, 1967

Benjamin & Danielle Dunaway - June 5, 2015

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



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Matt Komar*

*Sylvia Villafana*

*For those suffering from the devastation of war*

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



- \* Harold Everette Davis Jr. - June 4, 2025
- \* Miranda Marie Kelly - June 8, 1984
- \* Kh. Esther Lois Sparks - June 18, 2012
- \* Rosalie Ann Zink - June 21, 2000
- \* Ruth McLean French - June 24, 1984
- \* Andrew Kenneth Davis - June 25, 2022
- \* Brenda Joy Davis - June 28, 1994

*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 **JUNE** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, June 27.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

On May 31, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Hermias of Comana in Cappadocia and the magician Marus who believed through him.



### Pentecost

On this day - the fiftieth day after Great and Holy Pascha - we celebrate Holy Pentecost: the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the holy Disciples and Apostles in the form of tongues of fire.

#### *Verses*

*In a violent wind Christ distributes the Divine Spirit;  
In the form of fiery tongues unto the Apostles;  
In one great day, the Spirit was poured forth upon the  
Fishermen.*

Numbering about 120, the followers of the Master gathered in Jerusalem in the upper room of a house to await the Lord's promise to send the Holy Spirit. At about the third hour of the day, or 9:00 in the morning, there came a sound from Heaven as that of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the house. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak, not with the languages of their ancestors, but with another language, as the Holy Spirit inspired them and gave them utterance. When the sound of the rushing wind occurred, a large crowd of people gathered around and became very confused and amazed, because everyone heard the disciples speak in his own language. The Apostle Peter raised his voice and declared what had happened and preached the Resurrection of Christ and 3,000 people joined the Church on this, the day of its birth. Three important things take place on the Feast of Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world, the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, and the completion of the undefiled hope of the Apostles.

By the intercessions of the Holy Apostles, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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