

*Falling Asleep of the
Mother of God
(Dormition)*

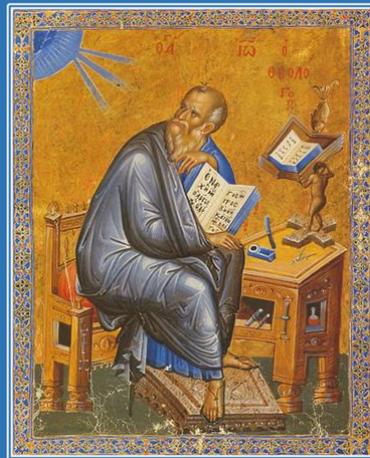
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*Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 10:38-42,  
11:27-28*

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*Homily by
Fr. Robert Polson
Epistle Reader:
Jerry Finkler
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Sturdevant / Klatt*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday, August 14, 2022
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.

Feast Days and Services

Feast of the Dormition

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

Service Schedule: Great Vespers, Saturday Aug 13 / Divine Liturgy, Sunday Aug 14.

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.

Since this great feast falls this year on a Monday, we will transfer the celebration of this Feast to the weekend services. Divine Liturgy Sunday will end our fast of the Dormition this year.



Parish Events and News



Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 14 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Sturdevant / Klatt

Snacks: Agnew, S. Alvarez, Betson, Coverdell, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hattenburg, Hoyt, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Moffatt, Parker, Peters, Peyton, N & M Ray, Schlicting, Sturdevant, Villafana.

**Please Note: Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 14 will end the Dormition fast for this year.
Bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.**

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**Next Sunday – Group C – August 21 Hosts: Medders Families / Labrecque**

Snacks: Ashcroft, Amundson, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hawi, Hunter, Johnson, Kelly, Kendall families, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Temple, Wasile

*If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement  
and inform Jennifer Gillquist at [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com)*



## Antiochian Archdiocese Monthly Newsletter

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### Here are some other Articles by Jovan Tripkovic who visited St. John's last year

1. *Once an Evangelical Church, This Alaska Parish has Become an Orthodox Hub*  
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2. *The Beatles, Bees and Orthodoxy Animated in One Man's Life (Rdr. Joe Dunham)*  
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### St. John's Bookstore

For those who might not know, JoAnn Webster has taken over management of our bookstore. Mary Greene and Mary Alice Cook are assisting her. She says, "Please let us know if there is a special book or icon you would like. My current favorite book is 'The Crucifixion of the King of Glory' by Eugenia Constantinou. Well worth adding to your library. I also plan on having Legacy Icons make small copies of Robin Armstrong's icon of St. John, the one we venerate as we enter the nave. Let me know if you would like one."—Thank you, JoAnn.

And thank you JoAnn for taking on this important task.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 2022-2023



We are very excited to start the CGS Atrium for levels 1, 2 & 3 again. There will be registration forms and an ASD calendar with highlighted dates that we will meet for Atrium.

The Sunday sessions were very successful year last year with the children having a lunch before we met at 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, so we will keep this schedule for this year as well.

We will orientate every L1 child (ages 3-6) before our Atrium starts meeting. So even if your child has been in L1 before we would like to refresh their memory

to the Atrium.

Start date is Sunday, September 11, 2022

If you have any questions, you may contact Rhonda Clodfelter (907) 727-5604 or email - [clodfeltersrj@mtaonline.net](mailto:clodfeltersrj@mtaonline.net)

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### *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 [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

## Update on Michael & Meghan Family in Fiji...

### Dear Friends & Family, We Made it to Fiji!

We have arrived safe and sound after an 11 hour flight from LA across the international date line, jumping ahead a day from Sunday to Tuesday. We landed on the Big Island of Fiji, Viti Levu at Nadi and stayed at a picturesque hotel to fulfill our mandatory 3 day quarantine.

We soon enjoyed our first coconut, decisively cut the sleeves off of the kids pjs, learned to keep a lookout for frogs when out walking at night, and befriended the hotel staff we saw each day. They became our first cultural informants, Jeffrey and Salote, who explained that while we sit at table and chairs at the hotel, Fijians traditionally eat meals on a coconut-palm woven mat just inside the door, and if anyone passes by, you invite them in to eat with you.



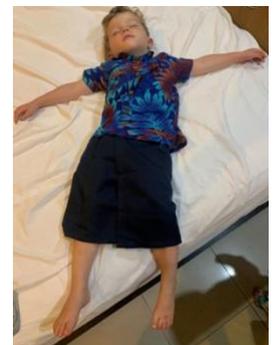
We experienced warm Fijian hospitality when we visited the St. Tabitha Home, where 14 boys and 4 girls age 10 – 17 live. Every time we came, they offered us tea or coffee and biscuits. We attended Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Saweni on Friday. We met Fr. Bartholemew, the Fijian priest, and his wife and children. Michael chanted with Fr. Bartholemew and some children from the St. Tabitha Home. We enjoyed a warm meal afterward. Our kids quickly made friends with the children.



Swimming at the Sabeto River, just a short drive from our home at the Mission Center

We are staying at the Orthodox Mission Center in Sabeto, about 15 minutes drive from the church and St Tabitha Home. It is a tiled, two-bedroom flat with a large covered patio out front where we often have neighbors to dinner. Beyond our neighbors to the left lays a great expanse of sugar cane fields which will soon be harvested and hauled by a network of small-gauge trains to the processing plant nearby

The kids are sun-kissed and well. Catherine likes the warm weather, is learning hand games from new friends, loves swimming at the beach, and is learning the Fijian Language. Stasia brought Crayola modeling clay for the plane, and Michael



used a clump to fix a leak in our gutter system. Cece invented a new game called “scuffle board” with water bottle tops and built boats for her little toy critters out of empty water bottles. Elliot is getting used to the “soggy” air and loves wearing a sulu to church instead of pants, just like all the Fijian boys. *(The picture is Elliot wearing his sulu for Pascha)*



We visited several schools hoping to find one that is a good fit for the girls. We found a very warm welcome at this one

The food is all different here. Breakfast biscuits (like Pilot Bread but smaller) and peanut butter are a staple. There is a nice selection of fresh cucumbers, eggplants, potatoes, papayas, and oranges. Cereal, cheese, milk, and even black beans taste a bit different.

Michael and I are settling in, learning how to keep house Fiji style. We hand wash our dishes and hang dry our clothes on a line outside. We are learning to drive on the left side of the road and convert pounds to kilograms, miles to kilometers, and US dollars to Fiji dollars. So much to get used to!

Many thanks to all of you who are praying for us, keeping in contact with us, and financially supporting us so that we can be here to do this work. We miss our home, family and friends, but we are also very pleased with our new home, church family and friends here in Fiji. We'll write again soon with more updates and stories from Fiji!

With Love In Christ,  
Michael & Meghan Jones  
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## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

August 17 - Moses Labrecque  
August 17 - Woodrow Fisher  
August 20 - JoAnn Webster

August 20 - George Dozier  
August 20 - Chris Lineer



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

### *Anniversaries This Week*



Sbdn. Chris & Jessica Kies - August 16, 2009  
Steve & Ruth Templeton - August 18, 2002  
Richard & Linda Peters - August 19, 1972 (50 years) Congrats!  
Jerry & Shelley Finkler - August 20, 1988

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### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Karina Lindblom  
Eloise Lamb  
Gwyn Jones  
Phebe Dyal  
Anna Haley*

*Nicholas Guio  
Preston Collier  
Jaye Keener  
Jan Northey  
Those suffering from Covid*



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



- \* Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001
- \* 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*

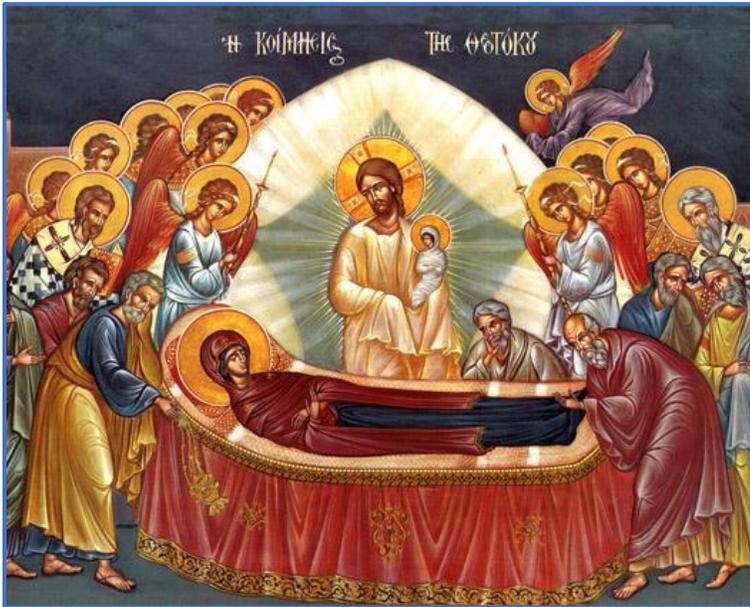
For the Month of **August** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 27.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

Dormition - August 15



On August 15, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the venerable Dormition and Translation of our supremely glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

### *Verses*

*That the world-saving Maiden died is no  
marvel,*

*Since, after the flesh, the world's Maker  
also died.*

*God's Mother lives forever, though she  
died on the fifteenth.*

The Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and revealed to her that within three days she will find repose. She returned to her home with great joy, desiring in her heart once more to see in this life, all of the Apostles of Christ. The Lord fulfilled her wish and all of the Apostles, with the exception of Thomas, were borne by angels in the clouds and gathered at the same time at the home of John on Zion. After seeing them, the Theotokos peacefully gave up her soul to God without any pain or physical illness. The Apostles took the coffin with her body from which an aromatic fragrance emitted and, in the company of many Christians, bore it to the Garden of Gethsemane to the sepulcher of her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna. Only the Apostle Thomas was absent, according to God's Providence, in order that a new and all-glorious mystery of the Holy Theotokos would again be revealed. On the third day, Thomas arrived and desired to venerate the body of the Holy All-pure one. But when the Apostles opened the sepulcher, they found only the winding sheet and the body was not in the tomb. That evening, the Theotokos appeared to the apostles surrounded by a myriad of angels and said to them: "Rejoice, I will be with you always."

By the intercessions of the Theotokos, O God, have mercy on us and save us, for You are good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

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