

22nd Sunday After
Pentecost
Raphael of Brooklyn

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Galatians 6:11-18  
Luke 16:19-31

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Homily by
Fr. Robert Polson

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

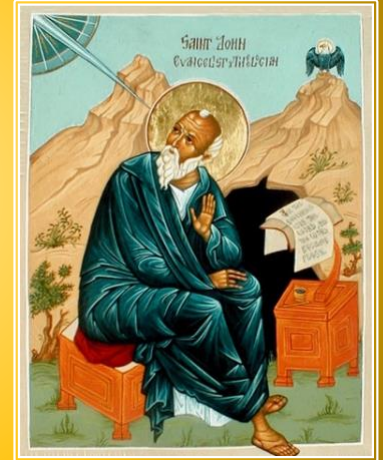
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Cook / Patras

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 5, 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



Time Change – Sunday, November 5
Fall Back...

Remember to set your clocks back one hour

Inquirer/Catechism Classes on Tuesday Evening this Fall/Winter

Next Class is November 7, 7pm-8:30pm (Class Topic: Jesus Christ)

Thursday Night Talks – Beginning Thursday Night, Nov. 9 at 6:30pm

With the kind of help of Eric and Hannah, overseers of our Saint James House, and with the encouragement of my family, I propose to host a time of somewhat-informed discussion and casual conversation around the living room fireplace about topics all Christians are challenged with in our modern world. We will approach these topics from the Orthodox perspective, but this doesn't mean we will always come to perfect conclusions on every topic. Rather we will listen and learn from others and try to have an open mind about some things. The format will be to read a short something together followed by a discussion, which I will facilitate with help from others. The introductory articles will be posted online each week, so participants may read them beforehand if they wish. I do not plan to make printed copies, so please come prepared to view them on our iPhone, iPad, or other device. These are articles I have collected over the last three or four years in hopes of being able to discuss someday.

To start we will read an article from the Anchorage Daily News published three weeks ago: "America's Nonreligious are a Growing, Diverse Phenomenon." This will be accompanied by a short article published two weeks ago in Plough Magazine by Nathan Beacom, "Places to Think with Neighbors." You will also find a list of the articles I have collected to share. Please note that these articles do not necessarily represent my view or the teaching of the Orthodox Church. I think they can provide, though, a profitable way to spend a winter evening talking with friends. [Articles for Thursday Night Talks](#)

Sisters of Mary & Martha

The Mary & Martha Leadership Team and I would like to invite you to our upcoming
General Meeting on Tuesday, Nov 7
From 6-8 pm in the Church Basement.

We've done a lot of thinking and talking, and based on your survey feedback, we're going to completely restructure how we spend our time together in these meetings. No more boring and tedious review of who is responsible for church tasks and activities. While all these things are important, moving forward, they will be coordinated by email and phone calls. This will free us up to spend more time together as Orthodox sisters focusing on fellowship and spiritual reflection. **We encourage all women of St. John Cathedral to attend our upcoming meeting and see what we have planned for you.**

—Katy Arvidson, SMMS President

St. John's Bookstore

Time to think about Christmas shopping. St John Bookstore is now stocked with packets of Christmas cards as well as new children's and teen's books - the perfect gift from grandparents! Stop by during coffee hour this week for best selection.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning. If you have any questions, you may contact Rhonda Clodfelter at 907-696-2128

Please Note: There will be no Atrium next Sunday, November 12 – due to wedding

Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering 350 Individual Boxes of Stuffing

Love INC of Eagle River and its member churches are once again coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. A complete (uncooked) turkey dinner with all the fixings will be provided to an anticipated 300 local families in need. **As is our custom, St.**

John will collect 350 (individual) boxes of stuffing. Scheduled delivery of our stuffing to Joy Lutheran is set for Sunday, November 19 when the Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn. Kevin.



Metropolitan Saba Attends Holy Synod Meeting in Damascus

A summary of this meeting by Metropolitan Saba is published on our Archdiocese website, it contains news about two new Antiochian saints. Here is a [link](#) to read the summary.



October 2023 E-News from the Antiochian Archdiocese

Click [HERE](#) for the Link

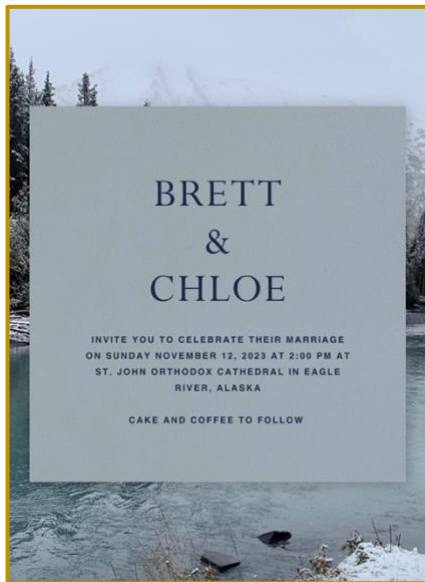


*Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 5, 2023
Group A - 1st Sunday of the Month*

Hosts Families: Cook / Patras

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells

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*No Coffee Hour on November 12, 2023  
Due to Wedding*



Wedding  
Brett Clement  
&  
Chloe French

November 12, 2023 at 2:00pm  
Cake and Coffee to follow in Church Basement

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*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)



**Help Needed for Josh & Katy Arvidson**

We are looking for help on Saturday 11th and/or 12th moving all our furniture into our garage because we are having our floors refinished. If you are available and can help, please call Josh Arvidson at 907-227-4864.

## Congratulations to Katya and Michael Mee Baby Boy Silas Xavier

Rejoice with Katya and Michael Mee, grandparents Dan and Amy Jenkins, and great-grandparents Patricia and Richard Bower. Silas Xavier was born on Nov. 1, 2023, at 3:38 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds and 12 ounces and is 21 inches long. Katya and Silas are doing fine. Thank you all for your continued prayers.



### *Dates to Remember*

#### *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.



#### *Monday Evening Reading Group*

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



#### *Thursday Reading Group*

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

## *Birthdays This Week*



November 5 - Tisha Dunham

November 7 - Katy Arvidson

November 6 - Mary Curry

November 11 - Iris Klatt

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

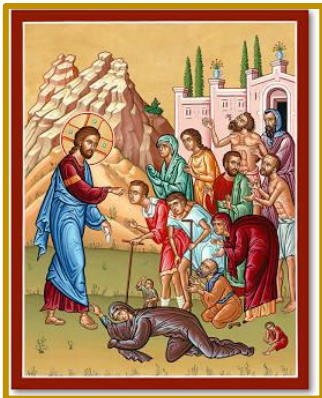
## *Anniversaries this Week*



John Marc & Bethany Dunaway - November 5, 2015

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

## *Remembering in Prayer...*



*Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Ruth Templeton  
Myles Kelly  
Jan Northey  
Katy Jones  
Kh. Sally Howell*

*Eloise Lamb  
Kerry Jones  
Tisha Dunham  
Jennifer Stogsdill  
Kyra Lineer  
Gale Armstrong*

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

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



- \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- \* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- \* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 1998
- \* Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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

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

For the Month of **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, November 25.** 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.

## THE SYNAXARION

### Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November

On the first Saturday in November in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the Saints, Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn, “good shepherd of the lost sheep in America.”



#### *Verse*

*O holy hierarch Father Raphael,  
the first to be consecrated to apostolic ministry in the New  
World,  
lift up your hands and bless your people, consecrating us,  
your inheritance,  
who consecrate this day to you.*

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Damascus, Syria, Halki, Turkey, and Kiev, Russia, Raphael found himself virtually exiled in Kazan, Russia. The young archimandrite was called to the New World by the Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Committee in New York City. He immigrated in 1895 and served under the guidance of the Russian Orthodox Mission, which at the time was the only established Orthodox hierarchy. He was technically pastor of St. Nicholas Church (later Cathedral) in Brooklyn, New York, but was, in fact, the roving pastor of several dozen tiny, isolated communities spread thinly across the continent. As a priest he crossed the continent repeatedly in the course of nine years and did so several more times after being consecrated Bishop of Brooklyn in 1905. This was the first such Orthodox consecration in North America. He established a journal entitled *al-Kalimat*, which means The Word. He used this to spread “The Word” to places he could not himself be and worked diligently at translating Greek liturgical books into Arabic. He distributed these at his own expense to communities throughout the Middle East and to refugees in the Americas, Africa, and Australasia. Thus, this “shepherd of the lost sheep” helped preserve Orthodox Christianity in those regions.

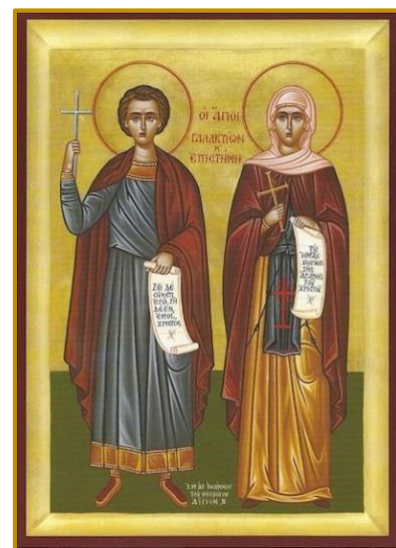
## Martyrs Galaktion & Episteme of Homs – November 5

On November 5, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyrs Galaktion and Episteme of Homs.

### *Verses*

*The sword ended the lives of the uncoupled pair,  
Who loved God more than their marital union.  
On the fifth, Episteme and Galaktion were slain as one.*

Galaktion's mother was barren until she was baptized, and after her baptism, she converted her husband to the true Faith. Their son, Galaktion, was baptized and raised in the Christian Faith. When Galaktion was old enough to marry, his father betrothed him to a pagan-born maiden named Episteme. Galaktion unwaveringly did not want to enter into marriage, and convinced Episteme to be baptized, then to be tonsured a nun at the same time that he became a monk. Galaktion withdrew to a monastery and Episteme to a convent. They dedicated their lives to labor, prayer, humility, obedience, and love. They neither left their monasteries, nor did they see one another until just before their deaths. When a fierce persecution began, they both were brought before the tribunal. The pagans mercilessly tortured the pair and beheaded them together. Their friend Eutolius, a fellow monk with Galaktion, and who had been a slave of Episteme's parents, took their bodies and honorably buried them. He later wrote of the lives of these two martyrs of Christ who received their heavenly wreaths in the year 253.



On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Patrobas and Philologos of the Seventy, and Jonah the wonderworker, archbishop of Novgorod.

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

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