

*Postfeast of Meeting  
Zacchaeus Sunday  
Tone 2*

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*1 Timothy 4:9-15  
Luke 19:1-10*

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*Homily by  
Dn. Kevin Dougherty*

*Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders*

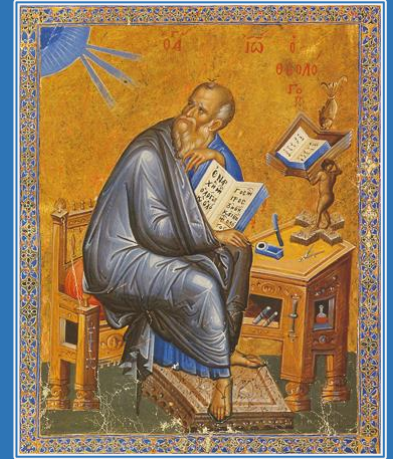
*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Patras / Bowman*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, February 4, 2024  
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.*

### *Parish Events and News*

#### **Saint John's is Seeking to Hire a Full-Time "Parish Administrator"**

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral is looking to hire a Parish Administrator to assist the Pastor in coordinating and managing the properties, ministries, and activities of our Cathedral parish in a way that serves our mission and vision, especially in the areas of community, education, and hospitality. Please share this announcement with anyone who might be interested and qualified. You can see the job description and application here: [Parish Administrator Job Description and Application](#) Printed copies are also available on the Narthex table. Applications are due February 23, 2024.

#### **New Parish Council Members Needed / Church Family Meeting**

Saint John's will have its annual Parish Family Meeting in on Saturday, March 2. We need currently to fill two positions on the Parish Council. This is an important way to serve our Parish Community. Please see the qualifications below:

**If you are willing to serve in this role, please submit your name to the Church office by phone (907) 696-2002 or by email ([stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)).**

"The Church is a community, the 'body of Christ.' As such all members of the Parish need to use their talents to contribute to the health and well-being of the whole. Those on the Parish Council assume a special role of leadership to help make important decisions and guide the parish in its ministries and good works. Offering a positive contribution with a spirit of commitment is the essential work for a healthy governing body. We need our Parish Council members to be examples of committed effort and willingness to serve.

**Qualifications:** *25 years or older; Member of parish for two years, demonstrate membership "by regularly participating in the parish's sacramental life and by regularly contributing to its temporal maintenance through the payment of dues, pledges, assessments (tithes)."*

The Parish Council regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, about 10 times a year, with allowances for Feast Days or other scheduling conflicts considered.

## Hooray! New Chairs for the Cathedral Basement



The funds collected last year to update our Church basement had just enough remaining that we were able to purchase new folding chairs. These chairs are comfortable but also easier to clean. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this remodel from the 2022 PFD.

## What Are We Doing with The Old Folding Chairs?

Come, take some chairs home, if you want them. The old folding chairs are in the Cathedral basement stacked near the stage. First, we want families in the Church to take any they want to have. These will be available for pickup in the Cathedral basement this Sunday and for the week following. By the end of next week, we will gather the remaining chairs and look for a way to sell them or give them away to someone or business that wants them. So, get them while the getting is good.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

*Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.*



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - February 4, 2024 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Patras / Bowman**

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Bowman, 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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**Next Sunday – Group B – February 11, 2024 – Hosts: Komar / Drennan**

Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davison, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana

## 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.

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



A short article from Metropolitan Saba will be published each week. These can be found in our Sunday Bulletin each week with a link to the new articles.

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [On Frequent Holy Communion, Part Two](#) Writings [Ancient Faith Today LIVE](#)

## 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)

## 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.



### Birthdays This Week

February 5 - Wesley Dunaway

February 9 - Bethany Peters

February 6 - Leonid Stiehr

February 10 - Lina Curry

February 7 - Natasha Haines

February 10 - Bob Dyal

February 7 - Christian Kies

February 10 - Jared Lindblom

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



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





## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Janet Hawi*

*Gwyn Jones*

*Judi Hoyt*

*Jan Northey*

*Gale Armstrong*

*Eloise Lamb*

*Kerry Jones*

*Tisha Dunham*

*Elisa Betson*

*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*

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



\* Steven Theodore Primis - February 3, 2001

\* Archpriest Jack Sparks - February 8, 2010

\* Phyllis Isabel Webster - February 12, 1992

\* Lynn Ellen Guio - February 17, 2019

\* Dn. Christian Timothy Sorensen - February 23, 2000

*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 **February** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, February 24, 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

### Isidore of Pelusium - February 4



On February 4, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the feast of the Meeting of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. On this day, we commemorate our righteous Father Isidore of Pelusium.

#### *Verses*

*Rejoice, O Pelusiite, yes, rejoice very greatly.  
you have stripped off the clay and attained marvelous  
gladness.*

*On the fourth, they laid Isidore in the gloomy grave.*

Isidore was a kinsman of the Alexandrian Patriarchs Theophilus and Cyril. Having studied all the secular disciplines, he renounced worldly riches and glories and devoted himself completely to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent defender and interpreter of the Orthodox Faith. Isidore wrote more than ten-thousand letters to various individuals in which he reproached, counseled, comforted, and instructed his spiritual children. In one letter Isidore writes: "It is more important to teach by a life of doing good than to preach in eloquent terms." In another, he says: "If one desires that his virtues appear great, let him consider them small and they will surely manifest themselves as great." The first and basic rule for Isidore was this: "First do, then teach according to the example of our Lord Jesus." At the time of the persecution of St. John Chrysostom when the entire population was divided into two camps; one for and one against, Isidore sided with Chrysostom. Isidore lived long, glorifying Christ the God with his life and his writings. Isidore took up habitation in the kingdom of Christ in 436.

On the Sunday which falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, Anthousa, mother of Saint John Chrysostom and Nonna, mother of Saint Gregory the Theologian.

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

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