

Thomas Sunday

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Acts 5:12-20  
John 20:19-31

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

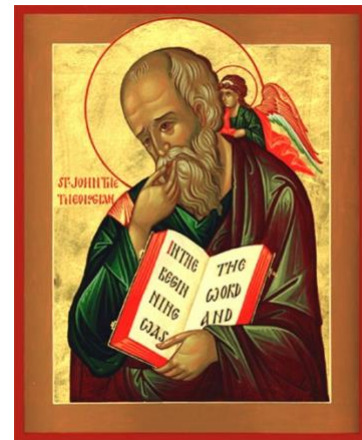
Epistle Reader:
Ben Dunaway

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Finkler / Lowry

St. John Orthodox Cathedral Weekly Bulletin



Sunday, May 12, 2024
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



Summer [Calendar](#) (May 5 - July 13) is Now Available on our website –
under Bulletins and in the Narthex
(Although it doesn't really feel like summer this week ☺)

Catechesis Training Opportunity

St. Patrick's Parish in Anchorage will be hosting a Level 1 training course June 10-15, 2024. I will be the trainer assisted by Sarah Lindamood. Cost is \$450.00 per person.

It would be wonderful to get a few new catechists at St. John's.
—Shelly Finkler.

	 <i>Catechesis of the Good Shepherd</i>
June 10-15 St. Patrick's Parish, Anchorage, AK \$450 tuition with \$50 deposit Register by emailing Beth Jones (bjones@st.patsak.org)	Level 1 Training 
	This is part A of the Level 1 training, which covers the first two years of the 3-6 year old child's time in the atrium. The training will be held from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm on June 10-15 at the Good Shepherd House at St. Patrick's Parish, 2111 Muldoon Rd., Anchorage. It will be led by formation leader Shelley Finkler and experienced catechist Sarah Lindamood.



This Saturday
Sip and See Baby Shower for
Genevieve Lorraine Bower
May 11 – 11:00am to 1:00pm
at the St. James House

Gifts are optional but we are registered [HERE](#).
 Anyone is wanting to contribute to a group gift they can give me money
 and I will take care of it.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 12
Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Finkler / Lowry

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



Next Sunday – Group C – May 19 Hosts: Kendall / Taylor

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



KID'S FUN RUN RACES for ALL
May 11 (this Saturday) at 1:15pm

All kids are invited to Fun Run Races on the St. John's Church lawn this Saturday May 11 at 1:15pm! Summer is here, so let's enjoy your healthy fun races. Some prizes will be awarded and 'Tasty Sardines' will be served for all runners! Enjoy!

— Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Women's Retreat – May 24-25
At Beach Lake Lodge

Hello! The women's retreat is quickly approaching. Next week we will have an itinerary posted. To pay the \$20 fee you can either pay online by clicking donate and then SMMS (Sister of Mary and Martha) or by putting cash or a check in the tithe box clearly labeled SMMS retreat. Just a heads up - for Friday evening's dinner we will be doing a dessert potluck. Please make or bring a dessert of your choice to share for the first night. (*we will discuss this more in the coming weeks*).

More details about speakers and schedule will be coming soon. We are so excited and are hopeful for a great weekend and turn out!



What a Wonderful Pascha Feast

It was so great to see all the children running around so happy and excited (and barefoot with warm weather)! So many people helped make this event come together. Here are some thank yous:

- * Thank you so much to Fr. Marc for setting up the outdoor space to be ready for the children's activities.
- * A huge thank you to John Marc, the Dunaways, and Marshall Alexander for spending the weekend preparing and cooking the meat. The food was incredible!
- * Thank you to Mary Ruth Alexander and Hannah Hanna for organizing the potluck, desserts, and dish clean-up crew.
- * Kitchen clean up went so smoothly and the dishes were done around 7:30pm, woo hoo!
- * Thank you to Ben Labreque and his kids for once again leading the ice cream Sundays.
- * Thank you, Ann Patras, and Liz Klatt, for assembling and putting out appetizer plates.
- * Thank you, Katy Ardivinson and Brandon Weaver, for coordinating the bouncy house set up.
- * Thank you, Kristine Lindbolm and Jennifer Saur, for organizing the Easter egg hunt.
- * Thank you to the Haines family for purchasing and organizing drinks with the help of Danielle Stevens.
- * Thank you, Tim, and Tanna Terell, for purchasing and leading the alcohol corner again and Sam Lowry for helping them.
- * Thank you to the Sniders for purchasing paper products and wrapping the silverware.
- * Thank you, Joe Dunham, for being a great Emcee!
- * Thank you, Jessica Kies, for leading folk dancing and Elisa Betson for announcing the songs.
- * Thank you to Brent Davisson for leading the Sunday evening table clean up and Derick Hanna for taking care of trash throughout the evening.
- * Thank you, Jennifer Gillquist and Hannah Johnson, for leading Bright Monday clean up and Anthony Fletes and Eric Johnson for assisting with grill clean up.
- * Thank you to Kh. Betsy and her class for scanning for trash.
- * And finally, a huge thank you again to Liz Klatt and Arianna Stallman for helping me decorate throughout the entire weekend.

There were many, many others who helped with dishes, cooking, and clean up. All the help was much appreciated.

This big of an event could not happen without the efforts of many people and we had a great celebration because of all the people who helped! Christ is Risen!

-Sydney Ihde

~ **New Phone List Available in Narthex** ~

St. John's School Weekly News

- St. John's School **End of Year Program** – Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00pm in the Church Basement



- **Last Day of School** – Friday, May 17th
- St. John's School **Summer Program** begins, June 4th.

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Biennial Orthodox Young Professionals Conference

July 5 - July 28, 2024, at the JW Marriott Resort in Anaheim, California

This conference is targeted towards young adults aged 21+ single or married. We are blessed to have Father Evan Armatas and Presbytera Stacy Armatas as our keynote speakers.

The weekend includes prayer, speaker sessions, social events, and networking with other Orthodox Young Professionals from all over North America. The theme will be focused on "Love & Relationships - God's Greatest Gift."

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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



*Emily, Noah Louis, Basil,
and James Matthews*

Congratulations to James & Emily Matthews

On the birth of their second child,
Noah Louis Matthews, born May 1st at 5:35pm,
7lbs 15ozs, 22.5in

Many Blessings to All





Orthodox Bishop in Zimbabwe Ordains
Deaconess Angelic
in Response to Local Needs in Africa

Read the [Press Release](#) from St. Phoebe Center for
the Deaconess

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

May 12 - Ian Johnson

May 13 - Meghan Jones

May 16 - Arianna Stallman

May 17 - Sally Eckert

May 17 - Cara Fletes

May 17 - Luke Mellor

May 19 - Kali Macalino

May 19 - Martha Fisher

May 19 - Olivia Fletes



M A N Y Y E A R S !

Anniversaries This Week

Jesse & Andrea Stiehr - May 14, 2000

Stephen & Valorie Sparks - May 19, 2002



Remembering in Prayer...

Janet Hawi

Judi Hoyt

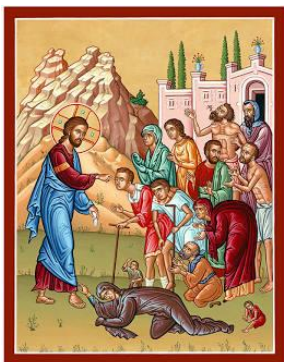
Laurie Snider

Elisa Betson

Tisha Dunham

Fr. James Bernstein

*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



- * Infant Lazarus Frizelle - May 1, 2018
- * Abner Picon - May 1, 2016
- * Presbyter Garland Peters - May 6, 1979
- * Infant Benjamin Ray - May 12, 2022

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

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.



Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

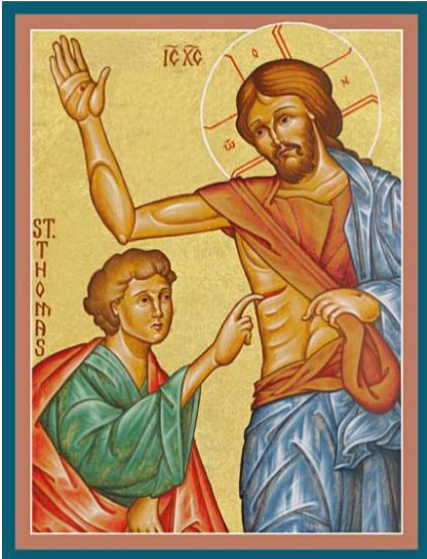
For the Month of **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, May 25. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday reading group will meet at Joann Webster's home on the 16th to celebrate 3 of our lady's birthdays. Please bring something to share for a potluck lunch.

THE SYNAXARION



Thomas Sunday

On May 12, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Germanos, patriarch of Constantinople, Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus; Venerable Theodore of Kythera; New-martyr John of Wallachia; and Hermogenes, patriarch of Moscow, prince of Pskov.

On this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, we continue with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, and the occasion of when the Holy Apostle Thomas touched the Savior's side.

Verses

*If the seals of the Virgin's womb and of the grave did not hold You back,
How could the seals of the doors hinder Your might, O Savior?*

This day is called New Sunday, Thomas Sunday, or Anti-Pascha. The last term means "in place of Pascha" because Thomas did not see for himself Christ's Resurrection and openly doubted it. We remember his doubt but do not repeat it. After this Sunday, the Church dedicated Sunday to commemorate the Resurrection.

As the Disciples were gathered together on the Sunday following the Resurrection, Jesus passed through closed doors and greeted them in His usual way, saying, "Peace be with you." He then showed them His hands, feet, and side. Jesus also ate before His Disciples and reassured them of His Resurrection. However, Thomas was not with them at that time, and insisted upon seeing the Savior's scars, the print of the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear in His side, before he would believe that Jesus was actually risen from the dead. *Eight days later, Christ appeared again to the Disciples, this time with Thomas present.* The Master told Thomas to see and feel the scars and imprints of the nails. Then Thomas immediately cried out, "My Lord and my God!" But Jesus tells His Disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." This event also clearly illustrates the human nature and the divine nature of Christ.

By the intercessions of Your Apostle Thomas, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: 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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