

*Matthew the
Evangelist
Tone 6*

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*1 Cor. 4:9-16  
Matthew 9:9-13*

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*Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Lineer / Snider*

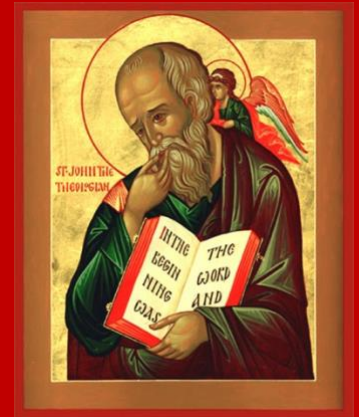
St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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*

#### **Services for Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

**Thursday, November 20**

**Baptism at 5:45pm**

**Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm**

*We will celebrate the baptism of Hilda Beatrice Justus and gather in the Narthex – 5:45pm*



This feast day, November 21, commemorates when the Theotokos was brought as a small child into the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She was received by Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.

#### **The Advent Fast – November 15 Through December 24**

The Advent Fast began November 15. *(Due to the American holiday of Thanksgiving, some begin this fast in earnest on December 1 or else they take a four-day break from the fast from Thanksgiving through the following Sunday.)*

It is usual to limit both the number of meals and the amount of food eaten. The Church's complete Rule calls for abstinence from all meat and animal products. However, fish, wine and oil may be eaten on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays, up to December 20, which is the beginning of the Forefeast, the "Holy Week" before Christmas. After December 20 the fast should become more rigorous. The strict fast of Christmas Eve is broken by a fasting meal after the evening Liturgy. *(Note: When Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday or Sunday it is not a strict fast day but is kept as any regular fasting day in Advent).* There is no fasting on Christmas Day up to the Eve of Epiphany.



## *Parish Events and News*

**Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity**  
**No Class this Thursday, November 20** [Schedule](#)



### **Youth Group-Tuesday Nights-6:30-8pm at the St. James House**

We'll have dinner together at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm. —John Marc and Bethany Dunaway (907) 317-9549.



### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* **Atrium Classes on Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm**



### **Children's Choir Practice This Sunday at 12pm**

Children ages 4 through high school are welcome to join the Children's Choir. We will begin practice this Sunday for St. Nicholas Day and Christmas at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Kies. We hope to see you!

### **Out of Office**

Maris Kelly will be out of the church office for one week, from Nov. 19 through Nov. 27. Send in Bulletin Announcement to [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) as usual and for reimbursements, contact Tim Mellor



### **Thanksgiving Offering - 200 Individual Boxes of Stuffing**

We are signed up to collect 200 (*individual*) boxes of stuffing before the scheduled delivery to Joy Lutheran on Sunday, November 23rd. Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn. Kevin.

### **St John's Bookstore**

Now Available at our Bookstore

*A Year with the Akathist of Thanksgiving*

2026 Orthodox Children's Calendar with Activities and recipes

### **Jennifer Gillquist is Collecting Donations to help BEANS CAFÉ for Flood Evacuees and the Homeless Population they Serve**

Rice, Meat: (*fresh, frozen, canned, or pouched*), Shelf-stable foods: (*canned proteins, beans, soups, vegetables, pasta, boxed meals, etc.*), Family staples: (*peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars*)  
Thank you for the tremendous support to provide to Beans Cafe with extra food for the flood evacuees. I made a delivery on Monday and will continue to do so as long as donations are being brought. -Jennifer



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 16, 2025* *Group C - Third Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Lineer / Snider**

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

**~ Please bring Fasting Foods During Advent Fasting Season – November 15 to December 24 ~**

*Next Sunday – Group D – November 23      Hosts: Kendall / A & J Temple*

*Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr. M & Kh. B Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster*

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Impressions of a Visit, Part One](#)  
[Impressions of a Visit, Part Two](#)

### [On Converts to Orthodoxy](#)

Presentation to the 14th Meeting of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America

By His Eminence Metropolitan Saba Isper, Denver, Colorado – Friday, November 7, 2025

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## *Local Community News*

### **Pies Please**



Heart to Heart is seeking donated pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup Fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Homemade pies are preferred, but fresh bakery pies are welcome. Pies may either be dropped off Monday evening 6-8pm at Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Resource Center (16941 N Eagle River Loop Road) or anytime Tuesday during the event, which starts at Jitters at 8 a.m. Bring a pie and pick up a pie! Prizes will be awarded to piemakers in various categories.

### **Thanksgiving Pie Sale Benefit**

Stop by Jitters or Odd Man Rush on the Tuesday (Nov. 25) before Turkey Day and pick up fresh homemade pies for your Thanksgiving gatherings! This annual pie sale fundraiser benefiting Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center runs all day Nov. 25, from 8am-3pm at Jitters and 4-8pm at Odd Man Rush. All proceeds benefit Heart to Heart and families in need.

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **Rides Needed for Oksana Atrz to Get to Church**

Please consider if you could drive Oksana to church on one of the following Sundays of the 8 weeks listed. It would be especially helpful if we had 8, or several drivers, to cover the need.

And it is awesome for us all to help gather the church together for Divine Liturgy!

Please let Dn. Kevin know which dates you can cover. He is at [doughertykb@yahoo.com](mailto:doughertykb@yahoo.com) or 907-947-5345. And if you can only drive one way, that is still helpful!

**The following are the dates Oksana will need a ride:**

**November 16** \_\_\_\_ // **November 23 – Jacob** ☺ // **November 30 – Alex T.** ☺ // **December 7** \_\_\_\_  
**December 14** \_\_\_\_ // **December 21** \_\_\_\_ // **December 28** \_\_\_\_



## Note from Nichole Unser

“Hello everyone, I am joining Christianity Today Subsidiary Inkwell Locals to start an Alaska chapter for creative collaboration. This is not another online community. It is an invitation to meet physically, locally, and intentionally. It is for anyone who knows that beauty isn't meant to be experienced alone: writers, artists, thinkers, creatives of all kinds! It is for anyone ready to cultivate creativity with actual people, in their actual city. I'll be holding a brainstorming session on **Sunday November 23rd at 12:30pm after coffee hour**. Please join us and find out more at [nicoleunser.com/inkwell-ak](http://nicoleunser.com/inkwell-ak)”

## Note from Amber (Clodfelter) Hartley

Amber and her husband, their 5-year-old and 1 year old will be visiting here from December 19 through January 2. They are looking to barrow two car seats that would work for a 5 and 1 year old.



Northern Lights during Sisters of Mary and Martha Meeting. *Photos by Natasha Haines*

Blessing of St. Olga Icon and farewell to Nathaniel Lourie



## *Dates to Remember*

### *'Moms with Little Ones' Reading Group - Wednesdays 10am*

We will meet at the St. James House If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### *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.



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

We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building on the second floor. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras

### *Birthdays This Week*

November 16 - Cecelia Jones

November 17 - Eric Johnson

November 19 - Russell Clodfelter

November 20 - Tim Terrell

November 21 - Logan Davisson

November 21 - Dolph Ihde

November 22 - Keplin Stogsdill

November 23 - Talia Haines



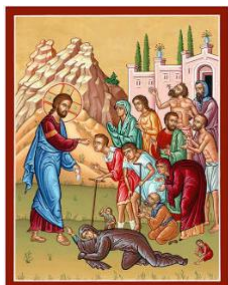
Happy Anniversary



### *Anniversaries This Week*

Chris & Margaret Grasse - November 22, 1980

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Mary Greene*

*Jay Keener*

*Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*Helen Gillquist*

*Krya & Skylynn Lineer*

*We 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*



- \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- \* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- \* Laura Anne Granducci Temple - November 11, 2024
- \* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- \* Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992
- \* Archpriest Fr. Michael Oleksa - November 29, 2023

*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 **NOVEMBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, November 22.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) 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.



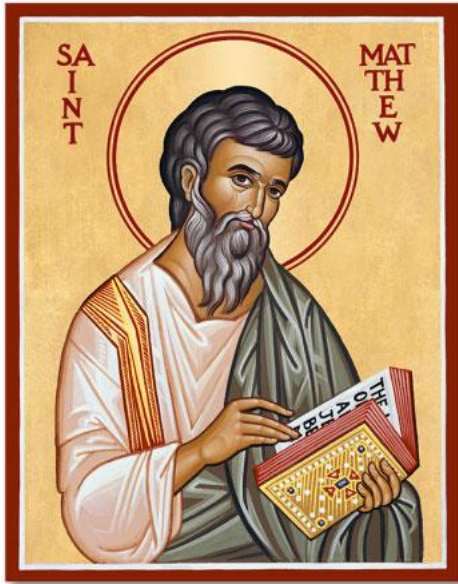
### **Found – Silver Cross**

This was found in the back of the Nave - If this is yours, you can claim it from the Church office.

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## THE SYNAXARION

### Matthew the Evangelist – November 16



On November 16, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

#### *Verses*

*Matthew cried from the midst of the fire:  
My Jesus! I give thanks to You, for You even save  
publicans.*

*On the sixteenth, the raging fire slew Matthew.*

He was the son of Alphaeus, and was a tax collector, also known as a publican, when the Lord saw him in Capernaum and said to him: “Follow Me,” and he arose, and followed Him.” After that, Matthew received the Lord in his home where He expressed several great truths about His coming to earth. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Matthew preached the Gospel to the Parthians, Medes and Ethiopians. Matthew baptized the prince of Ethiopia’s wife and son, at which the prince became greatly enraged. He dispatched soldiers to bring Matthew to trial. However, Matthew’s face shined so brightly that they could not look at him. When the prince approached him, Matthew radiated such light that the prince was instantly blinded. However, the holy apostle had a compassionate heart and he prayed to God, and the prince’s sight was restored. Even so, the prince arrested Matthew and subjected him to cruel tortures and then burned him in fire. Ironically, after Matthew’s death, the prince repented and was baptized. The prince took the name “Matthew”, gave up his princely wealth and ultimately served as a priest.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Ephygenia of Ethiopia, disciple of St. Matthew; and Fulvian, prince of Ethiopia.

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

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