

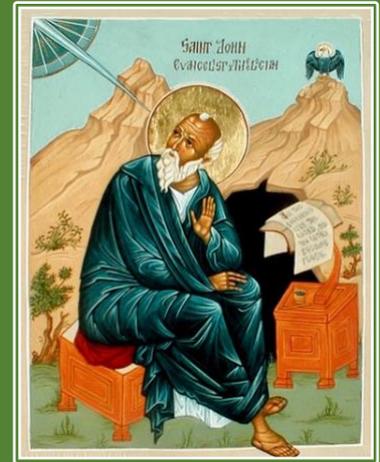
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Homily by  
Dn. Kevin  
Dougherty  
Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, July 18, 2021*

*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*



# **Eagle River Institute** of Orthodox Christian Studies

**August 1-5**

**Paul Gavrilyuk – Christ and the Church**

**Carrie Frederick Frost – Women in the Orthodox Church**

**Gayle Woloschak – Science, Faith, and the Environment**

The Eagle River Institute is hosted annually by the members of Saint John Cathedral to provide a forum for Orthodox scholars to address lay people on topics relevant to everyday, Christian life. The Institute will also seek to contribute to the greater, educational needs of the Church by publishing its lectures in various media formats.

Click [HERE](#) to register now, before July 18. (Yes, please, even if you are member of Saint John's, and even if you only plan to attend a few lectures.) Visit [eagleriverinstitute.org](http://eagleriverinstitute.org) to learn more.

### **New Phone List Available**

Please notify the Church office if you discover an error.

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## Community News

Many of you know our former Deacon Larry Hartman and his wife Natalie. Their daughter Erin grew up here at St. John's. Last November Erin's husband, Riley Fitt, went to the Emergency Room in Moscow, ID with difficulty breathing. Doctors discovered that he had a partially collapsed lung, with large amounts of fluid building up within the lining of his chest. After multiple ER admissions, an 8-day hospital stay in a Spokane Intensive Care Unit, and several consults with specialists in Idaho, Spokane and Seattle, Riley was diagnosed with a rare form of aggressive, stage 4 lung cancer. This news has been devastating for the entire family, especially since Riley, a former football player for Washington State, has always been a healthy, non-smoker and is only 38 years old. Riley and his wife, Erin, have 3 wonderful children: Daniel age 13; Noah age 12; and Kyra age 8. They enjoy being an active



family and we could always find Riley helping with his sons' sports teams or on an outdoor adventure - hiking, fishing or at a local orchard.

Riley is a husband, father, son, brother, and friend and is special to us all in one way or another. He is loved dearly and it is with the permission of Riley and Erin that this GoFundMe page has been created to help with the enormous expenses for his treatment and care

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/riley-fitt-medical-fund?utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/riley-fitt-medical-fund?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer)



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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to this summer? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com) Hope to hear from you.

### Mystery

Perhaps someone in our community can help solve a mystery. In 2009 Greg Gillquist bought two twin mattress frames for the loft in our apartment. We don't think we have ever had guests stay in the loft but we were prepared just in case. He is certain they were set up in there. We would not have given these away as they were a special kind. Did we loan them out only to not get them back? If you have any clues for us, please let us know. - the Gillquist family



Hatcher Pass with Grandkids  
Harold Parker, Juniper & Solomon Parker  
Herman and Miles Reese

## Last day to register for this **FREE** event with SVS Press authors, editors, and scholars.

*Attend the whole day - or just the sessions you want!*

Attendance is **FREE**. [Register Now](#).



SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021  
10AM-5PM EDT

**ST VLADIMIR'S  
EDUCATION DAY ONLINE**  
*Ask a Scholar!*

AN ALL-DAY "ZOOMATHON"  
WITH ST VLADIMIR'S PROFESSORS &  
SCHOLARS

Sat, July 17, 2021 10:00 am - 5:00 pm EST. Are the Old and New Testaments in conflict? How do Orthodox Christians respond to matters of bioethics in a secular age? What is the future of Orthodox evangelism? Ask a scholar! Tackle these questions and others on a variety of topics during St. Vladimir's Education Day Online, a seven-hour "Zoomathon" where you get to participate and pose questions to Seminary professors and guest scholars - many of whom are SVS Press

authors and series editors.

The St. Vladimir's Education Day Online—in celebration of the Feast of Holy Great Prince Vladimir that week—is Saturday, July 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT (7 a.m. to 2 p.m. PDT). Join us and help raise \$40,000 to educate seminarians!

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week



July 18 - Amy Jenkins  
July 19 - Dn. Pat Lamb

July 21 - Lynn Streff  
July 23 - Kailee Medders

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*

### Remembering in Prayer...



*Preston Collier  
Helen Gillquist  
Jan Northey  
Lina Curry  
Anna Haley  
Helen Maidenrath  
(Matthews)  
Tom Johnson*

*Catherine Cowan  
Mother Galina  
All Those Suffering With Covid*

*Tisha Dunham  
Margaret & Chris Grasse  
Eloise Lamb  
Phebe Dyal  
Georgianna Moses  
Safwat Attia*

*Riley Fitt  
(Dn. Larry Hartman's son-in-law)  
Robin Armstrong  
Katie Jones*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Presbyter Daniel Ryan - July 7, 1984
- \* Theodore Wells - July 20, 2009
- \* Marlene Dyal - July 24, 2005

*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 **July** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, July 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION

Elizabeth the New Martyr of Russia – Sunday, July 18



On July 18, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Emilianos of Silistria in Bulgaria; John, metropolitan of Chalcedon, Stephen, patriarch of Constantinople and the holy Martyrs Elizabeth and Barbara of Russia.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth, granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England and elder sister of Empress Alexandra of Russia, was one of the most illustrious women of her day, known throughout Europe not only for her high birth and graceful beauty, but also for her modesty and goodness of heart. After marrying the Grand Duke, she converted to Orthodoxy, although this was not required of her by her position. After the

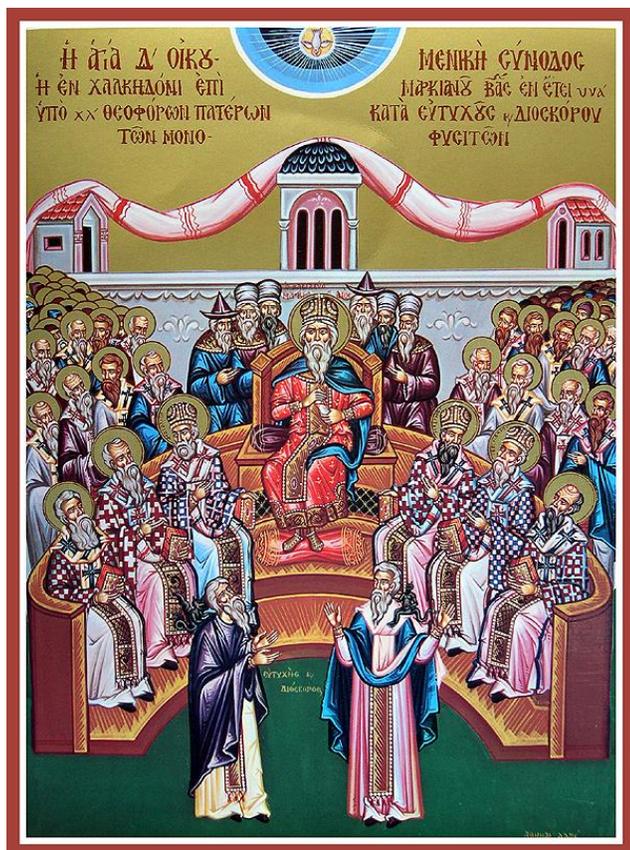
assassination of her husband in 1905, Grand Duchess Elizabeth withdrew from public life, founding the convent of Saints Martha and Mary, of which she became the Mother Superior. There she dedicated herself to prayer, fasting, tending the sick, and caring for the poor. After the Bolsheviks seized power, she was exiled to the Urals, where she and those with her were martyred in 1918 when they were cast alive into an abandoned mine.

The Novice Barbara followed Saint Elizabeth into exile. When she was separated from the Grand Duchess, Barbara asked to be allowed to join her again; to terrify her, the Bolsheviks told her that she would be allowed to do this, but only if she were prepared for unheard-of torments and a violent death. To their amazement, she consented, and was deemed worthy of martyrdom with the Grand Duchess.

Their holy relics were recovered and taken through Russia to China and came to rest in the Convent of Saint Mary Magdalene in Jerusalem. When their reliquaries were opened in 1981, their bodies were found to be partially incorrupt, and sweet with the odor of sanctity.

With them are also commemorated their fellow Martyrs: Grand Duke Sergius Mikhailovich; Princes John, Constantine, and Igor, the brethren; Prince Vladimir Paley; and Theodore Remez.

Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council - July 13-19



On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

*Verses*

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters  
Scylla and Charybdis,  
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course  
to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The heretics considered His human nature less perfect, and His divine nature more perfect. This false teaching arose that Christ's human nature dissolved itself in His divine nature: like a cube of sugar in a cup of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were

called Monophysites (“mono”, meaning “one” and “physis”, meaning “nature”), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. This Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human nature. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two full and complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any mingling or change.

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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