24th Sunday after Pentecost

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Ephesians 2:14-22
Luke 10:25-37

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Ihde Families

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

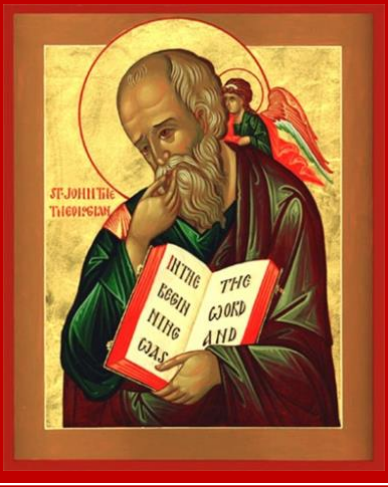
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 15, 2026

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

Next Friday – November 20
Great Vespers for the Feast At 7:15pm

Next Saturday, November 21
Divine Liturgy with Baptism 9am

We will celebrate the baptism of Kyrien Elias Mee

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 begins 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

Thursday, November 19, 6pm-7:30pm in the Church Basement
How We Live (Part One) – The Sacraments
This Week – The Sanctification of Time (The Church Calendar)
~ Everyone is welcome to attend, and it is also livestreamed on our website ~



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm

103 MORE TO COLLECT

Thanksgiving Offering - 200 Individual Boxes of Stuffing

We have collected 97 as of Friday morning





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 400 local families in need.

We are signed up to collect 200 (***individual***) boxes of stuffing before the scheduled delivery to Joy Lutheran on Sunday, November 22.

Here is a sign-up link if you wish to volunteer / See flyers in Narthex and announcement below to hand out to families in need.



Coffee Hour This Sunday – November 15, 2026
Group Mark (3) – Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Ihde Families

Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Cook, Doss, B & D Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, P. Gillquist, Griffith, Hattenburg, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Justus, Kendall, Labrecque, Lowry, Marcus, O Medders, T & L Mellor, Northey, Palmer, Polson, Scherer, Sorensen, J & A Stiehr, A & J Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff

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Next Sunday – Group John (4) – November 22, 2026 - Hosts: D. Sorensen / Lindblom

Snacks: J. Alvarez, S. Alvarez, Arvidson, Burton, Cooley, Dougherty, FrM & KhB Dunaway, Goetz, Gresset, Haines, Hawi, D & S Ihde, M Johnson, Keener, Kies, Macalino, Mason, Minea, J Northey, Parker, DnJ & D Ray, Schlicting, Sparks, J. Stiehr, Templeton, Van Dyke, Watson

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: **Practical Answers about Fasting**
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"Church Etiquette" Tip of the Week

When we gather to worship God, Orthodox Christians are "at home" in the environment of the Church and yet also reverent at the same time. These tips on "Church etiquette" explain some of the common customs that contribute to this reverent but familiar atmosphere of Orthodox worship. They are intended as guidelines to observe, not to watch or judge other people, something a much higher law says we must not do.

#1: Standing in Worship **-** The most common posture for worship in the Orthodox Church is to stand. In our services we believe we are gathered in the presence of God. Standing shows the respect we have for prayer and for God. We avoid standing in a slouchy way, such as, with our hands in our pockets or leaning against a wall with crossed legs. Rather we stand comfortably and attentively. Standing can also help keep our attention more focused on prayer than sitting does. This is especially true when we hear the deacon say at various moments, "Let us attend," which in the Greek text literally means, "stand upright." We even stand while everyone receives Communion. Sitting, of course, is necessary for some people due to tiredness or pain, and no one will think differently of you, if you do sit. If you must sit during the Divine Liturgy, it would be good, if you are able, to stand at the following times: when the Liturgy begins and the priest says, "Blessed is the Kingdom…;" during the Gospel reading; anytime the priest or deacon censes the icons and congregation; during the Little and Great Entrances; and at the final Blessing and Dismissal. Also, as a side note, whenever a Bishop is visiting the parish, we usually follow his example by standing and sitting when he does. Other postures for prayer used in the Church include kneeling or making a prostration. Kneeling is common at weekday Liturgies and prostrations are part of our Lenten prayers.

St. John's School Weekly News

A CNN10 News Chanel Gives a Shout Out to St. John's Jr. High

Towards the end of this episode of CNN10, *which as stated on their website is "a fast-paced, 10-minute daily digital news show and podcast created for students, teachers, and anyone looking for a quick, objective overview of global current events"*, there is a shout out to St. John's students for helping in the Thanksgiving Blessing Meal distribution. Here is the LINK.

St. James House Weekly News



St. James House Café
Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and
Catch Up with Friends
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

"Checking In" with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org



The funeral service for Levi Curry, who died on November 8, was attended by several hundred people, overflowing into the Narthex and even the basement where a livestream of the service was shown. At the mercy meal following, Levi's friends spoke often of his ability to connect people and to encourage friendships. Levi's football team helped dig his grave and wore their jerseys to his funeral. He was much loved and will be missed by all.

May his soul dwell with the righteous!

Video on Levi Curry by KTUU

This report and video called **"Family, friends remember Eagle River teen who died days after collapsing in PE class",** was published on KTUU by Jayce Bertrand on November 12. Here is the link.

Congratulations to Zach and Nelly Doss on the birth of Gabriella Marie – born October 28th

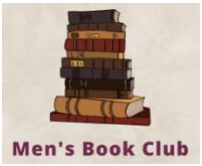


Dates to Remember

'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 15 – Anna Haley
November 15 – Macrina Ray
November 15 – 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



M A N Y Y E A R S !



Anniversaries This Week

Chris & Margaret Grasse – November 22, 1980

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer…

Oksana Artz
Ben Polson
David Lindblom
George Dozier
Linda Peters
Travis Cook
Lily & baby Moses
The Curry Family

For those suffering from the devastation of war

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



* Mary Margaret Summons – November 1, 2007
* Jean Margaret Proctor – November 7, 1997
* Levi Patrick Curry – November 8, 2026
* Laura Anne Granducci Temple – November 11, 2024
* 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 28**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



How to Submit a Bulletin Announcement

Submit a bulletin announcement to the church email address: cathedral@stjohnalaska.org. Please have announcements submitted by Thursday or the very latest Friday by 9am. If you have questions – contact Maris Kelly at the church office: maris@stjohnalaska.org or 907-696-2002

How to Donate to St. John's

Donating: Go to our website: www.stjohnalaska.org and click on "Donate" in the top menu bar. If you have any questions – feel free to contact the church.

Or you can use this QR code to go directly to our 'donate' page.

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THE SYNAXARION

Gurias, Samonas & Habib – November 15



On November 15, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs and Confessors of Edessa in Syria: Gurias, Samonas and Habib the Deacon.

Verses

Samonas and Gurias were brought to an end by the sword
And Habib to an end by the flame;
To them the sword and the flame fulfilled their lives.
On the fifteenth, these three men were slain.

In 288, Gurias and Samonas both died a martyr's death during the reign of Diocletian; Habib also died as a martyr in the days of the Emperor Licinius in 316. The three were buried together, they all share a common feast day and are always portrayed together in icons. They are also collectively invoked for help in marital difficulties.

A certain Goth had come with the Roman army to Edessa, Syria and stayed in the house of a pious widow named Sophia. The Gothic man asked Sophia for the hand of her daughter, Euphemia, and Sophia reluctantly agreed. She made him vow by the power of the holy Martyrs Samonas, Gurias, and Habib to hold Euphemia in high esteem and treat her with respect. However, as he was nearing his home, the treacherous man revealed to Euphemia that he already had a wife. The Gothic man then turned on Euphemia and made her his slave and dealt with her mercilessly. After extreme sufferings, Euphemia prayed to the three saints and begged them to save her, and they miraculously transported her to Edessa, at the foot of their very shrine. Euphemia was then reunited with her mother through their holy prayers.

On this day, we also commemorate Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Paisius Velichkovsky. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.