

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Tone 4

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Romans 10:1-10  
Matthew 8:28-9:1

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Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:  
Jerry Finkler

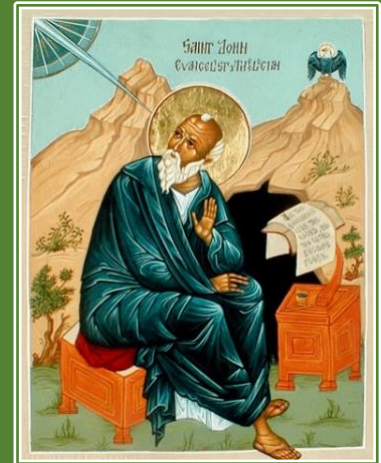
Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Clodfelter / Cowan

# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

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## Weekly Bulletin

  
Sunday, July 28, 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.*

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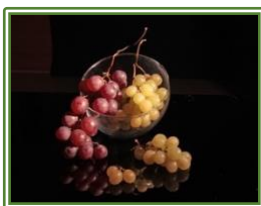
## Feast Days and Services

**Paraklesis to the Mother of God – Wednesday Evening, July 31 – 7:15pm**

### The “Dormition” Fast - August 1-15

This fasting season centers around two summer Feast Days: The Transfiguration of Our Lord on August 6 and the Falling-Asleep, “Dormition,” of the Mother of God on August 15. As with every fasting season, the aim is to help us spiritually focus and prepare to celebrate these Feast Days. For us at Saint John’s this fast has also become part of our Eagle River Institute week. The fasting during this season, strictly speaking, is the same as the Lenten Fast, with some lessening on weekends and the Feast Days.

**Coming Up Next Week...**



### This Year the Feast of the Transfiguration Falls on a Tuesday, August 6

We will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast Monday evening,  
August 5 at 6:15pm

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## Parish Events and News



### The Eagle River Institute Teaching Sessions

- \* Wednesday, July 31, 7:15pm – Paraklesis Prayer Service
- \* Thursday & Friday, August 1-2 – ERI Sessions, 5-6:30pm & 7:30-9pm. Meals will be served between sessions around 6:40pm
- \* Saturday, August 5 – ERI Sessions, 9:30am-11am & 11:30am-1:00pm. Meal at 6:15pm on church lawn. Great Vespers at 7:15pm
- \* Sunday, August 4 – Matins/Divine Liturgy 9:15am – ERI Sessions, 3-4:30pm & 5-6:30pm

For full schedule and information about the ERI 2024 Session – Click [HERE](#).

## Children's School Supplies for Our St. John's 'Good Works Basket'

**Donated Supplies are Due no Later than Wednesday, July 31**

**Check the Basket to See What You Can Contribute**

**Please take note of what has been collected thus far**



The local 'Love in the Name of Christ (INC) of Eagle River' is collecting **school supplies for low-income families**. (17 local churches collect together.)

**Supplies needed from St. John's are:** 10 Backpacks (*Collected 5*), 10 Tissue boxes (*Collected 6*), 10 Rulers (*Collected 10*), 10 Composition booklets (*Collected 10*), 25 Glue sticks, (*Collected 72*), 75 boxes of color markers (*Collected 11 boxes of 10*), 10 binders (*Collected 0*), 20 Notebook paper packs (*Collected 4*), 2 kid's coats (*Collected 0*). Call Dn. Kevin for any questions. Thank you!

**So.... We still Need: 2 kid's coats, 16 Notebook paper packs. 10 Binders, 4 Tissue boxes, 5 backpacks, Colored Markers (64 boxes).**



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - July 28, 2024 Group D- Fourth Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Clodfelter / Cowan**

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

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**Next Sunday - August 4, 2024 - No Coffee Hour - Due to ERI**

If you cannot host, please find your own replacement then let Jennifer Gillquist know of the change.

Lucia Johnson is at Antiochian Village Camp in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Fr. Marc is there this week attending the Clergy Symposium. On this evening Vespers was held at camp and all the clergy walked over to attend. This was followed by a camper talent show. Lucia says she is having fun at camp.



## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [On the Ministry of the Diaconate, Part Three](#)

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

### Mark Your Calendar...

## Marriage Blessing and Dinner Reception for Victoria & Caleb Sunday August 25 at 4:00pm

Victoria Bledsoe and Caleb Bower will have a "Marriage Blessing" on Sunday August 25th at 4 PM followed by a dinner reception No need to RSVP but it would be helpful: Click the link below for: 'their story', photos, RSVP and, questions and answers.

<https://www.theknot.com/us/victoriabledsoeandcalebbower>

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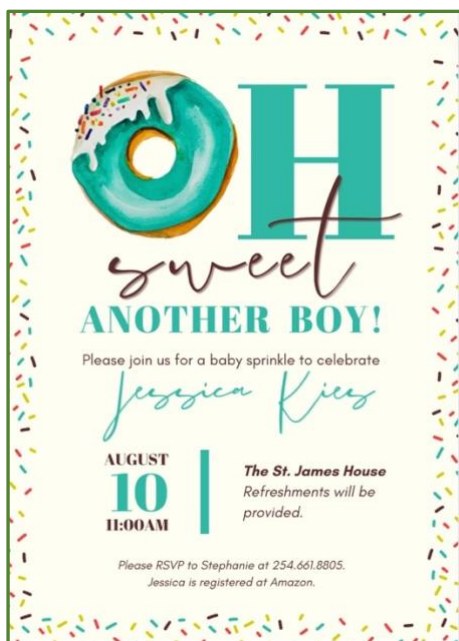
## Baby 'Sprinkle' for Jessica Kies – Saturday, August 10 at 11:00am

Stephanie Davisson is putting on a “Sprinkle” for Jessica Kies.

Please set your calendar and join us at the St. James House.

Make sure to RSVP / Jessica is registered at Amazon – Click [HERE](#)

(A baby sprinkle is a casual and smaller-scale version of a baby shower.)



## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

July 28 - Nicholas Guio

July 31 - Marielle Drennan

July 30 - Barbara Parker

August 3 - Krya Lineer

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



### Anniversaries This Week

Bruce & Monica Johnson - July 28, 1991

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







## Remembering in Prayer...

*Oksana Artz*

*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*

## Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **AUGUST** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION

### Yakov Netsvetov – July 26

On this day, we commemorate the Priest Yakov Netsvetov, enlightener of the peoples of Alaska.

Yakov was born on the Aleutian Island of Atka in 1802 from a Russian father and an Aleut mother. His father made certain that his children were educated, teaching them to read and write the Russian language and eventually sending them for further training: his brothers to the Naval academy and Yakov to the seminary in Irkutsk, Russia.

Yakov was tonsured a reader in 1825, and married a Russian woman, Anna Simeonova. He was ordained as a deacon a year later and was ordained into the priesthood in 1828. One year later he was appointed to serve the church in Atka. He was

the first native-born priest to serve in Alaska. The territory of this parish included almost 2000 miles of the Aleutian Chain.

Fr. Yakov's life was not without its personal sufferings. 1836 and 1837 were to bring successively the death of his beloved wife Anna in March 1836, the destruction by fire of his home in July 1836, and the death of his father in 1837. After considering the message of these misfortunes, he petitioned his bishop to return to Irkutsk so that he could enter a monastic life. A year later his request was granted contingent on the arrival of his replacement. But none came. Soon Bishop Innocent arrived and invited Fr. Yakov to accompany him on a trip to Kamchatka. During the voyage Bishop Innocent seemed to have accomplished three things with Fr. Yakov: with the healing salve of the Holy Spirit provided words of comfort, dissuaded Fr. Yakov from entering a monastery, and revealed to the saintly priest the Savior's true plan for his life that was for him to preach Christ to those deep in the Alaskan interior.



He was assigned to serve as a missionary in the Yukon-Kuskokwim area of Alaska. This area was different from the Aleut area since there had been little or no contact with the outside world and the natives had not been exposed to the Christian faith. The climate was harsh, supplies were very limited, and the natives did not always welcome the missionary, and the tribes were often enemies of each other. Despite these hardships, Fr. Yakov was able to take the gospel hundreds of miles up and down the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers baptizing, chrismating, marrying and ministering to the native converts.

In 1863, Fr. Yakov was called to Sitka and served a short time as the dean of the cathedral clergy, He died there on July 26, 1864, and was buried at the entrance to Holy Trinity Church.

Fr. Yakov was priest, teacher, pastor, apostle, scholar, iconographer, missionary, and physician in his service to God and the people of Alaska. Despite his own physical weakness and the personal tragedies that befell him, he persevered with faith, hope, love and most remarkably perhaps, joy.

## **Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas – July 28**

On July 28, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate of the holy, glorious and all-laudable Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy.



### *Verses*

*Four men, the disciples of the Word Who is both  
God and Man,*

*With a word they preached the eminence of the  
Trinity to all men.*

*On the twenty-eighth the four soldiers of Christ lost  
their earthly lives together.*

These first-century deacons are named in the Acts of the Apostles. The Apostle Peter ordained Prochorus as bishop of Nicomedia. For a time Prochorus was in the service of Saint John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr's death in Antioch at the hands of unbelievers. Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem on the same day as the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon. Soon after, two thousand other Christians were slain by the wicked Jews. Saint Timon was a bishop in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died in peace in Jerusalem before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Paul, founder of Xeropotamou and Saint Paul monasteries on Athos; Venerable Irene Chrysovalantou; and Pitirim, bishop of Tambov.

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

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