

11th Sunday after
Pentecost
Postfeast Dormition

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1 Corinthians 9:1-12  
Matthew 18:23-35

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Palmer / Fisher

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 16, 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

### Feast of the Dormition and Baptisms

**The Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God – August 15**  
**Service Schedule: Great Vespers – Friday, August 14 at 7:15pm**  
**Baptisms & Divine Liturgy, Saturday, August 15 at 9:00am**

It is our tradition to bring flowers from our gardens to decorate the Cathedral for this Feast Day and place in front of the Icons. (If you bring your own vases, please put a label on the bottom and they will be put aside in the Narthex at the end of the week. Blue is the color theme for the Feast Day.)

Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning will end the Dormition Fast.



We will baptize Ashley Ihde, Alex Hanna and Taylor Wilson on Saturday, August 15 at the beginning of Divine Liturgy.

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## *Parish Events and News*



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 16, 2026 Group Mark (3) - Third Sunday of the Month*

#### **Hosts Families: Palmer / Fisher**

Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Burkowske, 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, V. Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff

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Next Sunday – Group John (4) – August 23 - Hosts: Parker / N & M Ray

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, I. Temple, Templeton, Van Dyke, Watson

St. John's School Weekly News



St. John's School Starts Monday, August 17

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

Dates to Remember



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.

Birthdays This Week

August 17 - Woodrow Fisher
August 17 - Moses Labrecque
August 18 - Mya Temple
August 20 - George Dozier
August 20 - Chris Lineer

August 20 - JoAnn Webster
August 22 - Charlotte DuRand
August 23 - Francis Dunaway
August 23 - Mel Hawi



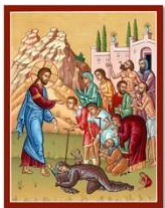
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Anniversaries This Week

Steve & Ruth Templeton - August 16, 2002
Richard & Linda Peters - August 19, 1972

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Remembering in Prayer...

Oksana Artz Travis Cook
Ben Polson Lily and baby Moses
Robin Armstrong
For those suffering from the devastation of war

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001
 - * Bruce Alan Johnson - August 15, 2025
 - * Preston Collier - August 16, 2023
 - * Kh. Lynn Moffatt - August 16, 1023
 - * Richard Eckert - August 29, 2013
- 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 **August** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, August 22, 2026**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

The Holy Napkin – August 16



On August 16, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Dormition of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the Recovery of the Icon of Christ Not Made by Hands, known as ‘The Holy Napkin.’

Verses

*You wiped Your face with linen while yet living,
Who later, being dead, would be wrapped in linen.*

Prince Avgar of Edessa sent a portrait-painter, Ananias, to Palestine with a letter to Christ our Savior, in which he begged the Lord to come and heal him of his leprosy. If the Lord was unable to come, the prince commanded Ananias to paint His likeness and bring it, believing that the portrait would heal him. The Lord replied that he could not come, as the time of His Passion was at hand. Our Savior took a napkin and wiped His face, leaving a perfect reproduction of His most pure face on it. The Lord gave this napkin to Ananias, with a message that the prince would be healed by it, but not entirely, and He would later send him someone who would rid him of the remainder of the disease. Receiving the napkin, Avgar kissed it and the leprosy fell from his body, with just a little remaining on his face. Later, the Apostle Thaddaeus came to Avgar, fully healed him and baptized him. Then the prince smashed the idols that stood at the city’s gateway and placed the napkin with the face of Christ above the entrance, stuck onto wood, surrounded with a gold frame and ornamented with pearls. The city eventually fell to Arab conquest, and the Holy Napkin was translated to Constantinople in 944.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes the physician of Tarsus; Venerable Gerasimos the New Ascetic; Timothy, bishop of Epiros; New-martyrs Nickodemos of Meteora and Apostolos of St. Laurence; and the New-martyrs of Megaris. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: 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.

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