

Frs. 7th Ecumenical
Council

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Titus 3:8-15

Luke 8:5-15

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Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Klatt / Labrecque

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

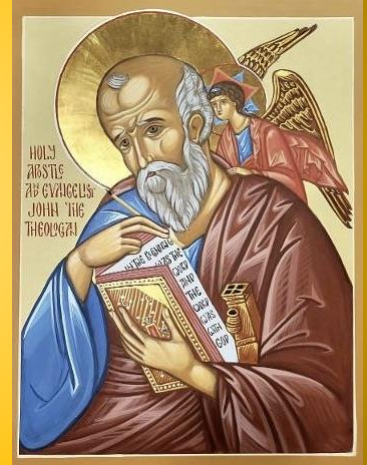
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## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 12, 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.

Parish Events and News

Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity Class This Week

Thursday, October 16, 6-7:30pm: *"About Christ and Salvation"*

At the St. James House – [Schedule](#)



New Winter / Advent Calendars Available on the Narthex Table
and [Website](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.



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

We'll meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm during the winter at the St. James House. We'll have dinner together at the big table starting at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm. I look forward to seeing you all there. Call us with any questions at (907) 317-9549. —John Marc and Bethany Dunaway



Coffee Hour This Sunday - October 12, 2025 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Klatt / Labrecque

Snacks: Alvarez, Betson, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lowry, Peters, Ray, Sturdevant, Villafana

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*Next Sunday - Group C - October 19, 2025 Hosts: Arnold / Mellor*

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

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## *St. John's School Weekly News*

**ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL  
TRUNK-OR-  
-TREAT**

**HOSTED BY THE ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD**

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|  <b>DATE:</b><br>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31                                           | <b>EVENT<br/>SCHEDULE</b><br> <b>SET-UP: 5:30-5:45 PM</b><br> <b>TRICK-OR-TREATING:<br/>6:00-7:00 PM</b><br> <b>CLEAN-UP:<br/>7:00-7:15 PM</b> |
|  <b>LOCATION:</b><br>ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL<br>PARKING LOT &<br>MONASTERY DRIVE    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|  <b>WHO: ST. JOHN'S<br/>STUDENTS, FAMILIES,<br/>AND COMMUNITY<br/>MEMBERS</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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## Tithes on PFD 2025

It's that time of year again when we are all blessed with a PFD gift from the State of Alaska. This year each Alaskan will receive \$1000.00. For many years we have set aside the tithe and donations from the PFD for some important projects. Please donate and mark your PFD tithe in the memo as PFD tithe. (You can scan this using your phone, or you can go to the [donation page](#) on our website and donate there.) Thank you!

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



### TEACHING BY BISHOP ANTHONY

#### “Reflection on Modern Thinking”

May God bless all of you!

“Maybe I'm being ambitious, my brothers and sisters, in talking about this, but I wanted to help you understand the way people think today. Why do we think the way we do? Why is it harder for some people to believe in God than it used to be?... [read more](#)

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### “Checking In” with Each Other

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

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## *Dates to Remember*

### *Wednesday ‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group*

Wednesday Reading Group for Mom's with Little Ones starts at 10 AM in the St. James house living room. If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### *Thursday Reading Group*

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

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

For the Month of **OCTOBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, October 25**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## *Birthdays This Week*

October 12 - Esther Saur

October 13 - Maeve Dunaway

October 14 - Greg Gillquist

October 15 - Dn. Joseph Ray

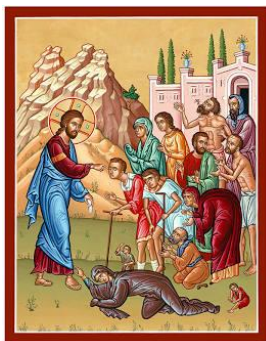
October 18 - Lorence Scherer

October 19 - Danielle Dunaway

October 19 - Anthony Fletes

October 19 - Judy Tysver

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



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Helen Gillquist  
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*Jay Keener*

*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*



- Fr. John Downing - October 4, 2024
- Kh. Nancy Downing - October 19, 2002
- Helen Grace Edzards Peters - October 23, 1998
- Isabella Joy Fletes - October 24, 2019

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*



## THE SYNAXARION

### Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council – Sunday, October 11-17



On October 12, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Martyr Domnina at Anazarbus in Cilicia; and Virgin Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

On this day we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the Seventh Ecumenical Council; the second time that such a council assembled in Nicaea. This took place during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Emperors Constantine and Irene. The Council met against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worships idols, and against those who rejected the eminent and holy icons.

#### *Verses*

*Your champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,  
Turn to fight the foes of the venerable icons.*

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. But the iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church, and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine, through art and beauty. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry\*, because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time." \*

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

#### **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.

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