

*Nativity of the  
Mother of God  
(Transfer of Feast)  
Sunday before Cross*

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*Galatians 6:11-18  
John 3:13-17*

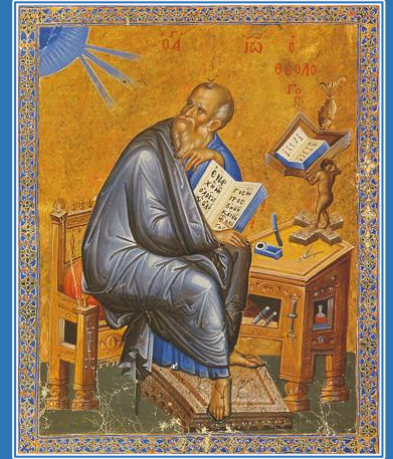
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*Homily by  
Dn. Joseph Ray*

*Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Patras / Cook*

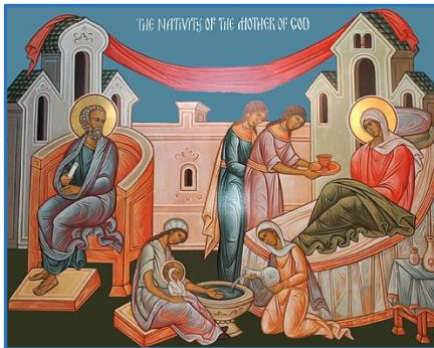
# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

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*Weekly Bulletin*  
*Sunday, September 7, 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.*

## *Feast Days and Services*



*(transfer of feast) ...*

### *Nativity of the Mother of God Feast Day is September 8*

**Great Vespers, Sat, Sep 6 at 7:15pm**

**Matins/Divine Liturgy, Sun, Sep 7 at 9:15am/10am**

This year the Nativity of the Mother of God falls on a Monday. We will celebrate her feast day on Sunday with our regular services of Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

*Fr. Marc will give a brief talk after Liturgy on what to expect for a*

*Hierarchical visit and we will go over some special hymns that are used during the services.*

*Next Saturday and Sunday...*

### *Elevation of the Cross Feast Day is September 14*

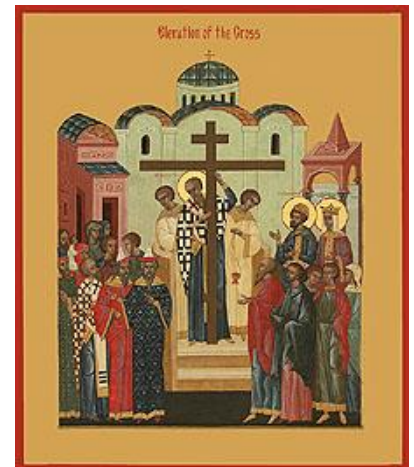
**Great Vespers, Saturday, Sep 13 at 7:15pm (Hierarchical)**

**Divine Liturgy, Sunday, Sep 14 at 9:00am (Hierarchical)**

*This Service will include the Procession of the Cross with the 500 Lord  
Have Mercy's.*

*September 14<sup>th</sup> is strict fast day. (When this Feast falls on Saturday or Sunday  
it is still a fast day kept in the same way as any Saturday or Sunday in Lent.)*

We will formally greet the Bishop on Saturday evening September the 13 at the beginning of Great Vespers.





## Bishop John to Visit Eagle River September 12-14

At the request of our Bishop Anthony, Bishop John, Antiochian Bishop for New England, will visit Alaska in September. He will be at our Cathedral September 12-14. You can read more about Bishop John on the Archdiocese website: [Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America](http://AntiochianOrthodoxChristianArchdioceseofNorthAmerica.com).

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## Parish Events and News

### Adult Winter Classes and Meetings at Saint John's – Input Wanted Letter from Fr. Marc

As we approach the fall season I look forward to beginning some adult classes we can organize through the winter. After all, what could be more enjoyable than a warm living room with a fireplace, talking about God with friends? As I think about our parish, I see we have a variety of needs, and I would like help discerning what we should do.... *(To read the rest of this letter click [here](#). This letter will also be sent separately to the Cathedral email list.)*



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

Registration forms and calendars for Atrium are now available and can be found on the Narthex Table. Atrium starts on September 21.



### Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 7, 2025 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families:** Patras / Cook

Snacks: Abel, Bower, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Weaver, Wells

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**Next Sunday – Group B – September 14 (Fast Day) Hosts: Fletes / Templeton**

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

### Updated Coffee Hour Hosts for September through December

A new updated schedule for Coffee Hour Hosts for Sep.-Dec.

It can be found on church website under the [“Resource Page”](#).

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## St. John's School Weekly News

**New Saint James House Resident Looking for a Used Car**

A young Orthodox woman from Brazil is hoping to travel to Alaska and stay in the Saint James House in hopes of pursuing a PhD from UAA. She hopes to arrive soon and is looking for a reliable 4WD car. If you know of one available in the 5k range, please let Fr. Marc or David Lindblom know. In the meantime, she may need help commuting to Anchorage for work. It looks like her work schedule will be M-F, 10am - 6pm. If you might be able to help either direction, please let us know this also. Thank you. - Fr. Marc

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Questions and Thoughts](#)

[Registration](#) closes this Friday night, September 5, for the fall semester for the Antiochian Orthodox Ecclesiastical Online Music School. Now in its second year, the school offers Byzantine and Choral music education for new and experienced Orthodox church musicians. It also offers special classes for clergy about intoning exclamations and the gospel, and chanting hymns for Sundays and feasts; as well as on the Typicon and how to organize divine services.

Payment is due before classes start on Monday, September 8.

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you’d like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)

### **Dear St. John Orthodox Church Family,**

On behalf of myself and our entire family, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible love and support you’ve shown us during this difficult time. In the midst of our sorrow, we were surrounded by the steady presence of a community that truly cares.

A special thank you to Sydney Ihde and Martha Zink for coordinating the Mercy Meal with such care—and with a joyful Fiesta theme. It brought warmth and comfort to our hearts during a time of deep grief. Special thanks to Sloan Medders for helping carry the weight of everything coming our way. Your presence and help in navigating it all brought more comfort than I knew I needed.

We are also thankful for the many others who stepped in quietly to coordinate countless details and behind-the-scenes tasks. Along with the compassionate care of our dedicated medical providers, each of you played a meaningful role in helping us through this time.

With humble gratitude, we ask for your continued prayers for Bruce. May his soul dwell with the blessed.  
—Monica Johnson & Family



## Dates to Remember

### Wednesday 'Moms with Little Ones' Reading

*New Day of the Week!* Starting Wednesday, September 17, reading group for Moms with Little Ones will start at 10 AM in the St. James house living room. If you have questions, please 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. We'll be reading 'The Art of Myrrh-bearing: Encountering Christ Through Serving Others' by Elissa Bjeletich Davis. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras

### Birthdays This Week

Sep 7 - Joe Dunham

Sep 11 - Brent Davisson

Sep 8 - Janet Northey

Sep 12 - Marshall Alexander

Sep 9 - Dimitri Oliveria

Sep 12 - Sean Fisher

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

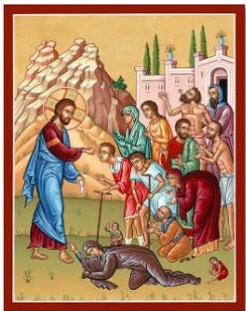


### Anniversaries This Week

Protodn. Pat Lamb - September 9, 1973

Jan & MaryAnn Northey - September 10, 1967

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



### Remembering in Prayer...

*Helen Gillquist*

*Jay Keener*

*Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*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*



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 1986

*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 **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, Sep. 27th.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Nativity of the Theotokos



Today in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

#### Verses

*Truly, O Anna, you surpass all mothers,  
For on this day, your daughter shall become a mother.  
On the eighth, Anna brought God's Mother into the light.*

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him, as King and High Priest, Who would be born of her. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, just as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through her intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

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#### 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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