

23rd Sunday after
Pentecost
Postfeast of Entrance

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Galatians 6:11-18  
Romans 6:3-11  
Luke 18:18-27  
Matthew 28:16-20

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway
Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Stevens/Johnson, E/H

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, November 24, 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.*

### Feast Days and Services



#### Baptisms This Sunday – November 24

On Sunday we will celebrate the baptisms of: (Samuel) Keplin Stogsdill, Madeline Rose Temple, Elliot Marie Dunaway, Maeve Elizabeth Dunaway, Ira Marc Dunaway, Josephine Elizabeth Hanna, and Evan Jacob Kies.

#### Thanksgiving Services This Week

- \* Akathist of Thanksgiving at 7:15pm – Wednesday Evening, November 27.
- \* Te Deum Service at the Chapel at 9:15am – Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 28

We will leave the Cathedral to walk to the Chapel at 9am. On the way to the Chapel, we will stop at the cemetery and sing the “Trisagion Prayers for the Departed”.



**There will be no Catechesis of the Good Shepherd This Sunday  
No Inquirer’s Class This Thursday**

### Parish Events and News

#### Pregnancy Center Needs Pies! And Buy a Pie Tuesday!

Calling all bakers! Homemade pies needed for our Eagle River **Pro-life fundraiser**.

**Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center** needs fresh pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Donated pies may either be dropped off Monday evening, Nov. 25, 6-8pm at Heart-to-Heart office (16941 N Eagle River Loop Road) or anytime Tuesday during the event, which starts at **Jitters** at 8 a.m. Bring a pie and pick up a pie! Prizes will be awarded to piemakers in various categories. We continue our loving care and support for both the moms and children!



## Children's Choir Practice This Sunday at 12:15-12:30

Please join us on Sundays at 12:15 in the Nave for our children's choir practice for St. Nicholas and for Christmas. All children ages 4 through high school are welcome. We look forward to singing with you! (Usually we meet at 12:00 – but this week we will meet at 12:15pm due to the baptisms.)

## Rides Needed for Oksana Atrz to Get to Church

Oksana would appreciate rides to church on Sundays. Please contact Dn. Kevin for any details. This Sunday of Baptisms, Nov. 24, is open (Evan if you can only do one direction, that is helpful!)

**The following are the dates Oksana will need a ride:**

**November 24 // December 1 // December 8 // December 22**



## Good Works Basket/Advent Outreach 2024

### Christmas Bags for Women Staying at Downtown Soup Kitchen

Many of you have volunteered at the Downtown Hope Soup Kitchen. I go weekly and take people with me from church each time. 30+ adults and many children from our parish have volunteered since March.

For this year's Advent Outreach Project, we will be providing Christmas bags to the 80 women staying at the shelter. Many of the ladies we have come to know and love, and I hope we can benefit them with these bags.

For part of this project, we will be running a three weeklong good works basket drive for warm socks and hand warmers. **We need at least 80 socks and hopefully 160 hand warmers.** Final collection date will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The church will be purchasing additional items that have been requested from the shelter and the women staying there. **If you'd like to donate \$ to this, please contact me ASAP.**

In the coming weeks you will see more details on this and the details on the evening of the 16th of December when we will get together and stuff the bags.

Thank you! —Sydney Ihde (907)854-5517



## October 22, 2024, Parish Council Meeting Summary

- The meeting started early for those who wanted to attend a Google Drive tutorial by John Marc.
- David and Sydney shared their elevator pitch on “Why are you an Orthodox Christian?”
- The PC discussed ways to make donating to the PFD project more seamless
- The PC reviewed the current cemetery guidelines.
- PC discussed multiple designs of the accessibility ramp for the SJH.
- Marshall and Maris gave an update on the church finances and reviewed a breakdown of losses, expenses, income, and assets.
- PC discussed the remaining Fr. John Downing monies.
- PC discussed the Financial Advisory Committee bylaws, membership, and meeting frequency.
- John Marc presented different ways to cover up the utility boxes in front of the church. It was decided that landscaping is the most practical and aesthetic way to hide them.

In addition to our regular meeting, we hosted a Saturday morning event on November 2nd at the SJH to visit with the various ministries of the church. The goal of the event was to show appreciation to those leading the ministries and hear their mission statement, goals/futures plans, and any needs they have. The SJH, School, Bookstore, Sisters of Mary and Martha, Choir, and Youth Corp/Youth Group all presented their ministries to the PC.

*Submitted by Martha Fisher*

*Please send any questions/comments/concerns/suggestions to [parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org)*



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 24, 2024 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Stevens / Johnson**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, 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 - Group A - Hosts: Goetz / Mellor

Snacks: Abel, Carroll, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells

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

Photos from Laura Temple's Funeral



Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

November 25 - Sylvia Villafana November 30 - Dn. Kevin Dougherty
November 25 - Stephen Macalino November 30 - Vic Temple
November 27 - Shelly Wells
M A N Y Y E A R S !





Anniversaries This Week

Stan & Laurie Snider - November 24, 1984

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Monday morning reading group for moms with little ones 10 AM in St. James House living room. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines.



Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday 10 am reading group will be meeting at the Senior Center.



Remembering in Prayer...

*Gwyn Jones
Nina Potts
Dwight Stallman
Helen Gillquist*

*Oksana Artz
Josphine Hanna & her
family
Joe Dunham*

*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



- * Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- * Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- * Laura Anne Temple - November 11, 2024
- * Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- * Infant Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- * Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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 23. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



PFD Project Focus 2024 for St John's Parish St. James House Upgrades

This year we put all PFD tithing toward several well overdue upgrades to the St. James House. The priority will be making the SJH accessible for persons with disabilities. At the same time, we will replace the back deck to make it more usable for all, as well as upgrade the back steps.

For many years the tithe and donations from the PFD has allowed our Parish to accomplish some important projects. Providing access for those with disabilities to the Saint James House has long been on our wish list. This will be accomplished by building a long ramp from the parking lot to the back door into the dining room. Please donate to this much needed improvement and mark your PFD tithe or more for this project so we can all continue to enjoy the St James house facilities. Click [HERE](#) for the Donation Link. - *Martha Fisher and Bruce Johnson, Co-chairs of the Parish Council*

Ice Skates Needed for Jones Family



Michael and Megan and Family will be back in Alaska around Dec. 6th for 6 weeks. They would like to borrow some ice skates if possible while they are here. (Preferably hockey skates). Elliot is kid size 8. Then the girls are sizes 11, 12 and 2. If you have any, you can talk to Myles Kelly, and he will collect them.

Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?

Answers to this question will be highlighted in the bulletin each Sunday



Holy Prophet Elisha – June 14

“Hear the word of the Lord thus says the Lord...”

Elisha lived nine hundred years before Christ. When the Lord took the aged Prophet Elijah in a fiery chariot to Himself, He revealed to him that He had designated Elisha, the son of Shaphat of the tribe of Reuben, as his successor as a prophet. Elijah informed Elisha of God's will and draped him with his mantle and implored from God twice the measure of the grace of prophecy for Elisha that had been granted to himself. Elisha, by his purity and zeal, prophesied with yet a greater power and prolificacy than Elijah. He parted the waters of the Jordan as Moses once parted the Red Sea; he made drinkable the bitter waters in Jericho; he brought forth water into the excavated trenches during the war with the Moabites; he multiplied the oil in the pots of the poor widow; he resurrected the dead son of the **Shunammite** woman; he fed a hundred people with twenty small loaves of bread; and much more. Elisha died at a very old age.



THE SYNAXARION

Clement, Bishop of Rome – November 24



On November 24, in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Holy of Holies, and we commemorate our father among the saints, Clement, bishop of Rome.

Verses

*Cast into the depth of the sea with an anchor,
Clement goes on to meet Christ, the uttermost Anchor.
On the twenty-fourth, Clement drowned in the depths of Christ.*

Clement was born in Rome of royal lineage. His family had become lost at sea, so Clement, at age 24, went east to find them. In Alexandria, he met the Apostle Barnabas and, afterward, joined the Apostle Peter whom Clement's two brothers, Faustinus and Faustinian, were already following. By God's providence, the Apostle Peter came upon Clement's mother who was an aged beggar woman and found his father as well. Thus, the whole family was reunited, and all returned to Rome as Christians. Clement served as the third bishop of Rome, bringing a great number of unbelievers to Christ. He ordered seven scribes to write about the lives of the Christian martyrs who were suffering at that time for their Lord. The Emperor Trajan banished him to Cherson, in Greece, where Clement found about 2,000 exiled Christians who received him with great joy. In one year, 75 churches were built there. The authorities drowned Clement in the sea in the year 101. His miracle-working relics emerged from the sea in the ninth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; and Martyr Alexander of Corinth. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon 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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