

*Sunday After
Epiphany
Leavetaking
Epiphany*
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*Ephesians 4:7-13  
Matthew 4:12-17*  
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*Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

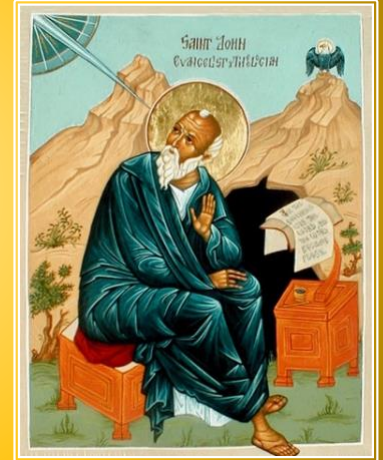
*Epistle Reader:
Jerry Finkler*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Finkler / Arnold*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday, January 14, 2024
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*



### **Home Blessings**

A signup sheet for Epiphany Home Blessings is now available in the Narthex.

### **Tuesday Inquirer/Catechism Class Tuesday, January 16 at 7pm**

We are meeting at Fr. Marc and Betsy's home and this week we will take up with Chapter 13 on "Orthodox Worship," from The Orthodox Church by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. All inquirers are welcome. We meet from 7pm - 8:30pm.

### **Thursday Night Talks This Week - January 18, St. James House – 6:30pm**

### **Notice on Church Donations**

**Our Parish is truly blessed to have so many faithful people support our church.**

**Thank you to all.**

You can now find your 'Record of Contributions' in your mailbox folder. (This is also a chance to look at your mailbox folder if you haven't in a while, for some of you there is a lot of stuff in there.) If you are unable to pick up your copy, and would like it in an email – contact Maris Kelly at [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)  
**Please note:** If the church has received a check after 12.31.2023 it will be recorded on your 2024 donation receipt, even if the check has a date of 2023.



### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)**

**Resumes Today 12:30pm – 2:00pm**

**Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.**



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - January 14 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Finkler / Arnold**

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

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Next Sunday - Group C - January 21 - Hosts: Lowry / E & H Johnson

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



On Sunday, January 7, the Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist, we celebrated the baptism of three infants, Dominick Swain, Lucia Fletes, and Silas Mee and the Chrismation of Brandon Weaver. God Grant Them Many Years!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Thank you very much for those who have volunteered to give Sunday rides to Oksana. Only a few Sundays remain unfilled. Please let me know if you would take one of the following dates that are still open: **Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, March 17**. This is an awesome gift to help us all gather together as the Church for Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions, give me a call, Dn Kevin, at doughertykb@yahoo.com or 907-947-5345.

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [On Epiphany, Part 2](#)

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

"Checking In" with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email stjohnalaska@aol.com

Iconostasis at Monk's Chapel on Spruce Island

This Iconostasis was designed by Andre Gould, Architect and Build by Myles Kelly several years ago. It was recently installed at Monk's Chapel on Spruce Island.



Dates to Remember

Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



Monday Evening Reading Group

The evening reading group will meet Mondays at 6:30pm in the "Reading Room."



Thursday Reading Group

We will meet Thursday at the Chugiak Senior Center at 10am

Birthdays This Week

January 18 - Sarah Curry

January 18 - Hayley Komar

January 21 - Kerry Jones

January 21 - Sloan Medders

January 21 - Valorie Sparks

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

Janet Hawi

Gwyn Jones

Judi Hoyt

Jan Northey

Rollie Gillquist

Gale Armstrong

Eloise Lamb

Kerry Jones

Tisha Dunham

Jennifer Stogsdill

Elisa Betson

*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*



Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012
- * Kh. Barbara Ann Dunaway - January 25, 2011
- * Infant Mark David McIlrath - January 25, 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 **JANUARY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, January 27, 2024. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: stjohnalaska@aol.com. 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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THE SYNAXARION

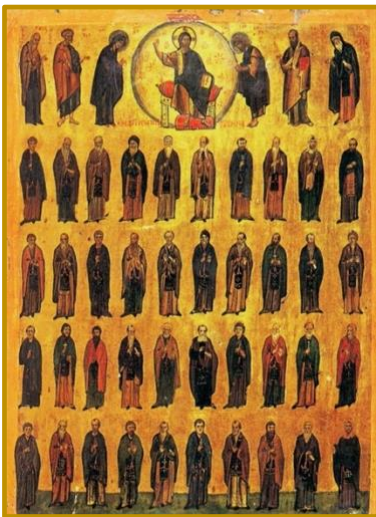
Forty Fathers of Sinai & Raithu– January 14

On January 14, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Leavetaking of the Feast of Epiphany, and we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain on Mount Sinai during the reign of Diocletian, and those slain in the days of Neilos the Wise.

Verses

*It was swords that have wrought here the many murders,
And the men which suffered were lovers of virtue.
On the fourteenth, the swords killed the Fathers.*

In the fourth century, Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the first of two appalling acts of martyrdom. He tells of how the Saracens attacked his monastery on Mount Sinai and would have killed all the monks if God had not intervened. This massacre of forty faithful monks was suddenly interrupted when a fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. The second massacre occurred nearly one hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness, St. Neilos the Wise, who miraculously escaped. The attackers permitted some of the monks to run for their lives. These survivors also thanked God for sparing them and glorified God for glorifying their departed brethren with the wreaths of martyrdom.



On this day, we also commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain at the city of Raithu.

Verses

*As Rachel once anciently wept for her children,
Now the city of Raithu weeps for her slain Fathers.*

On the same day of the first attack on Mount Sinai, a band of the Emperor Diocletion's mercenaries martyred forty Fathers at the small city of Raithu on the shores of the Red Sea. The Abbot Paul exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and pure hearts.

On January 14, we also commemorate the Virgin-martyr Agnes; Venerable Theodoulos, son of Neilos the Wise; Nina, equal-to-the-Apostles, and enlightener of Georgia; and Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.