

*Sunday of the Blind
Man*

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*Acts 16:16-34  
John 9:1-38*

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*Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

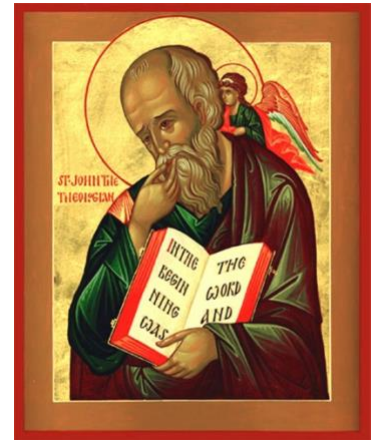
*Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter*

*Coffee Hosts:
Stevens / Komar*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

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*Sunday, June 09, 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*



#### **Feast of the Ascension Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast Wednesday, June 12**

We will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm  
this week on Wed. night, June 12.

After the Ascension we return to fasting on  
Wednesdays and Fridays.

### *Parish Events and News*

#### **Update: Help Provided for People of Ukraine**

Thank you to all the St. John's people who recently helped the people of Ukraine. In May, medical supplies, food, and other essentials were collected for airlift to the Ukrainian people suffering from the war against them. The grim reality we must face is that hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian people have been killed or wounded in this inhumane war. For example, Oksana has had many people in her family killed, wounded, or forced to flee their homes - such as her 80 yr. old mother. Thus, our assistance is greatly appreciated. Currently Oksana and Tetyana volunteer every week to collect life-saving items that are sent to the Ukrainian people in need. Please continue your prayers and support as you are able.



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - June 9 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Stevens / Komar**

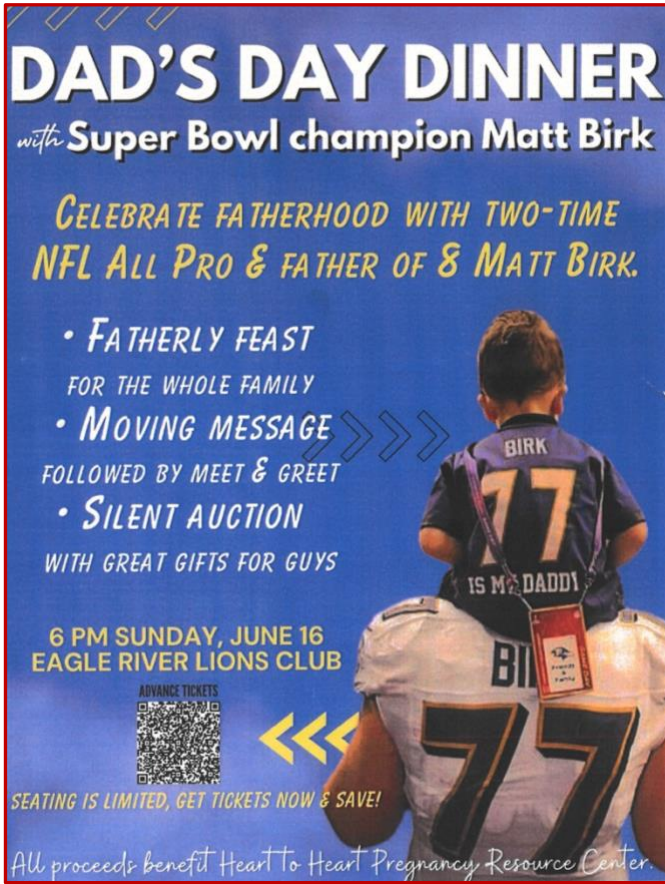
**Snacks:** Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlichting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana



**Next Sunday - Group C - June 16 Hosts: Medders Families / Okuley**

**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

## Local Community News




**DAD'S DAY DINNER**  
with Super Bowl champion Matt Birk

CELEBRATE FATHERHOOD WITH TWO-TIME  
NFL ALL PRO & FATHER OF 8 MATT BIRK.

- FATHERLY FEAST  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
- MOVING MESSAGE  
FOLLOWED BY MEET & GREET
- SILENT AUCTION  
WITH GREAT GIFTS FOR GUYS

6 PM SUNDAY, JUNE 16  
EAGLE RIVER LIONS CLUB

ADVANCE TICKETS  


SEATING IS LIMITED, GET TICKETS NOW & SAVE!

All proceeds benefit Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center.

### Father's Day event to benefit Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center

Retired NFL Super Bowl champion Matt Birk, a Harvard-educated CEO and father of 8, is bringing his inspiring message to Eagle River in support of Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center. Join us at the Lions Club at 6 p.m. on Father's Day (Sunday, June 16) to hear his presentation followed by a meet and greet, enjoy a feast fit for fathers and affordable for families, and shop the silent auction featuring great gifts for guys.

Seating is limited so please get your tickets now by holding your phone camera over the QR code and clicking the link. All proceeds benefit Heart to Heart and local families in need.

Thanks much,  
Rashae Ophus Johnson, Executive Director  
Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center

A flyer will be placed in your church mailbox and on the Church basement Bulletin Board.

—Thank you, Dn Kevin



## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



### Archdiocese Introduces New Children's Magazine "Joy"

Copies of the first issue are available on the Narthex table, one per family with small children. Click [HERE](#) to read Metropolitan Saba introduction to this magazine.

### Message from Rhonda Clodfelter... Opportunities to Serve Our Church

I have overseen 3 major service areas in our church community for decades: Liturgical decorating, Prosfora (Eucharist) bread baking and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium). My time, energy and prayers have indicated that it is time for me to ask others to take over the lead of Liturgical Decorating and for more people willing to volunteers for Bread Baking and more trained Atrium workers.

\* I need to pass on the service of Liturgical **Decorating**. I have a detailed binder to help guide the next person or persons with this transition. If that special person or persons is not available currently, I propose that each family prayerfully consider taking on a feast day as their service together as another idea.

\* In the second area of service I would like to invite participation in Prosfora (**Eucharist**) **Bread Baking**. This is an essential area of service as we could not have Divine Liturgy without it! We currently have six women serving in this area, but anyone even men who like to bake bread are welcome.

\* In the third area of service, of which I am most passionate about, is the Catechesis **of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)**. We need more trained catechists to continue to serve our children in this wonderful Christian education program. The training alone will deepen your own faith in Christ and the church services!

Please note - there is a Level 1 training coming up right here in Anchorage with Shelley Finkler June 10-15, 2024. Please prayerfully consider this training if you are able. We hope and pray that this program thrives in our parish with the help of many. (Time to Register is now – so please see the Flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex).

Please contact me with any questions and I will give you details of how to serve in the 3 areas mentioned above. —Sincerely, Rhonda Clodfelter, (907) 727-5604, [rjcs@mtaonline.net](mailto:rjcs@mtaonline.net)



**Eagle River Institute**  
of Orthodox Christian Studies



#### ***Divine Guidance in America***

**V. Rev. Dr. John Jillions**



#### ***Living in the Spirit: Orthodox Spirituality for Modern Times***

**Dr. Paul Ladouceur**

### **Save the Date: August 1-5, 2024**

The Eagle River Institute is hosted annually by the members of Saint John Cathedral to provide a forum for Orthodox scholars to address lay people on topics relevant to everyday, Christian life. The Institute also contributes to the greater, educational needs of the Church by publishing its lectures and other materials in its [Media Library](#). Visit [eagleriverinstitute.org](http://eagleriverinstitute.org) for more details, registration, and schedule.



## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### "Checking In" with Each Other

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

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

June 12 - Brent Schlichting

June 14 - Rhonda Clodfelter

June 13 - Naomi Dunaway

June 15 - Daniel Kies

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### Anniversaries This Week

Michael & Jennifer Saur - June 9, 2013



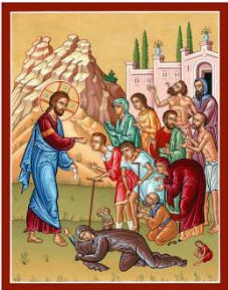
### Remembering in Prayer...

Janet Hawi

Tisha Dunham

Fr. James Bernstein

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



Miranda Marie Kelly - June 8, 1984

Kh. Esther Lois Sparks - June 18, 2012

Rosalie Ann Zink - June 21, 2000

Ruth McLean French - June 24, 1984

Andrew Kenneth Davis - June 25, 2022

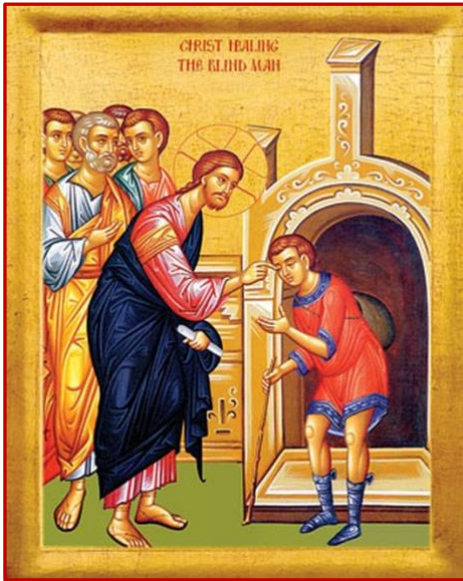
Brenda Joy Davis - June 28, 1994

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## THE SYNAXARION

### Blind Man – 5<sup>th</sup> Pascha



On June 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Belozersk; and Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland.

On this day, the fifth Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth. We rightly celebrate the miracle bestowed on him.

#### *Verses*

*O Bestower of light, Who are Light coming forth from Light,  
You give sight to the man who was blind from his birth.*

While leaving the Temple on the Sabbath, the Savior met this man who was born blind and who was incurable after every human effort. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus all teach that the man was born literally without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Your boundless mercy, O Christ our God, and the Giver of light, have mercy on us.  
Amen.

#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto: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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