

Great-Martyr
Euphemia
Miracle at the
Council of Chalcedon

Tone 2

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Matthew 6:22-33

Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

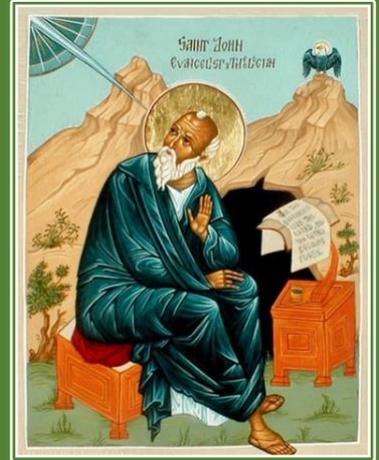
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, July 11, 2021

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.

Parish Events and News

Here's what you absolutely need to know about this summer's

EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE

What's the same?

- The dates, August 1-5.

What's different?

- Sessions are shorter, 90 minutes.
- Weekday sessions will begin later, at 5pm.
- Childcare is provided for all sessions, ages 2-12. (*We want to do this so parents can attend.*)
- Three meals are provided between sessions for all attendees. (*Simple meals for everyone.*)
- There is no fee to attend.
- This year we have three instructors instead of two.
- "Paraklesis" Service will be on August 2, Monday morning, at 8am.
- Divine Liturgy will be at St. Sergius Chapel on August 4, Wednesday morning at, 7:45am.

Here's what you need to do?

Click [HERE](#) to register now, Before July 18. (*Yes, please, even if you are member of Saint John's.*)

Click [HERE](#) for an updated brochure.

Click [HERE](#) for a one-page schedule.

Share the [ERI Facebook](#) page and/or [ERI Website](#) to help us advertise.

• • • Thanks! We hope to see you there. • • •



On the second Sunday after Pentecost many Orthodox Churches celebrate the memory of the Saints from their own land. Foremost among these are the recognized Orthodox Saints, but the hymns for this Sunday also make mention of the great number of Saints - men, women and children - who are known only to God. This year, Fr. Michael and Matushka Xenia Oleksa brought their Icon of All Saints of North America for everyone to venerate at the end of Liturgy. They are pictured here along with Fr. Marc and Fr. Tom.

Missing – Church’s Long Extension Ladder

Please contact John Marc if you have it or just return it please.



Coffee Hour will continue outside for now and coffee and snacks will be available. Hosting this week: Steve & Ruth Templeton

St. John’s Youth Group - Wednesday Night This Week

Meet at the church at 6pm. John Marc will be emailing you this week to let you know what you’ll be doing.

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Since we are unable to see much of each other – Is there something you’d like to share about what your family is up to this summer? Please email stjohnalaska@aol.com Hope to hear a little something from you – it might help us feel a little more connected.

Interested in Renting Your Car Out for a Few Days?

Demus Lourie (Maye Johnson's brother) and his daughter Kelsey and kids will be visiting August 26 through August 31. They will be staying at the guest rooms at the Maranatha House. They are looking for a van or SUV to rent. If interested in making a little money, contact Kelsey at (360) 920-2677.

Beloved Friends and Family,

We recently received our long-awaited appointment letter from OCMC Executive Director Fr. Martin Ritsi:

Michael & Meghan Jones are now officially Pre-field OCMC missionaries!

OCMC (*Orthodox Christian Mission Center*) is the official missions agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. It is OCMC's mission to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church.

At the invitation of His Eminence, Metropolitan MYRON of New Zealand, we will be assisting with the **Orthodox Apostolic Ministry in the island nations of New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga**. Our work will include building projects (*2 new churches, housing and a school to start with*), hosting work teams, conducting catechism, teaching liturgical music, and working with the local communities to alleviate chronic poverty in a sustainable, lasting way.

Our appointment as pre-field missionaries means we have **official approval from OCMC to start raising support** for our 2-year deployment to Oceania.

You may wonder: "***Why do you use the word 'support'? Aren't you fundraising?***"

There is an important distinction: 'funds' simply means 'money', but **SUPPORT** includes a lot more. As members of the Body of Christ, you give your "***Amen!***" to our appointment as OCMC missionaries in lots of ways:

- Pray for us (*Daily if you can!*)
- Make time to learn about our ministry
- Share our story with others who may be interested
- Assist with needs we have back home while on deployment
- Visit us in the field to see the fruit of God's mission firsthand (You'll love it!)
- Follow the call you have in your own heart to pursue a church mission or ministry

We certainly have funding needs, and if you are inspired to [contribute a sustaining monthly gift](#) we are grateful. But please, take another look at that list above. *Is there some other way God is calling you to participate?* If so, we encourage you to act on that inspiration!

As OCMC missionaries, we are responsible to raise the funds for our deployment, but we recently got some fantastic news: **OCMC found a benefactor who agreed to MATCH every dollar that we raise for our first year!** The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed our deployment substantially, and this matching grant helps our cohort of new missionaries get into the field sooner. What a blessing!



Our goal is to raise enough to support our family's cost of living as well as ministry-related expenses for two years. Our budget is determined by OCMC and covers all the basic expenses for our two-year deployment to Oceania. Your gift is tax-deductible and handled with integrity and accountability under the supervision of OCMC.



We aim to complete our support-raising campaign by **August 31**. It's ambitious, but we already have pledges for over 10% of our budget. (*Our last two pledges were for \$100 per month – that's a huge confidence boost!*).

Some people will prefer to donate a one-time gift, but your **regular, monthly support will get us to the field faster and sustain us longer**.

Once we are fully-funded, we will deploy ASAP to our home-base in the mission field: the island of Viti Levu in the Fiji Islands.

Donate to the Jones Family Mission Fund

Last, but definitely not least

During our training and preparations we have come to understand that, as **Orthodox Christian missionaries**, we don't simply hop on a plane to Fiji on our own initiative.

The term *missionary* means "*One who is sent.*" We are sent by the prayers and financial support of you, the Body of Christ who partner with us to make this mission possible. *This is your work as much as ours.*

With that in mind, *We invite you all to arrange a time to speak with us* - in person, over the phone, or on Zoom – to share our vision, answer questions, and hear your feedback. We cherish the opportunity to speak with you about this exciting new step in our lives!

To contact us, **call Michael: 907-942-1230**.

To set up a **100% matched** monthly donation [visit our OCMC webpage](#).

Thank you all for your continued prayers and encouragement during this long process of discernment and preparation to become OCMC missionaries. We are thrilled to be so close to taking that first step into the mission field.

With love in Christ,

Michael & Meghan Jones

Catherine (8), Anastasia (7), Cecelia (5) and Elliot (2)

OCMC Pre-field Missionaries to Oceania

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Catherine's Baby Shower

The Gillquist clan enjoyed having everyone in the same state and managed to get a family photo! Thank you to all who came to the baby shower for Catherine. She was overwhelmed with the love and generosity of so many people from her home church.

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

July 12 - Tanna Terrell
July 12 - Noah Arvidson
July 13 - Olga Wasile

July 16 - Veronica Hoxie
July 17 - Jan Northey
July 18 - Amy Jenkins

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Anniversaries This Week

Matt and Hayley Komar - July 11, 2000

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Remembering in Prayer...



*Preston Collier
Helen Gillquist
Jan Northey
Lina Curry
Anna Haley
Helen Maidenrath
(Matthews)
Tom Johnson*

*Catherine Cowan
Mothter Galina*

All Those Suffering With Covid

*Tisha Dunham
Margaret & Chris Grasse
Eloise Lamb
Phebe Dyal
Georgianna Moses
Safwat Attia*

*Riley Fitchapel
(Dn. Larry Hartman's son-in-law)
Robin Armstrong
Katie Jones*

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- * Presbyter Daniel Ryan - July 7, 1984
- * Theodore Wells - July 20, 2009
- * Marlene Dyal - July 24, 2005

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 **July** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, July 24. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Great Martyr Euphemia – July 11

(Miracle at the Council of Chalcedon)

On July 11, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Great Martyr, the all-famed Euphemia, who through a supernatural wonder upheld the Orthodox Creed of Faith at the Fourth Ecumenical Council.

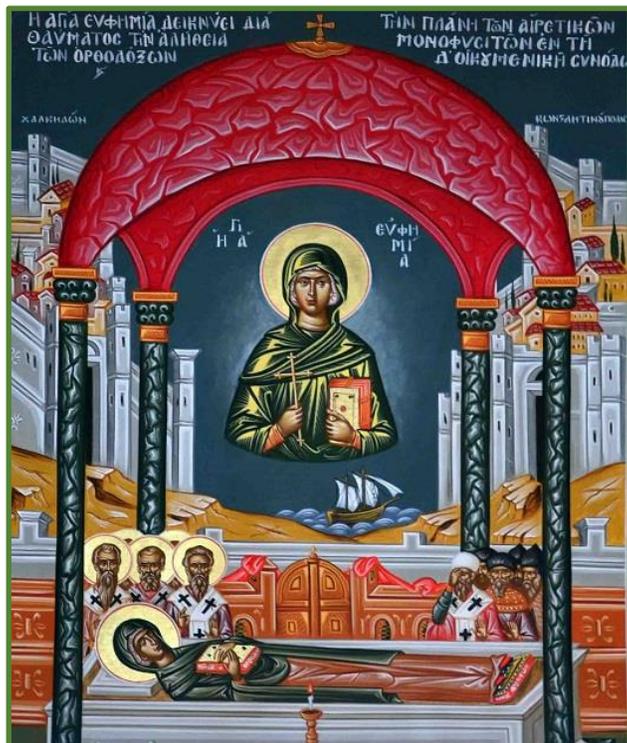
Verses

*Though dead, judge the definitions of the Faith, O Martyr,
And confirm that Faith for which you have
contended with love.*

*On the eleventh, Euphemia seals the wondrous
definition of the Faith.*

Euphemia, a virgin martyr beautiful in soul and body, is commemorated on September 16, the day on which she suffered in 304. Today we celebrate the miracle wrought by her precious relics, revealed at the time of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon in 451. This Council was summoned because of the heresy of Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, and Eutyches, an archimandrite in Constantinople, who falsely taught that there were not two natures in Christ, divine and human, but only one, a divine nature. To resolve the fight, Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople suggested that the Orthodox and the heretics each write down their confession of faith and place them into the coffin that contained the relics of St. Euphemia, who was laid to rest 150 years earlier. So, two confessions of faith were written and placed in the hands of the great martyr. The coffin was closed and sealed with the imperial seal with a watch being set over it. After this, they all spent three days in fasting and prayer. On the fourth day, when the tomb was opened, they saw the Orthodox confession of faith in the saint's right hand and the heretical one beneath her feet. Thus, the conflict was resolved by God's power, on the side of Orthodoxy.

On this day, we also commemorate Olga (Helen), princess of Kiev. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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