

15th Sunday after
Pentecost
Sergius of Radonezh
Tone 6

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2 Corinthians 4:6-15  
Luke 5:1-11

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Homily by
Subdn. Chris Kies

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

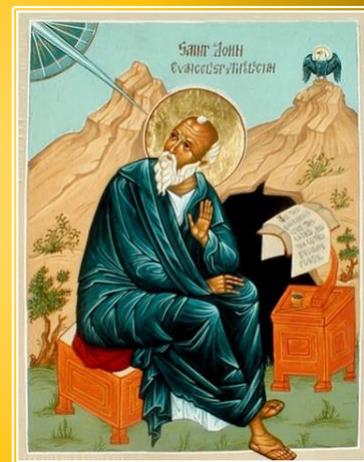
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Fletes / Mee

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

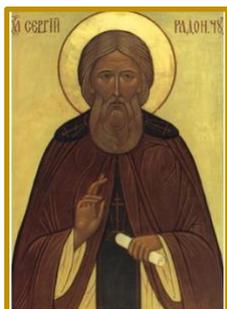
Sunday, September 25, 2022

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



Walk to the Chapel – Monday, September 26 – 12:30pm Saint Sergius (September 25)

We will have a special prayer service at St. Sergius Chapel on Monday, Sep 26 in which we will also celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, the Repose of St. John the Evangelist. We will meet at the Cathedral steps at 12:30pm. All of St. John's students and teachers will participate in the Chapel service. Everyone is invited to join us.

Public Talk by Missionary Nathan Hoppe – Sunday, October 2, 6:00pm And Vespers Saturday, October 1 at 6:15pm

Participants of the Alaskan Orthodox and Evangelical Dialogue being held at Beach Lake includes **Vespers at St. John's on Saturday October 1 at a special time - 6:15pm**. The time is being changed to allow participants to attend. It will be helpful if a good number of our parishioners attend, so those who have not been to an Orthodox service can see how we sing and pray. There will be a short 10-minute talk afterward to explain the service and the inside of the Church.

Then on Sunday night we are hosting the public event of a lecture by the missionary Nathan Hoppe. Click [here](#) to see a flyer for this lecture and invite your friends. **This lecture will begin at 6:00pm and refreshments will follow**. Please make plans to attend both of these evening events as you are able, and help host and welcome any guests who come. —Fr. Marc



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

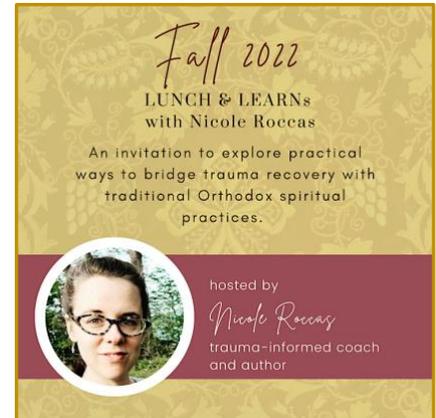
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Please provide each of your children with lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning. If you have any questions, you may contact Ronda Clodfelter at 907-696-2128

Bridging Trauma Recovery with Traditional Orthodox Spiritual Practice - 4 Online Sessions

What does Eastern Orthodox spirituality have to impart trauma survivors? How can we approach the spiritual practices of our faith in a way that brings us closer to Christ rather than His healing than distress? Allison Justus, a member of our parish, recently listened to the first episode and thought it was excellent. For more information see registration website [here](#).

- Sep 14: Building a Trauma-Sensitive Prayer Rule
- Oct 12: Forgiveness & Reconciliation after Trauma
- Nov 9: Orthodox Fasting and Trauma Recovery
- Dec 14: The Christmas Story through the Lens of Trauma



Tithe on PFD

Please remember to mark your tithes on your PFD's in the memo of a check "PFD." If you pay on the church website, stjohnalaska.org, click on "Make a Donation" and choose the category "PFD tithe". The tithe from PFD's is not put into our general budget but is held for special projects that benefit the entire parish.

Kids Running Races - September 25 at 4pm

All kids are invited to enjoy running races on Sunday Sept 25th at 4pm, on the Church lawn. Races will include team relay races, kid-size hurdles, "dinosaur chases," and other fun races. Joachim Labrecque with Dn. Kevin will assist. Enjoy! Call Dn Kevin for questions at 907-947-5345.



St. John's Youth Group – Grades 7-12- Start Date Tuesday, Oct 4

Youth Group will meet at the St. James house and each week we'll have dinner at the big table starting at 6:30pm and a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up around 8pm.

I look forward to seeing you all there. You can call us with any questions at (907) 317-9549.

—John Marc and Bethany Dunaway

Sisters of Mary and Martha General Meeting October 8 at 5:30pm

Please join us for our next Sisters of Mary and Martha general meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday Oct 8th at 5:30 pm in the church basement. Just to peak your curiosity, I've got some fun activities planned and hope to see you all there. - Katy Arvidson



Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 25 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Fletes / Mee

snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr. M & Kh. B Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, Idhe, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Potts, Dn. J & D Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, Terrell, Webster

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

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#### Next Sunday - Group A - October 2, 2022 - Hosts: Hoxie / Mellor

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Eckert, Gillquist, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Streff, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells, Zink

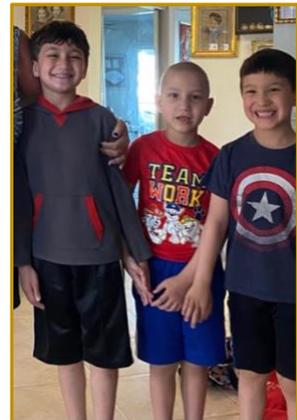
If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement and inform Jennifer Gillquist at [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com)

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

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

### Update on Little Ezra Marizan

Ezra Marizan has been at Seattle Children's Hospital for nearly the past two years receiving various cancer treatments. He was diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer when he was four years old. Ezra just had a quadruple bone marrow biopsy done in New York City this week. The hope was, that if the biopsy came back showing no cancer, Ezra could participate in a clinical trial in New York to help ensure the cancer would not come back. Unfortunately, the biopsy came back showing a spot of cancer in his hip making him ineligible for the clinical trial. He is technically now in relapse and his parents are unsure as to what steps come next for Ezra. Please keep him, his mother and father and two brothers in your prayers. They need a miracle.



## Dates to Remember



### Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday readers will meet this coming week at 10 am at JoAnn's home, followed by a pot luck lunch to honor Ann Patras' birthday.

## *Birthdays This Week*



September 25 - James Curry

September 28 - Jana Jenkins

September 27 - Fr. Marc Dunaway

September 29 - Evelyn Stiehr

September 28 - Kim Medders

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

## *Anniversaries this Month*



George & Stina Dozier - September 30, 1967

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

## *Remembering in Prayer...*



*Eloise Lamb  
Nicholas Guio  
Gwyn Jones  
Dan Kendall*

*Myles Kelly  
Valorie Sparks  
Al Zink*

*And for those suffering from Covid*

## *Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month*



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant 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 !*

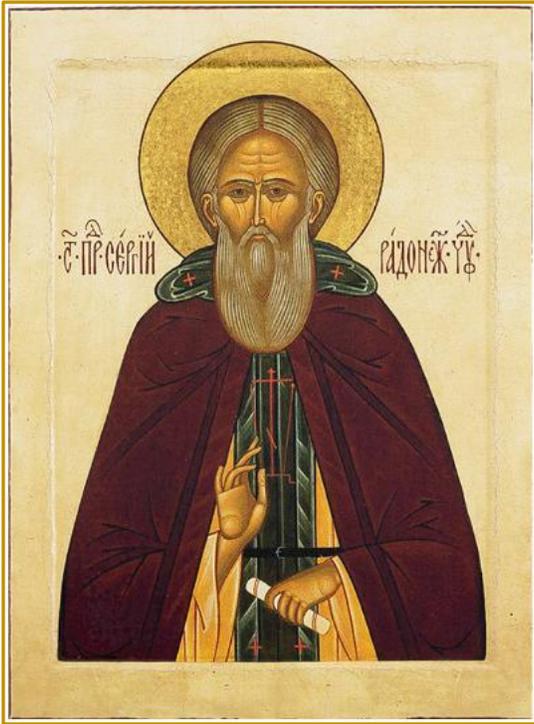
## *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

For the Month of **OCTOBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, October 22.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION

Sergius of Radonezh & Euphrosyne of Alexandria– September 25



On September 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the translation of the relics of Herman, archbishop of Kazan; and the repose of the Venerable Sergius of Radonezh.

Sergius was born in 1314 of noble and pious parents. In 1334, after the death of his parents he moved to a small town near Moscow, joining his widowed older brother, Stephen. In 1337, he was tonsured a monk and was ordained to the priesthood. In seeking a more secluded life, he and his brother found a place in the deep forest near the Marovets hill and built a small cell and a simple chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The brothers lived in a secluded life in the forest, but in time Stephen found the life of seclusion difficult and left Sergius alone for a number of years. Gradually people learned of Sergius and approached him for spiritual guidance, and soon the

cell grew to a small hermitage of twelve monks. The hermitage of the Holy Trinity soon became the spiritual center that eventually became the Holy Trinity–St. Sergius Lavra.

As the monastery grew, Sergius began to send his disciples to spread the Gospel to the natives across central and northern Russia. The number of monasteries founded by these disciples approached 400, established in the most remote places. Sergius highly favored the communal lifestyle and eventually all these monasteries formed links of a new country centering around Moscow. As the commerce centering on Holy Trinity monastery increased, a settlement was formed at the monastery gates that grew into the town of Sergiev Posad.

The news of his life and works of wonder spread far and wide. Metropolitan Alexis of Moscow honored Sergius as a friend and even offered to make Sergius his successor as metropolitan of Moscow. But, these honors did not fit with Sergius' ascetic life, so he refused.

After reaching an old age, on the eve before his passing, the great saint of God summoned the brethren a final time and turned to them with the words of last instruction: "Brethren, be attentive to yourselves. Have first the fear of God, purity of soul and unhypocritical love." In tranquil solitude, Sergius reposed to God on September 25, 1392.

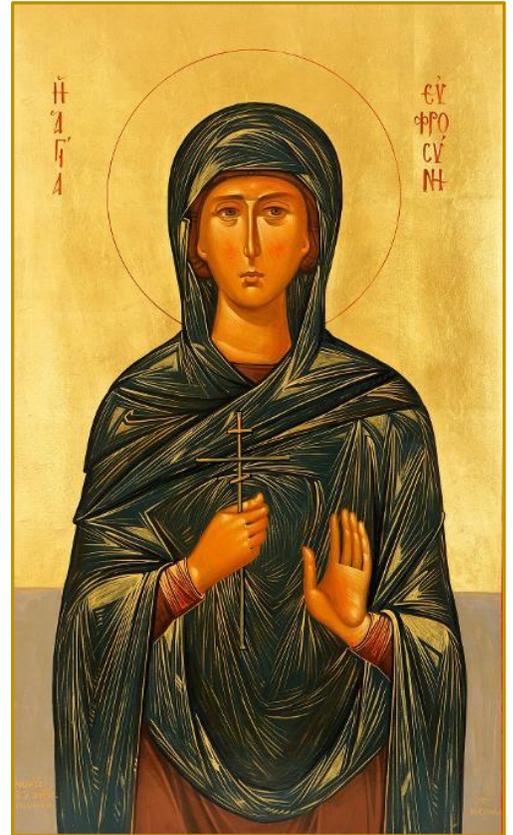
On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Mother Euphrosyne of Alexandria, her father the Venerable Martyr Paphnoutios of Egypt and those slain with him.

**Verses**

*You bravely conceal your womanly nature,  
and the Master Who sees all secrets sees you.*

*On the twenty-fifth, Euphrosyne underwent her death.*

Paphnoutios, a rich and eminent man, and his wife prayed to God to end their barrenness with a child. He blessed them with a daughter and they named her Euphrosyne. They brought her up in the Christian faith. Her father desired to have the young Euphrosyne married, but she did not want this so she dressed herself in men's clothing and presented herself to the abbot of a men's monastery with the name of Smaragdus. By her strict fasting and prayers, Smaragdus quickly became the most devout ascetic in the monastery. Thirty-eight years later, her father, the grieving Paphnoutios, visited the monastery where he encountered Smaragdus on her deathbed. Then the dying Smaragdus said to Paphnoutios: "I am Euphrosyne your daughter; you are my father." Then Euphrosyne breathed her last and her astonished father wept over her. Paphnoutios spent ten years in the monastery as an ascetic in the cell of his departed, holy daughter. He suffered martyrdom with 546 companions by order of the Emperor Diocletian in the year 303.



By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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