

*Sash of Theotokos*

~~~~~

*Hebrews 9:1-7  
Matthew 19:16-26*

~~~~~

*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders  
Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Ihde/Unser  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

~~~~~

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, August 31, 2025  
And the Days Following*

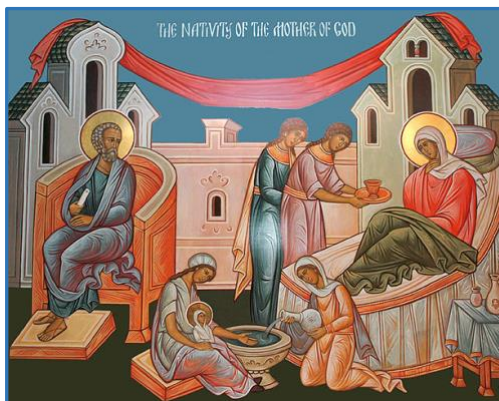


*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

### *Feast Days and Services*

#### ***Reminder...***

***Tonight, Friday, Aug. 29 – Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm in For St. John the Baptist***



*Next Saturday and Sunday (transfer of feast)...*

#### ***Nativity of the Mother of God***

***Feast Day is September 8***

***Great Vespers, Sat, Sep 6 at 7:15pm***

***Matins/Divine Liturgy, Sun, Sep 7 at 9:15am/10am***

*This year the Nativity of the Mother of God falls on a Monday. We will celebrate her feast day on Sunday with our regular services of Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy.*

*Comping Up the Next Week Saturday and Sunday...*

#### ***Elevation of the Cross***

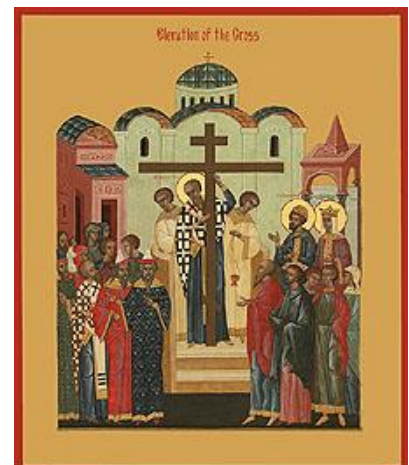
***Feast Day is September 14 (Hierarchical)***

*Great Vespers, Saturday, Sep 13 at 7:15pm*

*Divine Liturgy, Sunday, Sep 14 at 9:00am*

*This Service will include the Procession of the Cross  
with the 500 Lord Have Mercy's.*

*September 14<sup>th</sup> is strict fast day. (When this Feast falls on  
Saturday or Sunday it is still a fast day kept in the same way as  
any Saturday or Sunday in Lent.)*



## *Parish Events and News*

### **September 1 – Beginning of the New Liturgical Year (*Indiction*)**

There are a few calendars in the Narthex and is also on our Website – Click [HERE](#)



### **Bishop John to Visit Eagle River September 12-14**

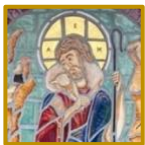
At the request of our Bishop Anthony, Bishop John, Antiochian Bishop for New England, will visit Alaska in September. He will be at our Cathedral September 12-14. You can read more about Bishop John on the Archdiocese website: [Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America](#).

*We will formally greet the Bishop on Saturday evening September the 13 at the beginning of Great Vespers and have a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the celebration of the Cross on Sunday, September 14.*

*Next Sunday, Sep 7, Fr. Marc will give a brief talk after Liturgy on what to expect for a Hierarchical visit and we will go over some special hymns that are used during the services.*

### **Adult Winter Classes and Meetings at Saint John's – Input Wanted Letter from Fr. Marc**

As we approach the fall season I look forward to beginning some adult classes we can organize through the winter. After all, what could be more enjoyable than a warm living room with a fireplace, talking about God with friends? As I think about our parish, I see we have a variety of needs, and I would like help discerning what we should do.... *(To read the rest of this letter click [here](#). This letter will also be sent separately to the Cathedral email list.)*



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

Registration forms and calendars for Atrium are now available and can be found on the Narthex Table. Atrium starts on September 21.



### **Tim Mellor, Parish Administrator - Out of Office for Next Two Weeks**

Tim will be at Antiochian Village in Pennsylvania to continue his studies in the St. Stephen's Course in Orthodox Theology. You can still reach him by texting his cell phone (763-227-3553) or through email.

## New Coffee Hour Hosts for September through December

There is new schedule for Coffee Hour Hosts for Sep.-Dec.

It can be found on church website under the ["Resource Page"](#).

*Jennifer Gillquist would like you to review it to see when your assigned time is. Contact Jennifer Gillquist with a text message for any questions at 907-632-1064.*

## Coffee Hour Hosts

September through December 2025

### Who's Hosting This Week?

Please mark your "Host Date" on your home Calendar  
Fast Days are in Pink

*If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement and then let Jennifer Gillquist know of the change. Text 907-632-1064 (preferred) or email [Jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifergillquist@gmail.com)*

| G<br>R<br>O<br>U<br>P            | Sep 2025                                                     | Oct 2025                                                           | Nov 2025                                                                                                          | Dec 2025                                                            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>A</b>                         | Sep 7<br>Patras, Jim & Ann<br>Cook, Bill & Mary Alice        | Oct 5<br>Cooley, Noah & Kathleen<br>Weaver, Brundon & Arianna      | Nov 2<br>Jenkins, Dan, Amy & Jana<br>Mee, Katya                                                                   | Dec 7<br>Goetz, Jacob<br>Lindblom, David & Kristine                 |
| <b>B</b>                         | Sep 14<br>Komar, Matt & Hayley<br>Templeton, Steve & Ruth    | Oct 12<br>Klatt, Will & Liz<br>Lineer, Dolph & Sydney              | Nov 9<br>Ihde, Dolph & Sydney<br>Unser, Josh & Nicola                                                             | Dec 14<br>Dunaway, Ben & Danielle<br>Dunaway, John & Bethany        |
| <b>C</b>                         | Sep 21<br>Fletes, Anthony & Cara<br>Okuley, Brian & Sylvia   | Oct 19<br>Arnold, Rachel<br>Mellor, Sbdn Tim & Lori                | Nov 16<br>Labrecque, Ben<br>Snider, Stan & Lourie                                                                 | Dec 21<br>Kies, Sbdn Chris & Jessica<br>Davisson, Brent & Stephanie |
| <b>D</b>                         | Sep 28<br>Haines, Natasha & Andrew<br>Stogsdill, Sam & Jerry | Oct 26<br>Johnson, Eric & Hannah<br>Burton, Ian<br>Forbes, Bradley | Nov 23<br>Kendall, Dan & Melinda<br>Temple, Alex & Jamie                                                          | Dec 28<br>Saur, Sbdn Michael & Jennifer<br>Terrell, Tim & Tarna     |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday</b> | MARK YOUR CALENDAR!                                          |                                                                    | Nov 30 - 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>ALL Bring Snacks<br>Clodfelter, Russell & Rhonda<br>Gillquist, Greg & Jennifer |                                                                     |



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 31, 2025 Fifth Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Ihde / Unser**

Every One Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up

*Next Sunday - Group A - September 7 - Hosts: Patras / Cook*

*Snacks: Abel, Cook, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells*

## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



[Monthly Newsletter](#)



### **"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](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



## **Dan and Melinda Kendall Invite You to Their Annual Apple Harvest Festival Potluck**

Monday, September 1, 2025, 3pm to 6pm

Bring a dish to share.

Dan & Melinda Kendall's house on Monastery Drive.

### *Dates to Remember*

#### *Birthdays This Week*

August 31 - Rachel Arnold

September 7 - Joe Dunham

September 3 - Monica Johnson

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



#### *Anniversaries This Week*

Brent & Stephanie Davisson - August 31, 2008

Joe & Tisha Dunham - September 1, 1990

Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty - September 3, 1978

Dan & Melinda Kendall - September 5, 1976

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



#### *Thursday Reading Group*

We will start back on September 4<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building, second floor. We'll be reading 'The Art of Myrrh-bearing: Encountering Christ Through Serving Others' by Elissa Bjeletich Davis. We have 3 copies we can pass around, but I have asked the bookstore to order copies for you to buy. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras



#### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Helen Gillquist  
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*Jay Keener*

*Krya & Skylynn Lineer*

*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



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* 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 **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, Sep. 27th.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION

#### Placing of the Sash of the Theotokos – August 31

On August 31, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Placing of the Sash of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos in Constantinople (*Halkoprateia district*) during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

#### *Verses*

*Like an all-golden garland, O most honorable Virgin,  
I set your sash on the year's end as an adornment.*

*On the thirty-first, the Sash of the All-pure Virgin was enshrined.*



At her Dormition, the Most Holy Mother of God left her Sash to the Apostle Thomas. This Sash was later taken to Constantinople and kept there in a sealed case in the church of the Mother of God (*at Blachernae*). This case was never opened until the time of the Emperor Leo the Wise in the late ninth century. Leo's wife, the Empress Zoë, was taken sick in soul and, as the result of a mysterious vision, desired that the Sash of the Most Holy Theotokos be placed upon her. The Emperor asked this of the Patriarch, who opened the case and found the Sash completely whole and undamaged by time. The Sash was taken out and placed upon the sick Empress, who immediately recovered. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, and then returned the venerable Sash back into the case and resealed it.

On this day, we also commemorate our fathers among the saints Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage; John, Metropolitan of Kiev; and Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto: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.

---

### **Saint John Orthodox Cathedral**

P.O. Box 771108 • 18936 Monastery Drive • Eagle River, Alaska, 99577  
(907) 696-2002 • Fax: (907) 696-5555 • Email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) -  
Parish Council Email [parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org) • Website: [stjohnalaska.org](http://stjohnalaska.org)  
• Diocesan Website: <http://www.antiochianladiocese.org>  
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese  
Pastor: Fr. Marc Dunaway • Assistant Priest: Fr. Robert Polson