

Elevation of the Cross
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1 Cor. 1:18-24  
John 19:6-11, 13-20,  
25-28, 30-35  
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Homily by
Bishop John

Epistle Reader:
Jerry Finkler

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Fletes / Templeton

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

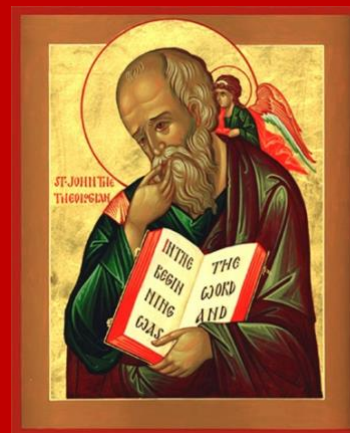
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with*  
*Bishop John*

*Sunday, September 14, 2025*

*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.

Feast Days and Services

Elevation of the Cross Feast Day is *September 14*

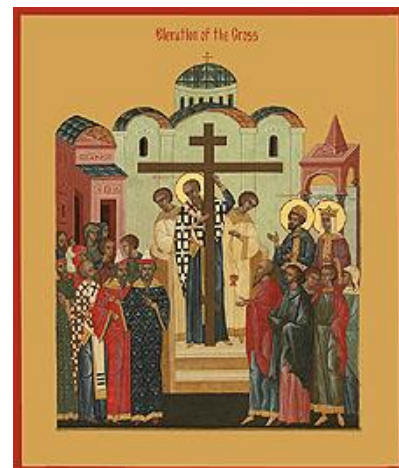
Great Vespers, Saturday, Sep 13 at 7:15pm (Hierarchical)

Divine Liturgy, Sunday, Sep 14 at 9:00am (Hierarchical)

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

September 14th 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.)

We will formally greet the Bishop on Saturday evening September the 13 at the beginning of Great Vespers.



Parish Events and News

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) Begins Next Sunday, September 21

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



Special Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 14, 2025 Everyone Brings Snacks / Helps Clean Up

Fasting Day

Hosts Families: Fletes / Templeton

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**Next Sunday – Group C – September 21, 2025 - Komar / Okuley**

*Snacks: Arnold, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehls, Temple, Wasile*

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [A Cry from a Wound](#)

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## *Saint John's School News*



## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### "Checking In" with Each Other

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

## Dates to Remember

### Wednesday 'Moms with Little Ones' Reading Group

Wednesday Reading Group for Mom's with Little Ones starts at 10 AM in the St. James house living room. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### Thursday Reading Group

We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building, second floor. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras

### Birthdays This Week

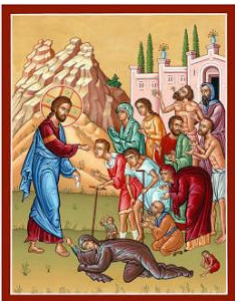
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| September 15 - Kasey Medders   | September 21 - Bradley Forbes   |
| September 17 - Hannah Johnson  | September 21 - Blaise Alexander |
| September 18 - Stan Snider     | September 21 - Evan Kies        |
| September 18 - Melinda Kendall |                                 |



### Anniversaries This Week

Stephen & Kali Macalino - September 20, 1992

M A N Y Y E A R S !



### 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, September 27.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION



### Elevation of the Cross – September 14

On September 14, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Universal Elevation of the Honored and Life-giving Cross.

#### *Verses*

*Creation, seeing the Cross highly exalted,  
Offers You hymns of high praise, O Savior.  
On the fourteenth, the Wood of the Cross is elevated  
with honor.*

On this day, we commemorate two events connected with the Precious Cross of Christ: the finding of the Cross on Golgotha, and the returning of the Cross to Jerusalem from Persia. While in the Holy Land, the Empress Helena learned that the Holy Cross was buried underneath the temple of the pagan goddess Venus which was built on Golgotha. She demanded it be torn down and the Cross be excavated. The search turned up three crosses. Uncertain which was the true Cross, the Patriarch Marcarius ordered that each cross be placed on the corpse in a funeral procession passing by. The first two produced nothing, but the third brought the man back to life, thus determining that this was the very Cross on which our Savior brought life to the world. Later,

King Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, took the people into slavery and carried off the Lord's Cross to Persia. In 628, the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and brought the Cross back to Jerusalem with great ceremony. Heraclius was carrying the Cross on his back when, suddenly, he froze in place. The Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel directing the emperor to take off his robes and walk with the same extreme humility with which our Savior bore His Cross. The emperor complied and was able to finish the procession to the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha, where he restored the Holy Cross.

By the power of Your Cross, O Christ God, have mercy upon us, and save 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.

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