

*Samaritan Woman
Postfeast Mid-
Pentecost*

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*Acts 11:19-30  
John 4:5-42*

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*Homily by
Fr. David Barr*

*Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter*

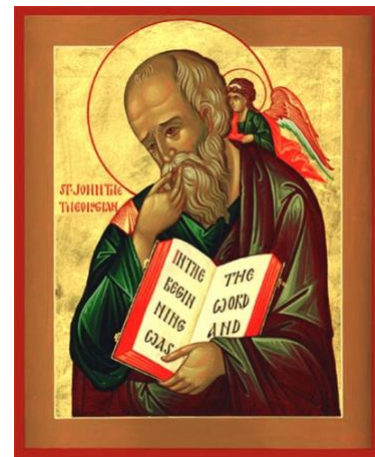
*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Alexander / Palmer*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin



*Sunday, May 10, 2026
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

Cookout and Conversation

“Building Orthodox Traditions at Home”

Sunday, May 17, 5:30-7:30pm at the Saint James House

This gathering is open to anyone new to Orthodox Christianity (and others). We will have hamburgers and hot dogs from the grill followed by an hour discussion led by Fr. Marc. Children are welcome, and food and childcare will be provided. Bring your questions and thoughts to share. Topics include: What is the goal of an Orthodox Christian home? How do we integrate the feast days into family life? What is an Icon corner? Does Orthodoxy offer a perspective on parenting? And more. To help us prepare, please RSVP to Tim Mellor at (timmellor@stjohnalaska.org) if you will attend and include ages and number of children.

Parish Events and News

St. John's Youth Corps



Each summer the Cathedral hires several young adults (14+) to do the work needed at the Cathedral, surrounding buildings, and their ~55-acre campus. We call this group our Summer Youth Corps, and their tasks vary widely based on what is needed that year. This might include everything from hauling firewood, finishing decks and siding, cleaning carpets, building fences, maintaining trails and much more! You can be part of a long tradition that takes pride in the upkeep of St. John's campus while making money and gaining work experience. More information and applications are available online at www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps Applications are due May 25.



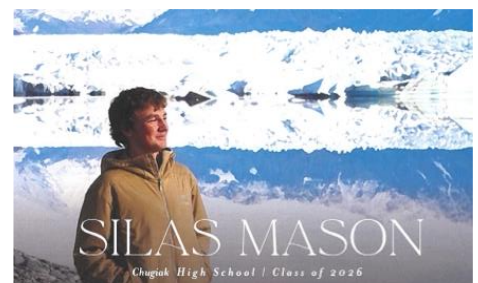
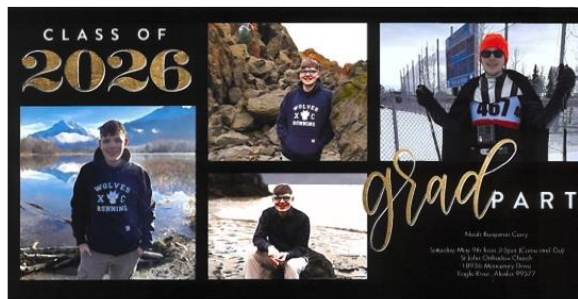
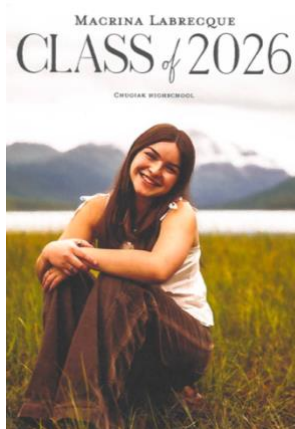
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)
Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm



**The church will honor those graduating this Sunday -
May 10,
after Divine Liturgy in the Nave**

High School Graduates: Macrina Labrecque, Noah Curry and Silas Mason

College Graduate: Sloan Medders, who is graduating with a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University. *“We celebrate this accomplishment and the hard work, dedication and perseverance it represents. Please join us in congratulation Sloan and keeping her in your prayers as she begins her next chapter”.* —Kim Medders





Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 10 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Alexander / Palmer

Snacks: Agnew, Arnold, Bower, Davisson, Drennan, Dunham, Durand, Fisher, Hanna, Hoyt, J. Jenkins, M & M Jones, D & M Kendall, Komar, Layton, Lindblom, K Medders, L & M Mellor, G. Moses, Oliveria, Peters, Saur, Snider, Sturdevant, N. Temple, Tysver, Vermeylon, Villafanna, Wells

Next Sunday – Group Mark (3) – May 17 - Hosts: Weaver / Van Dyke

Snacks: Alexander, Artz, Burkowske, Cook, Doss, B & D Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, P. Gillquist, Griffith, Hattenburg, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Justus, Kendall, Labrecque, Lowry, Marcus, O Medders, T & L Mellor, Northey, Palmer, Polson, Scherer, Sorensen, J & A Stiehr, A & J Temple, V. Temple, Unser, Wasile, Wolkoff

SUMMER DAY CAMP

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH 2026

Summer Day Camp

**ALL ABOUT:
THE SAINTS OF ALASKA**

JUNE 3-5
9:30am-12:40pm
Ages 2-12 Welcome
Cost is \$15/camper

LEARN, PRAY, & PLAY
Join us to learn about the lives of St. Herman, St. Olga, and St. Innocent through crafts, storytelling, games, and fun.

FAMILY CAMP OUT
On Friday night, join us for a family camp out on the church lawn. Details to follow.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Cara Fletes
caramia1984@gmail.com

Pay Registration Fee Here

If you are interested in St. John Orthodox Day Camp, please make sure you have filled out the registration form and paid the “Day Camp” fee online! We have a stellar set of teachers already planning fun activities all to do with “Saints of Alaska”. We are hoping to have registration forms completed soon so we can begin organizing classes.

** This year we have a \$15.00 registration fee to help us cover our camp expenses. You can also decide to sponsor a child or several children by covering their camp fees.

You can pay online via the church website. Under the “Other” tab on the drop-down menu, please label your fee “Day Camp”.

Here is the QR code you can scan to access the site.



Thank you so much to those who have already registered and be sure to look in the bulletin in the following weeks for any camp

updates! Thank you so much and please call or email with any questions! —Cara Fletes - caramia1984@gmail.com

St. John's School Weekly News

This Friday Night...

Join us for a Fun-filled Evening at St. John's School's Annual Fundraiser on May 8!

BETTER THAN CRACKER BARREL

SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL
BBQ & COUNTRY STORE FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

BBQ DINNER

\$20 - Ages 12+
\$10 - Ages 6-11
Free 5 and under

RAFFLE - \$20 PER TICKET

☆ 1st PRIZE: Two Alaska Airlines Mileage Tickets
(Max 50,000 miles each or 100,000 miles total)

☆ 2nd PRIZE: Two Alaska Railroad Tickets to Denali
(Round Trip | Adventure Class)

Games for All Ages
Cake Walk
Square Dancing

BBQ DINNER TICKETS
Scan QR Code to purchase online.

RAFFLE TICKETS & VOLUNTEERS
Call Kali Macalino
907-696-3920

This year's theme is
*"Better Than Cracker Barrel
Country Store and BBQ"*

Hello Everyone,


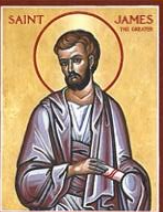
We are ready to go shopping and start cooking soon. So **please purchase your tickets right away** so we can get a good head count. Go to: sjocs.org to reserve your spot.

Our official start is 5:30pm, but you can come early at 5pm to shop our "Cracker Barrel Gift Store."


Enjoy great food, community, and a fun, family-friendly evening.

St. James House Weekly News


St. James Café
COFFEE, PASTRIES,
and COMMUNITY!





Come Sit And Enjoy A Cup Of
Coffee and Catch Up With Friends

 **TUES & THURS**
8 AM - 9 AM

- Drip Coffee
- Wild Iris Pastries
- Great Conversation



Saint James House



Local Community News

Mother's Day Brunch Event to benefit Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center

Celebrate motherhood and pamper the moms in your life at a decadent brunch buffet complete with mimosas and chocolate fountain. This special charitable event features live music and inspirational entertainment, photo booth, plus swag bags, fresh flowers and chair massages for moms. Hosted in the exclusive upper level of Jalapenos' beautiful new location, the venue offers a full bar with special Mother's Day drink menu and patio seating available. All proceeds benefit Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center and babies & children in need.

Get your tickets now by clicking this [link](#) to secure online ticket purchase.

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org



This Saturday Night...

SAVE THE DATE: Graduation Party

For Macrina Labrecque and Noah Curry
Saturday, May 9 – Come and Go from 2-5pm

Note from Lily Cowan...

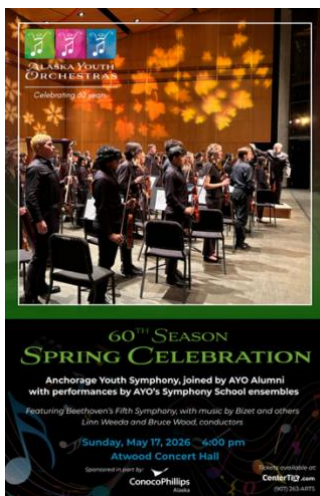


Dear St. Johns community - This is Lily Cowan. I moved away from Alaska in July 2025 to Indiana. I lived at the St. James House for one year and 2 years with the Haley's and served the community by singing in the choir, liturgical decorating, gardening, etc. I met my fiancé, Lorne, my 2nd day in Indiana (he was my Uber driver!) We were engaged in October. We are expecting a baby boy, Oz Moses on May 16th. We moved from Indiana to Florida in February and have been travelling the state through a company called Trusted House sitters. It is a pet sitting/home sitting company. There is no monetary exchange, but it provides free housing wherever we go until we can afford a home, someday. Lorne still works as a top-rated Uber driver and does little jobs on the side. We

are able to rent a vehicle through the company. This provides us freedom to travel wherever is needed for housing. We have been actively searching for an Orthodox community to call our home church. I miss having such a supportive community of friends and especially being able to share my little son with them. Despite all of life's challenges, we believe God is working in our lives and will provide answers soon. If anyone is interested, we currently have a Meal Train donation page for covering some meals during my Postpartum Recovery: [Meal Train for Lily Hope Family](#). We would be so grateful if anyone wanted to purchase some Visa gift cards to cover one week of meals 🙏 I also have a Venmo account (@Lily-Cowan-2) if that would be easier for direct donation. Thank you so much for your support.

I love and miss you all. I post life updates on my Facebook (@Lily Cowan) regularly. Please keep us, the Hope Family in your prayers.

Note from Victoria Bower...



“I'm dusting off my trombone to play in the Alaska Youth Orchestra Spring Concert Sunday 5/17 at 4:00 PM. I'll be playing a few movements from Bizet's Carmen in the alumni portion of the concert. If any of you are classical music lovers and would like to come, here's the link: <https://centertix.com/events/ayo-spring-concert>” —Victoria Bower

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

May 10 - Michael Saur

May 12 - Ian Johnson

May 13 - Meghan Jones

May 13 - Leisel Scherer

May 16 - Arianna Weaver

May 17 - Sally Eckert

May 17 - Cara Fletes

May 17 - Luke Mellor

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Anniversaries This Week

Mark & Theresa Agnew - May 11, 2019

Jesse & Andrea Stiehr - May 14, 2000

'Moms with Little Ones' Reading Group - Wednesdays 10am

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181.



Women's Reading Group - Thursdays at 10am

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



Remembering in Prayer...

*Matt Komar
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)
Dirk Moffatt
Jan Northey
Shirley Wolkoff*

*Jennifer Stogsdill
Joyce Arvidson
Sally Eckert
Justin Clodfelter
Katie Jones*

*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



* Infant Lazarus Frizelle - May 1, 2008

* Abner Picon - May 1, 2016

* Presbyter Garland Peters - May 6, 19979

* Eloise Mae Lamb - May 10, 2024

* Infant Benjamin Ray - May 12, 2022

M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !

Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

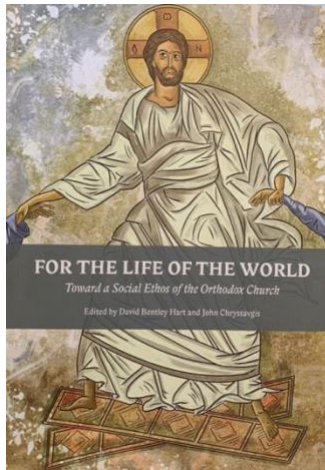
For the Month of **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, May 23. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



Save the Date!

Saint John's Eagle River Institute August 1-5, 2026 - Our 30th Year!

A Note from Fr. Marc - For several years I have looked forward to this summer's topics and to these presenters being with us. We will be joined by Dr. Irina Paert from the University of Tartu in Estonia, Dn. Perry Hamalis from Holy Apostles' Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester, IL and professor at North Central College, and a friend and previous ERI presenter, Dr. Gayle Woloschak from Northwestern University. Dn. Perry and Gayle will introduce us to the landmark document, "For the Life of the World:



Toward a Social Ethos of the Orthodox Church," commissioned by Patriarch Bartholomew and published in 2018. In general, the study of ethics deals with how we conduct our life in this world and for our purposes this summer how our life is guided by the beliefs of the Christian Faith and the traditions of the Orthodox Church. This document addresses topics such as politics and social responsibility; marriage and family life; poverty, wealth and justice; war and violence; ecumenical relations; human rights; and science and technology. I am sure the discussions will be engaging and practical. At the same time, Irina will share stories of three Orthodox heroes from recent times: St. Sophrony (Sakharov), Met. Anthony (Bloom) of Sourozh, and Composer, Arvo Pärt. Further details will soon be updated on the [Eagle River Institute](#) website. So, save the date and make plans to attend this summer.

Mission Statement: 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.



Dr. Irina Paert, Estonia



Fr. Dn. Perry Hamalis, PhD



Dr. Gayle Woloschak

THE SYNAXARION

Samaritan Woman – 4th Pascha



On May 10, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Apostle Simon the Zealot; and Venerable Laurence of Egypt.

On this day, the fourth Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the Samaritan Woman.

Verses

*When you came to obtain corruptible water, O woman,
You drew forth living water that washes away the stain of
the soul.*

The Samaritan woman -- the holy and glorious Great-martyr Photeini, met Jesus at midday at Jacob's Well, which was in the city of Sychar. Being tired from travel and the heat, Jesus sat at Jacob's Well. A little while later, the Samaritan woman came to draw water and had a long conversation with Him. This is the longest recorded discourse between Christ and a single person in the entire Bible. Photeini did not want to talk to Jesus, because the Samaritans did not have any dealings with Jews; Jews considered her people heretics because Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Old Testament. However, the Lord talked with her anyway, read her heart, revealed her secrets and gave her drink of the "Living Water," that is, the grace of the Holy Spirit that leads to eternal life and flows to all humanity. Photeini immediately ran throughout the city to proclaim Christ. Through her, many other Samaritans believed in Jesus.

By the intercessions of Your Martyr, Photeini, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: 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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