

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Zacchaeus Sunday  
Tone 7

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1 Timothy 4:9-15  
Luke 19:1-10

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Homily by  
Dn. Joseph Ray

Epistle Reader:  
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Snider / Jenkins

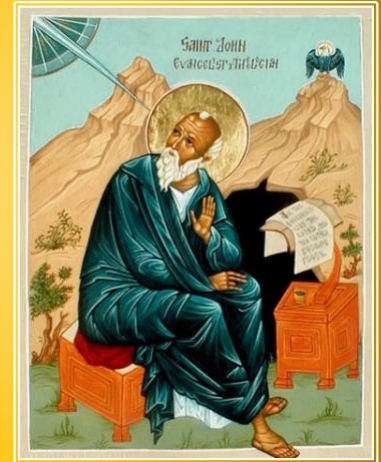
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# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

### News from Special Convention to Nominate New Metropolitan

Parish Council Member Tim Mellor and Benjamin Dunaway and represented Saint John's at the Special Convention in Dallas last week. Tim was delegated to cast three votes from our Cathedral and Benjamin was the proxy for Fr. Marc's one vote as pastor. Below are two press releases from the Archdiocese that give further news about this process.

### January 13 - Special Convention Nominates Three Candidates for Office of Metropolitan

The names have been submitted to Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East for election. Hundreds of clergy and laity from across the Antiochian Archdiocese gathered for the Special Convention on Jan. 13, 2023 in Dallas, Texas to nominate three candidates for the office of Metropolitan of New York and All North America.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar, presided, conveying the love and blessings of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, praying that the Holy Spirit would guide the delegates in their discernment.

"You meet to send the names of three nominees as candidates to the care and wisdom of the Holy Synod," His Beatitude said in his statement read aloud at the convention. "The Synod is entrusted to ask the Great Shepherd of our souls to guide our Antiochian Church in choosing an Archbishop to shepherd the Archdiocese during the coming phase, which, as we all discern, shall be full of challenges in a turbulent world. For this, I ask with you the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos, Saints Peter and Paul the founders of the Church of Antioch, and Saint Raphael of Brooklyn to guide the works of your Special Convention."

“Beloved in Christ, I thank the Lord for giving me the chance to be with you and for that he endowed us with the blessings of being together and preparing with the board of trustees and the temporary committee this very important special convention,” Sayidna Antonios said in his report.

Each voting delegate cast one ballot, choosing from among nine candidates. The nominees, listed in alphabetical order by first name, are:

His Grace Bishop John Abdalah, His Grace Bishop Nicholas Ozone, and  
His Eminence Metropolitan Saba Isper

His Eminence has submitted these names to His Beatitude who will share them with the Holy Synod of Antioch in consideration of their election of the next Metropolitan at a meeting in the future.

“His Beatitude sends you all his love, adding that we are one family and one church,” Sayidna Antonios told the assembly. “He is very proud of you and this Special Convention. He is proud of the bishops, clergy, and parishes of this great archdiocese. He was happy to know this Special Convention was a great manifestation of the love of the Lord, the Church, the Archdiocese and the Antiochian See.”

### **January 19 - Holy Synod to Convene February 22 to Elect Next Metropolitan**

Under the presidency of His Beatitude Patriarch John X of Antioch and All the East, the Holy Synod of Antioch will convene on February 22 to elect the next Metropolitan of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian archdiocese of North America.

In their session in Balamand, Lebanon, the Holy Fathers will consider the three nominees submitted by His Eminence Metropolitan Antonios, Patriarchal Vicar, and the clergy and laity of the Special Convention of the Archdiocese on January 13.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bless the Holy Synod’s deliberations and grace the next Metropolitan to lead the Archdiocese in wisdom and holiness.

### **Note on the Special Convention**

This last week, Tim Mellor and I traveled to Dallas, Texas to be part of the special convention to elect a new metropolitan. While I was unfazed by the hundreds of cassocks and beards (*from my years at parish life conferences*), Tim found the whole thing to be new and exciting. We sat in on the conference and cast the votes that the parish council had preordained. While the meeting was not all flowers and roses (*there was plenty of questions about Bishop Joseph and money*) it ended with three candidates being picked to send on to the Holy Synod in Lebanon. It was a good experience and we represented St. Johns as best as we could.

Thank you all for the opportunity. —Benjamin Dunaway



### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Sundays 12:30pm – 2:00pm**

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 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 Rhonda Clodfelter at 907-696-2128

## Catechism / Inquirer's Class - Updated for 2023

### Introduction to Orthodoxy Classes 2022 – The Orthodox Church by Ware, ed. 2015

Betsy and I are looking forward to hosting informal gatherings at our home on Tuesday evenings offering an introduction to the Orthodox Christian faith and life. We will use the following excerpts from Metropolitan Kallistos Ware's book as a core for presenting and discussing the teaching of the Orthodox Church on the topics listed. (Note, if you are using an older edition of The Orthodox Church, the page numbers will not match, but the chapter and subheadings should make it clear what pages to cover.) We will meet from 7pm to 8:30. Our house is located next door to the Cathedral.

	Class / Date	Topic	<u>The Orthodox Church</u> by Ware, ed. 2015
	1 / October 18, 2022	Holy Tradition: The Source of the Orthodox Faith	Ch 10, pages 189-201
October 25 no class - Parish Council Meeting Night			
	2 / November 1, 2022	God in Trinity	Ch. 11, pages 202-212
	3 / November 8, 2022	The Human Person: Our Creation, Our Vocation, Our Failure	Ch. 11, pages 212-218
	4 / November 15, 2022	Jesus Christ	Ch. 11, pages 218-224
November 22 no class - Parish Council Meeting Night			
	5 / November 29, 2022	"Partakers of the Divine Nature"	Ch. 11, pages 225-231
	6 / December 13, 2022	The Church of God	Ch. 12, pages 232-247
Break for Christmas			
	7 / January 17, 2023	The Living and the Dead: The Mother of God: The Last Things	Ch. 12, pages 247-256
	8 / January 24, 2023	Orthodox Worship 1: The Earthly Heaven	Ch. 13, pages 257-266
	9 / January 31, 2023	Orthodox Worship 2: The Sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist	Ch. 14, pages 267-281
	10 / February 14, 2023	Orthodox Worship 2: The Sacraments: Repentance, Holy Orders, Marriage, Anointing of Sick	Ch. 14, pages 281-290
	10 / February 21, 2023	Orthodox Worship 3: Feasts and Fasts and Personal Prayer	Ch. 15, pages 291-299
<i>Great Lent begins February 27.</i>			



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - January 22* *Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

#### **Hosts Families: Snider / Jenkins**

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. [Link](#) to "New Scheduled Hosts"

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*Next Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – January 29, 2023      Hosts: Haines / Dyal*  
*Everyone brings snacks and helps clean up*

## A Successful trip to Volos, Greece for IOTA Conference

John Marc and I had a great trip to the International Orthodox Theological Association conference in Volos, Greece. Over 400 scholars from 45 countries were in attendance, including many who are friends of St. John's. We were tasked with helping to organize the recording of 23 talks that will be published on YouTube as "IOTA Talks." This occupied us for two full days. All the recording was successful. I also gave a 20-minute talk on St. John's Journey to Orthodoxy. John Marc gave a 7-minute talk on the Eagle River Institute. See this article for more about the conference: [Historic IOTA Conference Concludes in Volos, Greece](#) —Fr. Marc



Group picture outside Ss. Constantine and Helen Church. John Marc and I are standing on the right against the wall by the banner.



Interior of Ss. Constantine and Helen Church



Volos as seen from the hillside where the Volos Orthodox Theological Academy is situated.



This is what it looked like as we were recording the IOTA talks. The videographers were two deacons from Romania. Here Telly Papanikolaou is giving a talk.

Opening Keynote Address by Bp. Ambrosia of South Korea



There was some downtime to enjoy the local restaurants and the local beverage Tsiporo.

## Record of 2022 Contributions to St. John's

Remember to check your Mail-Box folder for your 'Statement of Contributions for 2022'. If you have any questions, you can contact Maris Kelly at: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

### *Dates to Remember*

#### **Ladies' Reading Group**



The ladies' reading group will meet again this coming Thursday in the Denali View building at Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center from 10:00am until 11:30am. We have the 2nd floor room to the right of the elevator. We discovered to our joy that it has a nice kitchen with full-size refrigerator, microwave oven, toaster, coffee pot, and kitchen sink! It is a comfy, homey spot with a beautiful view and just the amenities we need for our meetings.

### *Birthdays This Week*



January 23 - Harold Davis  
January 23 - Leland Scherer  
January 25 - Khafani Abel  
January 25 - Oliva Gillquist

January 26 - Macrina Labrecque  
January 27 - Tim Mellor  
January 27 - Greyson Hoxie  
January 28 - Aurora Hoxie

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

### *Remembering in Prayer...*



*Eloise Lamb  
Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Dan Kendall  
Fr. Mike Molloy  
Nuns at Transfiguration  
Monastery*

*Lina Curry  
Al Zink  
Kh. Rita Molloy  
Anna Haley  
Preston Collier  
Kh. Sally Howell  
(Fr. Matthew's mom)*

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



- \* Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012
- \* Khouria Barbara Ann Dunaway - January 25, 2011
- \* Infant Mark David McIlrath - January 25, 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 **JANUARY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, January 28th.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## THE SYNAXARION

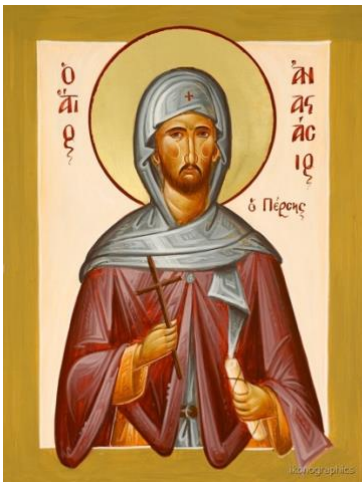
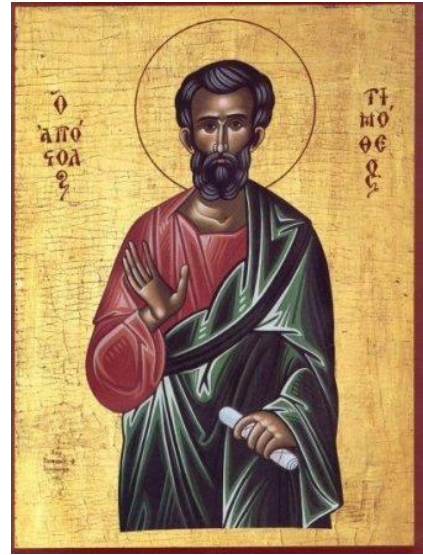
Apostle Timothy & Anastasios the Persian – January 22

On January 22, we commemorate the holy Apostle Timothy, disciple of the holy Apostle Paul.

### *Verses*

*Timothy, longing for divine glories,  
dyed the earth with his blood when beaten with clubs.  
On the twenty-second Timothy's spirit was received in  
heaven.*

Timothy was one of the Seventy Apostles and was born in Lystra in modern Turkey. Timothy first met with the great Apostle Paul in Lystra and was himself a witness when Paul healed the one lame from birth. Later, Timothy constantly traveled with of Paul, to places like Achaia, Macedonia, Italy, and Spain. Sweet in soul, he was a great zealot for the faith and a superb preacher. Timothy contributed much to the spreading of the gospel and the establishing of the Christian Faith. Paul calls him “my own son in the faith”. After Paul’s martyrdom, Timothy followed John the Evangelist as his disciple. But when John was banished from Ephesus to the island of Patmos, Timothy remained in Ephesus to serve as bishop. During the time of an idolatrous feast in 93 A.D., the pagans attacked Timothy and killed him with clubs. Later, his honorable relics were entombed in the Church of the Twelve Apostles in Constantinople alongside of the graves of Luke the Evangelist and Andrew the First-called.



On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr Anastasios the Persian. When Emperor Heraclius warred with the Persians, Anastasios sought refuge with the Christians. He went to Jerusalem where he was baptized and tonsured a monk. Anastasios joyfully read the accounting of the lives of the holy martyrs; and in reading it, he moistened the book with his tears and ardently yearned for martyrdom. The Lord finally crowned him with the martyr’s wreath on this day in 628 A.D., in the town of Bethsaloe near Nineveh.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Joseph the Sanctified of Crete.

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

### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com). 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.