

Repose of St. John  
the Evangelist

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1 John 4:12-19  
John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

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Homily by

Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:

Jennifer Medders

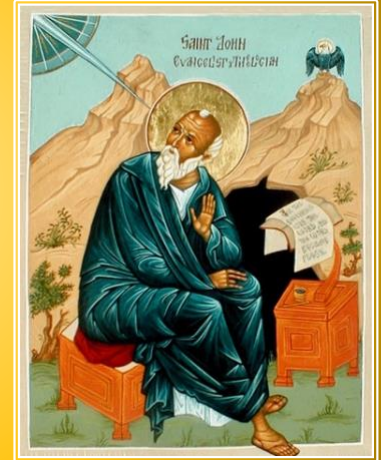
# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, September 26, 2021

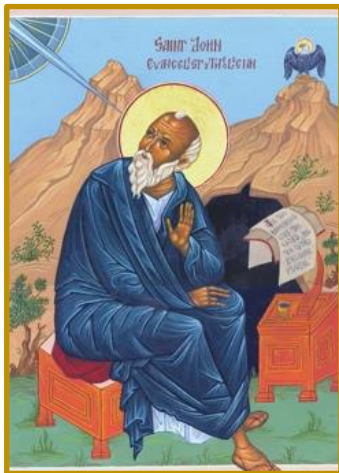
And the Days Following

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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



### Feast of St. John the Evangelist

When the Feast Day commemorating the falling-asleep of our Cathedral's Patron Saint falls on a Sunday, there is a special service done outdoors at the end of Liturgy to bless the Cathedral building itself. We will do this service this Sunday. The service will take at least 15 minutes as we process to each side of the Cathedral, hear a reading from the Gospels and say prayers of blessing. **Please be prepared ahead of time to be hearty Alaskan Orthodox and dress warmly for the occasion.** We will go outside at end of Liturgy and then give the Dismissal from the front porch so that we do not have to come back inside to conclude. Outside Coffee Hour will be done as scheduled.

## Parish News and Events

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Atrium

We are slated to start Atrium this year on Sunday, October 10th between 12:30 - 2:00 pm.

What we would like from parents:

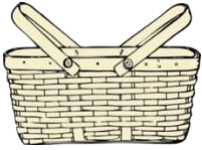
1. Please register each participating child within the next two weeks BEFORE WE START.
2. Provide each of your children with a nutritious lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning.

Please note - in order for your child to benefit from the Atrium lessons, please start them on October 10th and not later.

If you have further questions, please contact Rhonda Clodfelter (907)-696-2128.

Thank you.

## Good Works Basket



Did you know that September is “Hunger Action Month” in America? This movement was established in 2008 by Feeding America when it was decided it was time for a nationwide push to get involved with the hunger crisis across the country. As you know, St John has responded to this ongoing need through participation in the Archdiocese *Food for Hungry People Program* during Lent. It has also been our tradition to offer our generous support to the Chugiak Eagle River Food Pantry with canned and dried goods and other basic life essentials and home care products. Together with the support of other Chugiak/Eagle River churches along with private and organizational help the Food Pantry is able to provide temporary, emergency food assistance to the neighbors in our community. During the month of September please consider picking up a few of the items listed below to help meet the Pantry’s current needs.

***Canned Meat, Tuna, Vienna Sausage; Cereals; Fruit: Peaches, Mandarin Oranges; Soups: Ramen (various flavors); Pasta and Pasta Mixes: Ravioli; Condiments/Other: Saltine Crackers; Personal Care: Tooth Brushes/Paste; Shampoo, Bath/Face/Hand Soaps; Other: Laundry Soap; Dish Soap***

Volunteers are also needed. For information on how to get involved call (907)694-5228.

For more information about Chugiak/Eagle River Food Pantry go to:

<https://umcchugiak.org/missions/chugiakeagle-river.org>

If you would like to learn more *Hunger Action Day* on Friday, September 17, 2021 or *Hunger Action Month* please visit: <https://www.feedingamerica.org> ; <https://www.commuityfoodshare.org>

## Looking Ahead: A Theology Reading Group in October

One of the things I missed most during the first year of the pandemic was the ability to gather and enjoy reading and discussing various aspects of Christian Theology, primarily by reading good books together. I look forward to starting this up again soon. More details will be coming soon. This would be in addition to the Inquirer/Catechism Class and will be for those who enjoy reading and discussing such things. - Fr. Marc

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*St. John's School Weekly News*  
**Fourth-Sixth Grade Field Trip to Independence Mine**



The 4th-6th Grade students from Saint John's School took a field trip last Friday to Independence Mine in Hatcher Pass. In the morning they explored the old mining buildings. Afterward they drove to the summit of Hatcher Pass and hiked up a snowy trail to April Bowl. The day was capped off with a reading of the 'The Spell of the Yukon' by Robert Service.



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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

### **A Note from Michael & Meghan Jones...**

#### **BIG NEWS! We could be heading to Fiji THIS YEAR!**

**The government of Fiji plans to open the borders for international travel very soon. The Metropolis of New Zealand is preparing our letters of invitation with the intent of getting us to Fiji as soon possible after the travel ban is lifted.**

**Thankfully, we are 87% funded** - fantastic progress in just a few months!

**We still need 20-25 individuals and families to support us financially** in order to reach our full funding goal. That could be a one-time donation or a recurring, monthly donation while we're in the field.

Remember, OCMC found a benefactor who agreed to match 100% of the funds we collect for our first year, so every donation makes a big difference.

If you haven't considered a financial contribution, we have a simple request: We trust that God is directing this ministry, and that He will make provision for everything that is needed.

**Thank you all for your prayers and love** as we continue our preparations. We are so grateful for each one of you who have joined us in this blessed adventure!

With Love In Christ,

Michael & Meghan Jones

Catherine (8), Anastasia (7), Cecelia (5) and Elliot (2)

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Click [HERE](#) for the link to their OCMC page

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## *Dates to Remember*



### *Wednesday Reading Group*

The Wednesday readers will meet at JoAnn Webster's home at 10am. We will continue reading "The Story of a Soul" about the life of St. Therese of Lisieux.

## *Birthdays This Week*

September 27 - Fr. Marc Dunaway

September 28 - Kim Medders

September 28 - Jana Jenkins

September 29 - Evelyn Stiehr



*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



## *Anniversaries This Week*

George & Stina Dozier - September 30, 1967

Christopher & Allison Lineer - October 3, 1981

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## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Tisha Dunham*

*Eloise Lamb*

*Helen Gillquist*

*Laura Temple*

*Tom Johnson*

*Anna Haley*

*Preston Collier*

*Gwyn Jones*

*Mother Galina*

*Those Suffering with Covid*

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



\* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008

\* Dorothy Keating - September 11, 2012

\* Laura Scott - September 13, 2014

\* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983

\* Infant Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984

\* Russell Labrecque - September 30, 1986

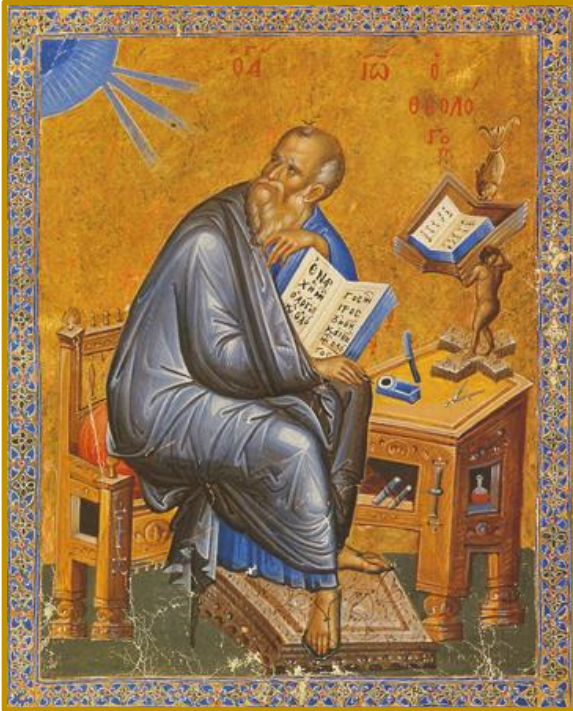
## *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

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



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## THE SYNAXARION



### Repose of John the Evangelist – September 26

On September 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Translation of the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist, bosom-friend, virgin and beloved John the Theologian.

#### *Verses*

*You stand before the beloved Word of the Father,*

*You who are beloved above all the disciples.*

*On the twenty-sixth the Son of Thunder passed unto God.*

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end. With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord. At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition. John then lived and labored mostly in Ephesus. By his inspired preaching and miracles he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian, who had him tortured and flogged, which did him no harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos. There John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord, and we celebrate the anniversary of his repose today.

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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