25th Sunday after Pentecost
Postfeast of Entrance

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Ephesians 4:1-7
Luke 12:16-21

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Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Sorensen / Lindblom

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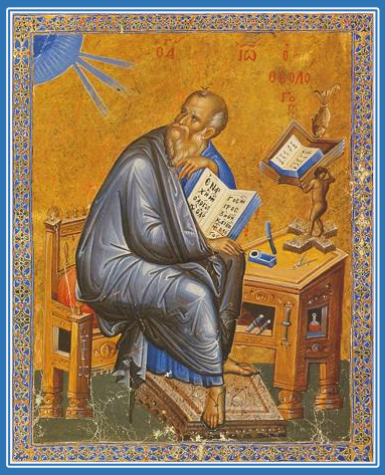
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 22, 2026

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

Services for Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple



This Friday – November 20
Great Vespers for the Feast At 7:15pm
This Saturday, November 21
Divine Liturgy with Baptism 9am

We will celebrate the baptism of Kyrien Elias Mee

This feast day, November 21, commemorates when the Theotokos was brought as a small child into the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She was received by Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.

Thanksgiving Services This Week

Wednesday Evening, November 25 - Akathist of Thanksgiving at 7:15pm

Thursday Morning, November 26 - Te Deum Service at the Chapel at 9am

We will leave the Cathedral to walk to the Chapel at 9am. On the way to the Chapel, we will stop at the cemetery and sing the "Trisagion Prayers for the Departed".





Children's Choir Practice This Sunday at 12pm

Children ages 4 through high school are welcome to join the Children's Choir. We will practice on Sundays in the Nave for St. Nicholas Day and Christmas at 12:00. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Kies. We hope to see you!

Parish Events and News



~~~ Good News – We've Reached Our Goal ~~~

But We Can Still Collect More

Thanksgiving Offering - 200 Individual Boxes of Stuffing

Stuffing will be picked up This Sunday, Nov. 22

Love Inc. of Eagle River and its member churches are once again coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. A complete (uncooked) turkey dinner with all the fixings will be provided to an anticipated 400 local families in need.

We are signed up to collect 200 (***individual***) boxes of stuffing before the scheduled delivery to Joy Lutheran on Sunday, November 22.

No Inquirer's Class This Thursday due to Thanksgiving Services



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm



Coffee Hour This Sunday – November 22, 2026

Group John (4) – Fourth Sunday of the Month

~ Advent Fasting Foods ~

Hosts Families: Sorensen / Lindblom

Snacks: J. Alvarez, S. Alvarez, Arvidson, Burton, Cooley, Dougherty, FrM & KhB Dunaway, Goetz, Gresset, Haines, D & S Ihde, M Johnson, Keener, Kies, Macalino, Mason, Minea, J Northey, Parker, DnJ & D Ray, Schlicting, Sparks, J. Stiehr, I. Temple, Templeton, Van Dyke, Watson

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5th Sunday of the Month – November 29, 2026 – Gillquist / Okuley

Everyone Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up
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Sisters of Mary and Martha Fellowship Meeting
New Date – December 8

Please join the Sisters of Mary and Martha for a Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday, December 8 at 5:30 pm in the church basement. Dinner and babysitting will be provided. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00, (kiddos as well) before the start of the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone!
—Thank you- Katy Arvidson and Hannah Hanna

"Church Etiquette" Tip of the Week

When we gather to worship God, Orthodox Christians are "at home" in the environment of the Church and yet also reverent at the same time. These tips on "Church etiquette" explain some of the common customs that contribute to this reverent but familiar atmosphere of Orthodox worship. They are intended as guidelines to observe, not to watch or judge other people, something a much higher law says we must not do.

#2: Arriving at Church on Time – "The best time to arrive at church is before the service starts, but sometimes normal things happen that make us late. If you arrive at the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy late, pay attention to what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or a procession is taking place, stand at the back until this is done. If the deacon is censing or the homily is being given, it is okay to enter quietly. It is good to think of the Divine Liturgy as a prayerful ascent to heaven that takes off at the priest's opening blessing, "Blessed is the Kingdom…" It is ideal that everyone is there to say "Amen" to this declaration.

Parish Council Meeting Summary from October 27th

Marshall presented a budget review through the 3rd quarter. Despite operating in the red, we are on track with our planned budget for 2026.

We received and reviewed the recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee regarding potential funding for a new priest.

Sydney presented the cemetery inventory and showed possible expansion plans map.

We reviewed feedback about the new sound panels installed and the feedback is positive. The PC agreed they help mute echoing and surrounding noises making it easier to hear when having conversations.

The PC discussed flow and seating during Liturgy. Education and etiquette tips will be coming.

We discussed a comment about difficulty seeing during Vespers due to the low light. Small flashlights have been purchased for those with impaired vision to use to find their way during Vespers.

We discussed a request for general etiquette advise. We will begin the etiquette section again in the bulletin and Fr. Marc will briefly comment after Liturgy on the tip of the week.

We discussed comments from several who felt the nursery was outdated and in need of some improvements. Sydney graciously volunteered to take on the task of updating the nursery.

Our next PC meeting will be 12/08/26.

For any questions/comments/suggestions please contact the Parish Council

St. James House Weekly News

St. James House Café – We will not get together this Thursday

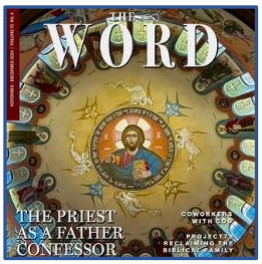
Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and
Catch Up with Friends
Tuesdays and Thursdays *(not this week)* 8am to 9am

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: The Sacrament of Confession, Part Two

The **Nativity Fast** webpage has added **educational tools** from the Dept. of Homeschooling to help our children understand and embrace the meaning of this sacred time. Please share this with your Sunday Schools and families, as well as this page explaining the Great Feast of the **Entrance of the Theotokos** which we celebrate this Saturday, November 21.

The Word Magazine



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Local Community News



Pies Needed for Pregnancy Center Fundraiser Supporting Families in Need

Calling all bakers and pie makers! Heart to Heart is seeking homemade pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Donated pies may either be dropped off Monday 4-8pm at Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Resource Center (16941 N Eagle River Loop Road next to Boondocks) or anytime Tuesday during the event. Bring a pie and buy a pie! Prizes will be awarded, including Prettiest Pie, Worth the Weight (most tempting), Far Out Flavor (most unique), and other insPIEred pies.

Don't bake? Pick up a homemade pie for your Thanksgiving feast! The Pie Pickup runs all day Tuesday, Nov. 24, starting at Jitters from 8am-3pm and Odd Man Rush from 4pm to close. All proceeds benefit Heart to Heart and families in need. — Rashae Ophus Johnson, Executive Director, Heart to Heart Pregnancy Resource Center

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 cathedral@stjohnalaska.org



Congratulations to Andrew & Amelia Watson
on the birth of Lochlan Martin – born November 8th
Lochlan Martin Watson – born November 8, 2026 - 7lbs, 6oz, 21"

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

November 22, - Keplin Stogsdill
November 23 – Tailia Haines
November 25 – Stephen Macalino
November 25 – Sylvia Villafana
November 27 – Shelly Wells

M A N Y Y E A R S !





Anniversaries This Week

Chris & Margaret Grasse – November 22, 1980
Stan & Laurie Snider – November 24, 1984

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer…

Oksana Artz
Ben Polson
David Lindblom
George Dozier
Linda Peters
Travis Cook
Lily & baby Moses
The Curry Family

For those suffering from the devastation of war

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



* Mary Margaret Summons – November 1, 2007
* Jean Margaret Proctor – November 7, 1997
* Levi Patrick Curry – November 8, 2026
* Laura Anne Granducci Temple – November 11, 2024
* Laurie Jean Prather – November 13, 2002
* Thea Ann Ray – November 21, 2020
* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore – November 27, 1992
* Archpriest Fr. Michael Oleksa – November 29, 2023

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 **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, November 28**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



How to Submit a Bulletin Announcement

Submit a bulletin announcement to the church email address: cathedral@stjohnalaska.org. Please have announcements submitted by Thursday or the very latest Friday by 9am. If you have questions – contact Maris Kelly at the church office: maris@stjohnalaska.org or 907-696-2002

How to Donate to St. John's

Donating: Go to our website: www.stjohnalaska.org and click on "Donate" in the top menu bar. if you have any questions – feel free to contact the church.

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Apostles of the 70 - November 22

On November 22 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos, and we commemorate the holy Apostles of the Seventy: Philemon, Apphia, Archippos and Onesimos, disciples of the Apostle Paul.

Verses

O Disciples of Christ, when called by Christ Jesus,
Ye ran upon a strange road unto your calling.
On the twenty-second they carried Philemon hence.

Philemon was a wealthy nobleman from Colossae in Phrygia; Apphia was his wife who cared for the sick and vagrants. Philemon became Bishop of the Church in Gaza; Archippus became Bishop in Colossae. Onesimus, who was formerly an unbeliever and slave of Philemon, stole certain of his vessels and fled to Rome. However, on finding him there, the Apostle Paul guided him onto the path of virtue and the knowledge of the truth, and sent him back to his master Philemon, to whom he wrote an epistle (one of the fourteen Biblical epistles of Saint Paul). In this epistle, Paul commended Onesimus to his master and reconciled the two. Onesimus was later made a bishop; in Greece he is honored as the patron Saint of the imprisoned. All these Saints received their end by martyrdom in the first century.

On this day, we also commemorate Clement, bishop of Ochrid and enlightener of Bulgaria; Martyr Cecilia of Rome and those with her; Venerable Kallistos Xanthopoulos of Athos; and Martyr Michael, prince of Tver. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.