

Orthodoxy Sunday

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*Heb 11:24-26, 32-40*  
*John 1:43-51*

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

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*Coffee Hour Hosts:*  
*Unser / Davisson /*  
*P. Gillquist*

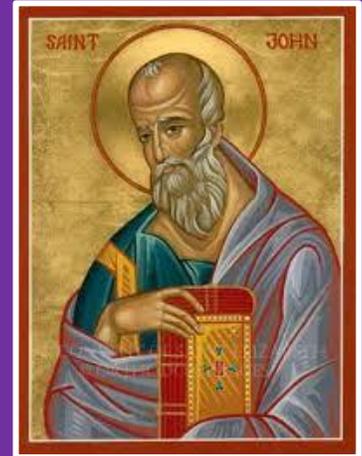
# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

MARCH

*Sunday, March 1, 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*



#### **This Sunday, March 1 is Orthodoxy Sunday Celebrating the Use of Icons in the Church**

Remember to bring an Icon to Liturgy this Sunday to hold in the procession as we celebrate Icons in the Orthodox Church. We will bless these Icons at the end of Liturgy.

#### **Services for the Upcoming Week**

##### **This week's schedule:**

- Friday, February 27 – Compline with Akathist Hymn at 7:15pm
- Saturday, February 28 – Great Vespers at 7:15pm
- Sunday, March 1 – Matins / Divine Liturgy 9:15am with procession of icons  
(*Bridal Shower for Alyssa Espino 4pm*)
- Monday, March 2 – Great Compline at 7:15pm
- Tuesday, March 3 – Youth Group at 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 4 - Presanctified Liturgy at 6:15pm, Soup Supper
- Friday, March 6 - Compline with Akathist Hymn at 7:15pm
- Saturday, March 7 - Great Vespers at 7:15pm

## Parish Events and News



### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)*

**Sunday March 1 from 12:30 – 2:00pm**

We will take a 'spring break' for March 8 and 15 and will resume March 22

### **Soup Supper this Wednesday – March 4**

***Please Bring Bread to Share***

With Lent comes our wonderful community tradition of providing soup suppers on Wednesday evenings. We are asking that each family/individual who regularly comes to soup suppers, to sign up for one evening to stay a little later and help clean up. We are also asking that everyone clean up their own tables and empty their own trays. (Ways to Pay: Give money the night of the Soup Supper Meal / Pay online on our '[donate](#)' page and select the category 'Lenten soup supper', there will also be a QR code available to scan that takes you to our donate page directly)



**Suggested Donation: Families - \$15.00 per meal // Individuals - \$7.00**

**Cooks: Budget per meal – No more than \$100.00**

**Please take a moment to sign up on our Sign-Up Genius using this [Link](#)**



The joyous faces of Mia Fletes, Ann Patras, co-cook, and Cece Jones



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - March 1, 2026* *Group Matthew (1) - First Sunday of the Month*

***Fasting Snacks***

**Hosts Families: Unser / Davisson / P. Gillquist**

Snacks: Abel, Amundson, Betson, Clodfelter, Culton, Curry, Dozier, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, G & J Gillquist, H Gillquist, Grasse, G & A Ihde, Haley, Hightower, D & A Jenkins, K & G Jones, Kelly, Klatt, Lamb, Lineer, K & J Medders, Mee, Moffatt, Okuley, Patras, N & M Ray, Sluz, Stallman, Stogsdill, J. Temple, Terrell, Webster

***Next Sunday – Group Luke (2) – March 8 – Hosts: Sturdevant / Terrell***

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

**Save the Date...**  
**Church Family Meeting and Parish Council Membership**  
**March 21 at 5:45pm**

*More details will be announced later.*

Current Parish Council Members are Martha Fisher, Ann Patras (Co-Chairs,) Sydney Ihde, Secretary, Marshall Alexander, Treasurer, Derick Hanna, Laurie Snider, Jennifer Gillquist, David Lindblom, John Marc Dunaway, Facilities Manager and Youth Group, Tim Mellor, Parish Administrator, Fr. Marc Dunaway, Pastor, Fr. Robert Polson, Assistant Priest.

**2/17/26 Parish Council Meeting Summary**

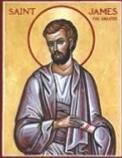
- PC members shared one goal and/or what they would put on their tombstone.
- The PC reviewed the proposed 2026 budget and finalized charitable contribution plans for the upcoming year. The budget will be covered in detail at the upcoming church family meeting. The PC unanimously agreed to the recommended budget approved by the finance committee.
- Strategic planning committee members were selected. They will be Fr. Marc, Derick Hanna, Martha Fisher, Sydney Ihde, Jennifer Gillquist, John Marc Dunaway, Tim Mellor, David Sorensen, Nicole Unser, Alex Temple, Mary Ruth Alexander, and Sam Lowry. They will begin meeting after Pascha.
- Sydney presented the revised cemetery guidelines to the PC. A few edits will be made prior to sharing the guidelines with the parish.
- Derick presented two options to investigate to help with sound reduction in the basement. More research will be done prior to deciding on the best option.
- Fr. Marc read a letter of appreciation from Bishop Alexa regarding our previous charitable contributions.
- Fr. Marc gave an update on his recent clergy conference.
- Tim gave a brief update on the St John's School and the endowment fund. More regarding the endowment fund will be shared at the upcoming church family meeting.
- Our next PC meeting will be March 17th, and the church family meeting will be March 21st.

Please send any comments/questions/suggestions to the Parish Council at  
[parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org)

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*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**



*St. James Café*

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**8-9:30am**

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## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Orthodox Liturgy: Its Theology and Spirituality, Part One](#)

### ***Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach- 52nd Anniversary Campaign***

*From our Archdiocese:* Our loving Parishioners, collected over **\$211,802.44** last year. With just a little extra effort from every parish we can collect and distribute more this year to those in need. Pick up your box today and start collecting.



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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners



***This Sunday***

### **Bridal Shower for Alyssa Espino Saint James House – Sunday, March 1st at 4pm All Are Welcome!**

In preparation for the matrimony of Jacob Goetz and Alyssa Espino there will be a bridal shower hosted at Saint James House on March 1 at 4pm. There will be games and crafts. Food will consist of Lenten friendly snacks; anyone is welcome to bring a dish.

Please RSVP, send questions to (909) 848-0480 or emailing [ejanetworks@gmail.com](mailto:ejanetworks@gmail.com)

Here is the [Link](#) to the Registry



Maris Kelly will be out of the church office March 2 – March 10. She'll be traveling to Cancun, Mexico with her two daughters, celebrating birthday milestones. Please keep us in your prayers. For any reimbursements you need, please check with Tim Mellor, Parish Administrator.

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## Dates to Remember

***No Women's Wednesday or Thursday Reading Groups During Lent***



### ***Men's Book Club - (Thursday) 7-8pm***

The Men's Book Club will be reading *The Lenten Spring* by Fr. Thomas Hopko throughout Great Lent. The book contains 40 devotional reflections—one for each day of Lent. Participants will read the reflections on their own and gather weekly to discuss the previous week's readings together.

Due to Presanctified Liturgy, we will meet on **Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 PM** at the **St. James House**, beginning **March 5**.

*The Lenten Spring* is available for purchase on Amazon or through St. Vladimir's Seminary Press. A free version is also available on [Archive.org](http://Archive.org).

## *Birthdays This Week*

March 1 - Noah Curry  
March 2 - Josh Arvidson  
March 2 - Michael Jones  
March 2 - Vivi Minea  
March 4 - Mark Agnew  
March 4 - Mary Ruth Alexander  
March 6 - Cecilia Scherer  
March 6 - Skylynn Lineer  
March 6 - Edmund Justus  
March 7 - Bill Cook  
March 8 - Genevieve Bower

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



## *Anniversaries This Week*

Bill & Mary Alice Cook - March 1, 1975

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

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



- Helen Primis - March 14, 1999
- Clyde Clarence Jones - March 29, 2002

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

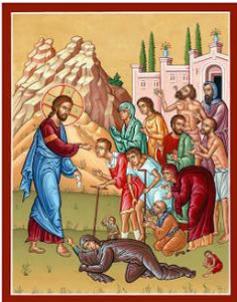


## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Mary Greene  
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)  
Arlo Northey  
Gwyn Jones  
Matt Komar*

*Jay Keener  
Krya & Skylynn Lineer  
Jan Northey  
Jennifer Stogsdill*

*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*



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Orthodoxy Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Lent



On March 1, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable-martyr Eudokia of Heliopolis; Venerable Domnina of Syria; Martyrs Markellos and Anthony of Pamphylia; Venerable Agapios of Vatopedi monastery on Athos; and Venerable David of Wales, bishop of Menevia.

On this same day, the First Sunday of the Fast, we make remembrance of the restoration of the holy and venerable Icons, which took place through the ever-memorable Rulers of Constantinople, Michael and his mother, Theodora, during the patriarchate of Saint Methodios the Confessor.

#### *Verses*

*The icons were formerly and unfittingly banished.*

*I rejoice, as I see them properly revered.*

This restoration was accomplished in the year 842. Theodora's husband was vehemently against icons. After his death, Theodora venerated an icon of the Theotokos in front of Patriarch Methodios. The other faithful in the church did the same, venerating all the icons, considering them to be representations of their original elements, not idols. Theodora prayed to God to forgive her husband during the first week of Great Lent; and on the First Sunday of the Fast, she led the way in hanging up the icons to adorn the churches.

O eternal and unchanging Icon of the Father, Christ our God, through the intercessions of Your holy Confessors, have mercy on us. Amen.

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#### **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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