

24th Sunday after
Pentecost
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Ephesians 2:14-22  
Luke 18:18-27

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Homily by
Protodn. Pat Lamb

Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter

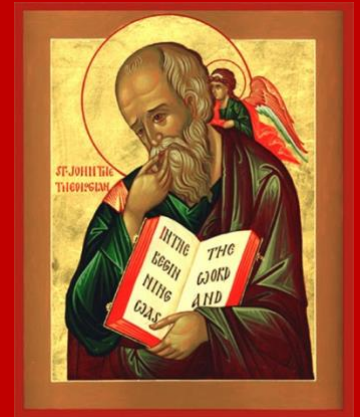
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Kies / Mee

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 27, 2022

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

Coming Up – Check Your Advent Calendar...

For the upcoming 3 Mondays (December 5, 12, & 19) there will be special services at 7:15pm for three great saints: St. Nicholas, St. Herman and St. Ignatius. We will announce specifics each Sunday.



Parish Events and News

Children's Choir Practice - Sundays at 12:10pm

We will be practicing music for St. Nicholas Day and we will continue each Sunday until Christmas. All kids ages 4 through high school are welcome. We will end in time for kids to go to Atrium. Please contact Jessica Kies or Cara Fletes if you have any questions. We look forward to singing with you!



Chairlift Still Out of Order

We are still having trouble getting the Cathedral chairlift repaired. The problem is a single, small part in the chair that is an emergency braking mechanism. The company who installed the chair advises we replace the entire chair for \$8,750 instead of replacing just the part. John Marc is looking into other options, including working with a competitor company. He hopes to have a solution in the next week.

Inquirer Classes

Class	Date	Topic	<u>The Orthodox Church</u>
5	Tuesday, November 29, 2022	“Partakers of Divine Nature”	Ch. 11, pages 225-231
6	Tuesday, December 6, 2022	The Church of God	Ch. 12, pages 232-247
7	Tuesday, December 13, 2022	The Living and the Dead: The Mother of God: The Last Things	Ch. 12, pages 247-256

Cathedral Emergency Generator to be Replaced

The Generator that automatically powers our Cathedral basement in a power outage is old, broken and needs replaced. A licensed electrician has been contacted and has offered to donate his labor to the Cathedral for free. The total cost will be about \$6,000 and will come from the Cathedral's maintenance funds. This generator allows our Cathedral basement to be a shelter for our parishioners and also for the local community at large in case of a natural disaster or extended power outage. The Red Cross lists us on their resources as an emergency shelter.



Good Works Basket- Pillows

St. John's is collecting standard bed pillows and pillowcases (all new) as our contribution to a generous gift bag for homebound clients of the Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center. Our goal is 100 pillows and 100 pillowcases (any color) by December 18. Help us bring joy to these neighbors..

Advent Outreach 2022

Sisters of Mary and Martha invite you to craft cards and ornaments for our local senior center residents, to be delivered when we go caroling at the center.

Saturday, December 10 - Bethany Hall 10am Until Noon

- Coffee, tea and snacks, Social Time, Craft stations for simple wooden or globe ornaments. All supplies provided, Assembling cards (pre-made by SJOCS students) and laminated icons.

Saturday, December 17 - Meet at Senior Citizen Main Building at 2pm

- Deliver cards and ornaments, Caroling and visiting with senior residents

Join us for one or both events. Contact Jennifer Medders, Cara Fletes or Barbara Parker with questions

Time to Fix Up the Cathedral Basement – Projected Budget

Tuesday evening the Parish Council reviewed and approved the projected budget for fixing-up our Cathedral Basement. Here is the itemized breakdown:

Item	Cost	Item	Cost
New carpet throughout basement	25,000	Misc. sheet rock repairs and extra woodwork	1,000
Epoxy floor in front of entry doors	3,500	Replacing broken rectangular tables	1,500
Paint ceilings, walls, trim	9,500	New folding chairs*	5,000
Light upgrade to new LED's	4,000	TOTAL	55,000
Décor lights on walls	1,500		
Atrium shelving	4,000		

*New folding chairs will be the last priority to be sure we accomplish all the other tasks first.

The Basement Team includes: Colleen Polson, Bruce Johnson, John Marc Dunaway, Rhonda Clodfelter. Please see the announcement below on how you can contribute.

Help Fix-Up our Cathedral Basement – Contribute from Your PFD Tithe

The Parish Council approved using all tithes and offerings from this year's PFD toward fixing up our Cathedral Basement. So far, approximately \$27,000 has been donated. This is half-way to the goal of the estimated budget of \$55,000. Please give something from your PFD this week towards this basement remodel, and be sure to mark it in the memo as "PFD Donation." You can also donate online at the Cathedral website.



Collecting Christmas Cards and Notes for the Jones Family in Fiji

"We are collecting Christmas cards and notes for the Jones family in Fiji. Please put cards for them in Eric and Hannah Johnsons church mailbox folder located in the Church Basement by December 24th. Thanks!"



Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 27 Group D - 4th Sunday of the Month

November 27, 2022

Hosts: Kies / Mee

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

Remember – this is Fasting Season for Advent - bring snacks accordingly - to serve at least 4 families.

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**Next Sunday – Group A – December 4, 2022**

**Hosts: Kendall Families / O'Fallon**

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Eckert, Gillquist, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Streff, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells, Zink



## St. John's Bookstore

Time to start Christmas Shopping! The bookstore now has Christmas cards and some beautiful children's books, including a children's Bible. What better gift for that little one than a lovely illustrated book. Come browse during Coffee Hour.

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week



November 27 - Shelly Wells

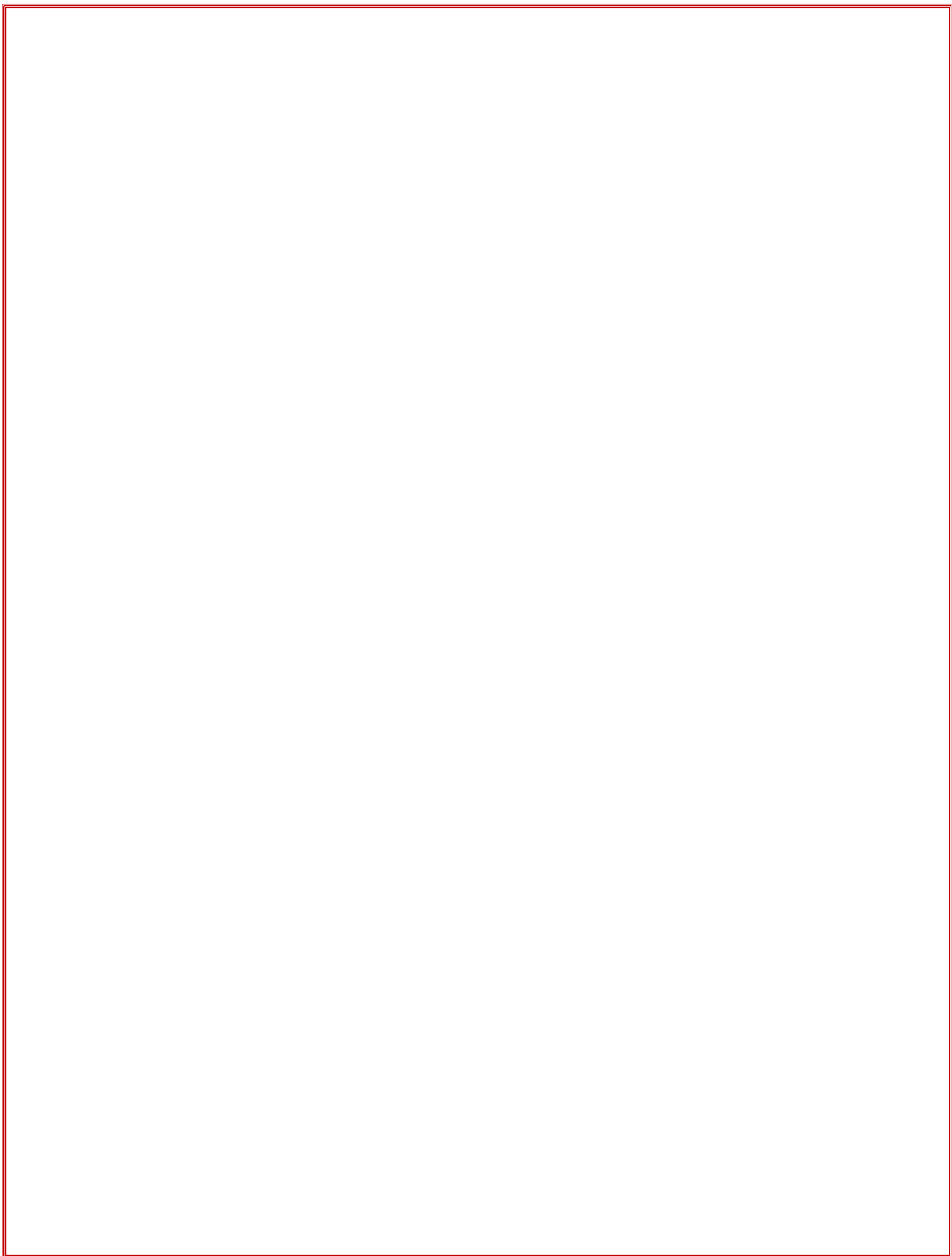
December 3 - Reese Williams

November 30 - Kevin Dougherty

December 3 - Finnigan Klatt

November 30 - Vic Temple

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





## *Thursday Reading Group*

The Thursday readers will meet at JoAnn Webster's home at 10am.

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



- \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- \* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- \* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- \* Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992
- \* Thomas Hyde Webster - December 1, 2021

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Eloise Lamb  
Janet Hawi  
Gwyn Jones  
Dan Kendall*

*Lina Curry  
Al Zink  
Kh. Rita Molloy  
Anna Haley*

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

For the Month of **DECEMBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, December 24, 2022.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION



James the Persian – November 27

On November 27, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-martyr James the Persian.

### *Verses*

*Cut limb by limb and suffering slaughter, the Persian speaks out:*

*Be saved, O my soul, though my limbs have departed.*

*On the twenty-seventh the Persian is slaughtered.*

He was born in the Persian town of Elapa, of Christian parents. The Persian king loved James for his gifts and for his skill, and made him a nobleman at his court. Flattered by the king, James was deluded and offered sacrifice to idols, which the king also worshipped. James' mother and wife, hearing of this, wrote him a reproachful letter in which they grieved over him as a defector and deserter of the Faith and one who was spiritually dead, begging him at the end of the letter to repent and return to Christ. Moved by this letter, James repented bitterly, and courageously confessed his faith in Christ the Lord before the king. The furious king condemned James to death, and ordered that his body was to be cut to pieces, little by little, until he breathed his last. During the entire process, James gave thanks to God. A fragrance came from his wounds as of cypress. Thus, this wonderful man repented of his sin, and his soul went to Christ our God in the Heavenly Kingdom in about the year 400.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Palladios of Thessalonica; Venerable Nathanael of Nitria in Egypt; and James the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov.

By their intercessions, O Christ 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.

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