

4th Sunday after
Pentecost - Tone 3

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Romans 6:18-23  
Matthew 8:5-13

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Homily by
Subdn. Tim Mellor

Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Saur / Klatt

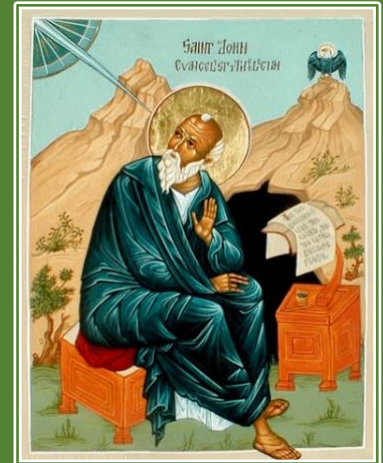
St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, July 21, 2024

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.*

### Parish Events and News

#### Register for Eagle River Institute TODAY

Please click on the link below and register for our upcoming Eagle River Institute. Registering will help us know how many people to count on for the 3 large meals, and it is especially important for anyone wanting childcare during the sessions. Thank you.

[REGISTER FOR THE ERI TODAY](#)

[ERI Website 2024 Link](#)

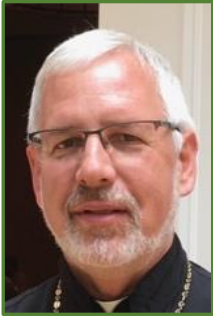


#### EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2024 SCHEDULE

- **Wednesday, July 31**  
7:15pm – Paraklesis
- **Thursday, August 1**  
5:00 – 6:30pm – Fr. John Jillions 1  
*Meal following*  
7:30 – 9:00pm – Dr. Paul Ladouceur 1
- **Friday, August 2**  
5:00 – 6:30pm – Dr. Paul Ladouceur 2  
*Meal following*  
7:30 – 9:00pm – Fr. John Jillions 2
- **Saturday, August 3**  
9:30 – 11:00am – Fr. John Jillions 3  
*Break with snack*  
11:30am – 1:00pm – Dr. Paul Ladouceur 3  
7:15pm – Great Vespers
- **Sunday, August 4**  
9:15am - Matins; 10:00am - Divine Liturgy  
3:00pm - 4:30pm - Dr. Paul Ladouceur 4
- Break with snack*  
5:00pm - 6:30pm – Fr. John Jillions 4  
Special Lecture – “Tradition and Change”
- **Monday, August 5**  
*Updated schedule*  
6:15pm – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- **August 7-9**  
Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce Island

## ERI 2024 Speakers & Topics

### Divine Guidance in America – Fr. John Jillions



- **American Theocracy?**

After an introduction, this lecture focuses on the tension between a theocratic vision of government and its dissenters, the call for religious freedom and separation of church and state. Key figures: John Winthrop, Anne Hutchinson, Roger Williams, John Woolman, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson.

- **A More Perfect Union?**

This lecture looks at movements for national change—all of which had a powerful faith component—to advance the common good in American life: the anti-slavery, civil rights, labor, and peace movements. Key figures: Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day.

- **Orthodoxy, Evangelicalism, and the American State**

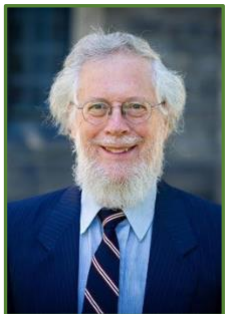
Part 1 of this lecture will consider the Orthodox experience of church-state relations after the 1867 sale of Alaska to the United States, looking especially at Sheldon Jackson (1834-1909), Presbyterian missionary and General Agent of Education in the Alaska Territory. Part 2 will bring the discussion into the present by looking at Jerry Falwell, Sr., The Moral Majority, and the influence of Evangelicalism in American political life, drawing especially on Tim Alberta's *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: American Evangelicalism in an Age of Extremism* (2023).

- **Special Lecture: Tradition and Change**

The final lecture will turn from American history to look broadly at the Orthodox experience of tradition and change and consider how this might inform our approach as Orthodox Christians in a time of rapid social change. Within the Bible and throughout history, the people of God have reacted in various ways to external events. What can we learn from this, both good and bad? What elements are essential for Church life and what could and should be changed?

### Living in the Spirit: Orthodox Spirituality for Modern Times

#### Dr. Paul Ladouceur



- The origins and nature of Orthodox spirituality
- The book of life: The Philokalia and the Philokalic revival of modern times
- The universal spirituality of St Silouan the Athonite
- An activist and rebel saint: St Maria of Paris

**Course description:** Orthodox spirituality has two principal thrusts, the communal and the personal. The communal or liturgical manifestation is our participation in the prayer and worship of the Orthodox Church, its liturgical and sacramental life, of which the highest expression is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

The personal manifestation is the application of our commitment to the Orthodox tradition, to the “life in Christ” by each member of the Church, ordained or not ordained, living in the dedication of a monastic life, or witnessing to Christ in the society in which we live – “in the world.” The underlying basis of Orthodox spirituality is the same for all, aimed at theosis, union with God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, but its application varies according to our calling and situation in life.

**Click the ERI Website Link above to read about our speakers this year.**

## Antiochian Archdiocese Clergy Symposium

July 22 – July 26

Fr. Marc and Kh. Betsy will be attending.

### Children's School Supplies for Our St. John's 'Good Works Basket'

**Donated Supplies are Due no Later than July 31**

**Check the Basket to See What You Can Contribute**

**Please take note of what has been collected thus far**



The local 'Love in the Name of Christ (INC) of Eagle River' is collecting **school supplies for low-income families**. (17 local churches collect together.)

**Supplies needed from St. John's are:** 10 Backpacks (*Collected 4*), 10 Tissue boxes (*Collected 0*), 10 Rulers (*Collected 0*), 10 Composition booklets (*Collected 0*), 25 Glue sticks, (*Collected 12*), 75 color markers (*Collected 10 boxes of 10*), 10 binders (*Collected 0*), 20 Notebook paper packs (*Collected 4*), 2 kid's coats (*Collected 0*). Call Dn. Kevin for any questions. Thank you!

### News from Sisters of Mary & Martha

Number #1 - Hello Sisters!

We're already thinking forward to our next retreat and would like your feedback! Your feedback will directly impact the planning of our next retreat, so please answer openly and add as many suggestions as you'd like. Even if you were unable to attend this retreat, please consider answering the questions in Section 2. Section 2 covers what your thoughts and ideas are for future retreats.

This survey will be available to fill out until July 21, at which time we will close the collection of survey data. You have just a couple more days to share your ideas! To access the survey, click the link below. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts! <https://forms.gle/SdfPF1kjh7SZkyjQ9>



Number #2 - Liturgical Decorating

The Sisters of Mary & Martha would like to extend a giant **THANK YOU** to Rhonda Clodfelter for her many years of service, and hours upon hours making our sanctuary beautiful. She has served our community this way for over 10 years, leading us through many seasons. With heartfelt gratitude we'd like to acknowledge her dedication, devotion, and exceptional selflessness. Rhonda will be retiring from this service to focus her energy and time into Atrium. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you Rhonda.

We'd also like to announce that Lily Cowan has decided to take on leadership of our Liturgical decorating. She is excited to take on this task and carry forward our beautiful St. John's traditions. We are confident Lily will excel in this role and we're looking forward to seeing what she brings in her service. Thank you Lily! (*Stay tuned for details in the calendar for how you may volunteer to help Lily with this good work!*)

SMMS, President  
Katy Arvidson



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - July 28, 2024 Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

### Hosts Families: Saur / Klatt

Snacks: Arnold, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile

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Next Sunday - Group D - July 28, 2024, Hosts: Clodfelter / Cowan

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Cowan, Dougherty, Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster

If you cannot host, please find your own replacement then let Jennifer Gillquist know of the change.

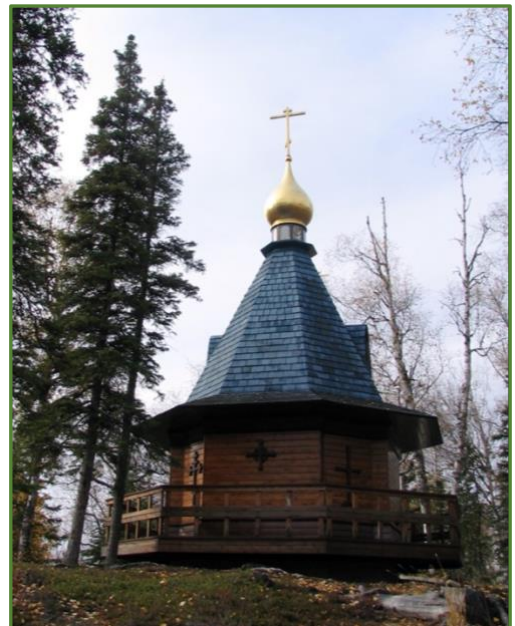
Bid to Build a New Cupola for Saint Sergius Chapel

The main cupola from Saint Sergius Chapel blew off in a winter storm. Inspection revealed that water had seeped in and rotted the base where it was bolted onto the roof. This cupola is now sitting behind the Church shop and available for inspection.



To replace the cupola, we would like to begin by opening the job to any who would like to design a replacement and submit a bid for the job. We have many talented people in our community and there may be several ways a replacement cupola could be constructed. This is a unique opportunity for a very special project. Note, a new cupola does not necessarily have to identically match the old one. New ideas can be considered, such as a multi-faceted face or a painted finish instead of gold leaf. It should,

however, be a fitting and beautiful adornment for the chapel, and able to withstand the winds of winter and the heat of summer. The bid should include money for materials. Labor can be donated or be part of the cost included in the bid. One last consideration is that the chapel also has a smaller cupola over the Narthex, which we will also have to address in some way. While it would be good if the new cupola could be installed before winter, this might be unrealistic. Our aim would be by early next summer at the latest. If you know someone outside our community who might like to bid on this project, please share this information with them. If you are interested in submitting a bid proposal, please indicate your interest to John Marc by August 1st, describing your idea and general approach. A final proposal with drawings, attachment plans and cost estimate will need to be submitted by September 1st. At that time the Parish Council will review bids and determine how to proceed.



Submit ideas, bids, and questions to John Marc Dunaway at johnmarc@stjohnalaska.org.
More information can be found on our website [here](#).

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: On the Ministry of the Diaconate, Part Two

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you’d like to share? Please email stjohnalaska@aol.com

Baby Sprinkle for Jessica Kies – Saturday, August 10 at 11:00am

Stephanie Davisson is putting on a “Sprinkle” for Jessica Kies. Please set your calendar and join us at the St. James House.

(A baby sprinkle is a casual and smaller-scale version of a baby shower.)



Mark Your Calendar...

Marriage Blessing and Dinner Reception for Victoria & Caleb

Sunday August 25 at 4:00pm

Victoria Bledsoe and Caleb Bower will have a "Marriage Blessing" on Sunday August 25th at 4 PM followed by a dinner reception. They eloped on 1/18/2020 and are excited to have a belated celebration as a part of the church and with their friends and family. No need to RSVP but it would be helpful:

Click the link below for: ‘their story’, photos, RSVP and questions and answers.

<https://www.theknot.com/us/victoriabledsoeandcalebbower>



Tonga Mission Update – July 2024 From Michael & Megan Jones

<https://mailchi.mp/68461c81df86/tonga-mission-update-july-2024?e=c8157b4efa>

Dates to Remember

Birthdays This Week

July 24 - Thomas Drennan

July 25 - Jennifer Saur

July 25 - Elias Drennan

July 27 - Hannah Hanna

July 28 - Robert Guio

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Anniversaries This Week



Keith & Anna Haley - July 26, 1981

Will & Liz Klatt - July 27, 2008

Bruce & Monica Johnson O July 28, 1991

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Remembering in Prayer...



Sally Eckert

Elisa Betson

*We will 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*

Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



* Presbyter Daniel Arthur Ryan - July 7, 1984

* Theodore Max Wells - July 14, 2009

* Marlene Faye Dyal - July 24, 2005

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 **JULY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, July 27. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

John of Edessa & Simeon of Homs – July 21

On July 21, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our Righteous Fathers John of Edessa in Mesopotamia; and Simeon of Homs, the Fool-for-Christ.

Verses

*A wise fool were you, mocking life, O Father Simeon,
escaping even to the end the crafty serpent.
O John, you chose to dwell in barren regions,
where you rendered carnal passions barren.
On the twenty-first died Simon the fool and mocker.*

Both men received the monastic tonsure at the hands of the Abbot Nikon in the Monastery of St. Gerasimos. They withdrew into the wilderness near the Dead Sea, where they lived a rigid life of asceticism for nearly thirty years. They fasted and subdued their bodies so much that they resembled two withered trees. One day Simeon told John that, according to God's command, he must depart from the wilderness, go among the people and serve God there. John said to Simeon, "Pray to God for me, that He does not separate us, one from the other, in the future life." Simeon went among the people of Homs, in Syria, as a "fool for Christ," to teach people and to convert them to the faith of Christ. He pretended insanity before everyone, but his heart was the temple of the Holy Spirit and, in that temple, was unceasing prayer. Simeon possessed abundant grace from God and was able to discern all the inner secrets of people, healing them from evil spirits and other ailments. Simeon came across a young man who lived his life in carnal pleasure and later went out of his mind. Not knowing his past, Simeon struck him across the face with his hand and said: "Stop this life of carnal gratification!" At that moment the unclean demon departed from the young man, and he became well. Simeon reposed in the year 570, by the providence of God. John, who had remained in the wilderness, departed soon after.

On this day, we also commemorate Parthenios, bishop of Radovizlios, and Martyr Victor of Marseilles. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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