

*Myrrh-bearers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after  
Pascha*

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*Acts: 61-7  
Mark 15:43-16:8*

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*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

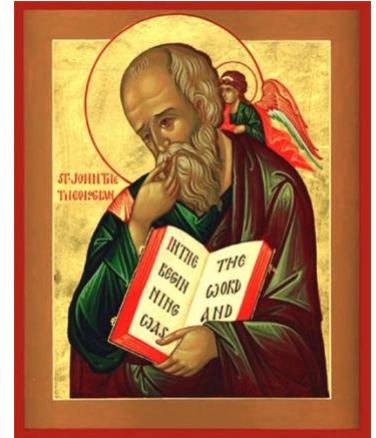
*Epistle Reader  
Russell Clodfelter*

*Coffee Hour Hosts  
Bower / Patras*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

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*Sunday, May 4, 2025  
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*



#### **Church Family Meeting – May 17 at 5:30pm**

Please save the date for our upcoming church family meeting that will take place in the church basement on Saturday, May 17, from 5:30pm to 7pm facilitated by the Parish Council. An agenda will be release later.

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium) 12:30pm – 2:00pm**



### **2025 GRADUATIONS**

#### **Attention Parents of High School Graduates for 2025**

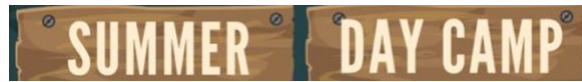
- Let the church office know if you have a graduate this year. It would be great to put a picture along with their name and where they are graduating in the bulletin next week. You can email this information, if you wish, by Friday morning at the latest to [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)
- Also, if anyone is graduating from college, we can include their names and photo and information as well.



**Bridal Shower Honoring Kathleen Sorensen  
This Saturday, May 3 at 11am at the St. James  
House**

## Folk Dance Evening

Please join us on Sunday May 18th 5:00 to 7:00 in the church basement to folk dance with live music! Please bring a potluck dish to share. We will learn dances from 5pm to 6pm and from 6pm to 7pm we will dance. If you have any questions, please ask Jessica Kies.



## Save the Date for Day Camp and Register Now June 3, 4 and 5

The camp will run from 9:45am - 12:30pm and is open to children ages 2-12. We have a wonderful set of volunteers to help lead the camp.

If you are interested in registering for Day Camp, please find the forms on the Narthex table. Please return to Cara Fletes' mail-box folder. Thank you! Please call Cara Fletes or Jessica Kies with any questions!



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 4 Group A - First Sunday of the Month*

### **Hosts Families: Bower / Patras**

Snacks: Abel, Bower, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensens, Stallmans, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Weaver, Wells

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### *Next Sunday - Group A - May 11      Hosts: Fletes / A & J Temple*

*Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Cain, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Sluz, Sturdevant, Villafana*

## Thank you...

Thank you so much to all the team leaders and those that pitched in to help the Pascha feast. We had a great celebration, and everything went so smoothly since we had such dedicated and organized helpers. Thank you! - Sydney Ihde

Thank you to Caleb and David Lindblom and Sydney and Ashley Ihde pictured at the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center after a dinner shift this week. If you're interested in volunteering contact Sydney Ihde at: 907-854-5517



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## St. John's School Weekly News



**BETTER-THAN-TEXAS  
ALASKA BBQ**

SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL  
Friday, May 9 | 5:30-7:30 PM  
(Early school release at 1:30 PM)

**Tickets:**  
\$25 - Ages 12 & up  
\$10 - Ages 6-11  
Free - Ages 5 & under

**Fun for All Ages!**  
• Games & Cake Walk  
• Line Dancing  
• Unveiling of  
Our All-School Mural!

**Raffle Tickets:** \$20 each  
• 2 Alaska Airlines Tickets  
(up to 50 k miles each)  
• 2 Alaska Railroad Tickets  
to Seward (Adventure Class)

**Parent Volunteer**  
hours available!  
Call Kali Macalino:  
907-696-3920 for tickets or to volunteer

**Fund Raiser for St. John's School**  
**Friday, May 9, 5:30-7:30pm**

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## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [On Knowing God](#)

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### "Checking In" with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)

### Washer / Dryer

Bill and Mary Alice Cook have an older but still working washing machine and dryer.  
Call them if interested at (907) 602-3317.

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## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

May 4 - Henry Ihde  
May 5 - Mary Greene  
May 5 - Riley Hanna

May 8 - Jeff Hunter  
May 9 - Bethany Dunaway  
May 10 - Michael Saur

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



### Anniversaries This Week

Marc & Theresa Agnew - May 11, 2019





## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Gwyn Jones  
Joe Dunham*

*Kerry Jones  
Elisa Betson*

*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*

*Chris Grasse  
Josphine Hanna & her  
family*

*Sylvia Villafana  
Helen Gillquist*

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



- \* Infant Lazarus Frizelle - May 1, 2008
- \* Abner Picon - May 1, 2016
- \* Presbyter Garland Peters - May 6, 1979
- \* Eloise Mae Lamb - May 10, 2024
- \* Infant Benjamin Ray - May 12, 2022

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

## *Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group*

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area.



## *Thursday Reading Group*



We have resumed our regular meetings from 10 to noon on Thursdays. We meet at the Senior Center.

On May 16th we will have our monthly birthday potluck lunch. That day we meet at JoAnn Webster's at 10 am then have lunch together to honor the birthdays. There are 3 this month, Mary Green, Teri Van Dyke and Sally Eckert.

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

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

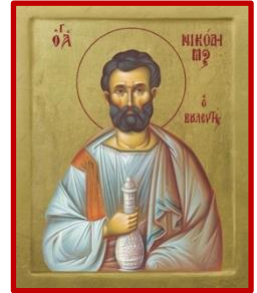




## THE SYNAXARION

### Myrrh-bearers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Pascha

On May 4, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Pelagia the Nun-martyr of Tarsus; Hilary the Wonderworker; Euthemios, Bishop of Madytos; and Athanasios, Bishop of Corinth.



On this day, the second Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the feast of the holy Myrrh-bearing women. We also make commemoration of Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple of Christ, and of Nicodemus, who was a disciple by night.

#### Verses

*The women disciples bring myrrh unto Christ.  
And we bring a hymn unto them as if it were myrrh.*



The women went to Christ's tomb on Holy Pascha to anoint His body, only to discover it empty. We know the names of only eight of these women: Mary the Theotokos, the “mother” of James and Joses, who were actually the sons of Joseph the Betrothed from his previous marriage; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna the wife of Chuza; Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Susanna; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus.

Joseph of Arimathea was a rich and noble man, and a member of the Privy Council of Jerusalem. He dared to ask Pilate for the undefiled body of our Savior, which he took and buried in his own new tomb. Accompanying Joseph to the sepulcher was Nicodemus, a Jerusalemite who was one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Nicodemus brought 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes to scent and embalm the body of Christ.

By the intercessions of Your saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us.



#### 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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