

*Postfeast Epiphany*

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*Ephesians 4:7-13*

*Matthew 4:12-17*

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*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:  
Stan Snider*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Templeton / Cooley*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

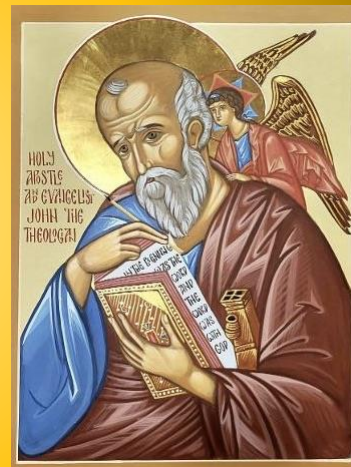
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, January 11, 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.*

### *Parish Events and News*

#### **Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity Thursday Class This Week**

**Thursday, January 15, 6-7:30pm at the St. James House**

**“Monasticism and Marriage - Men and Women”**

[Updated Schedule for January, February - Opening the Door to the Orthodox Christian Faith](#)



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

*(Resumes today) Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm*

#### **Folk Dancing Nights**

**Join us Sunday Evenings through February 1 for a Joyful Season of Folk Dancing! We'll Gather from 5:00–7:00 PM in the Church Basement.**

Enjoy live music performed by our local folk band, The Rock Badgers, along with guided dance instruction—perfect for beginners and seasoned dancers alike! These evenings are family-friendly and open to everyone. Feel free to bring a snack to share; punch and water will be provided.



#### **Youth Group-Tuesday Nights-6:30-8pm at the St. James House**

We'll have dinner together at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm. —John Marc and Bethany Dunaway (907) 317-9549.



***New Day & Time...***

**Time to 'Un-Decorate'**

**Come join the fun in taking down the Christmas decorations.**

**Next Saturday, January 17th, 10am**

**Pastries provided for all those who come to help.**

**Everything will be set up and ready to go.**

***(If you come to help, we will get this done quickly and we can enjoy this time together. Thank you.)***



## ***Coffee Hour This Sunday - January 11, 2026 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month***

**Hosts Families: Templeton / Cooley**

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

***Next Sunday - Group C - January 18 - Hosts: Okuley / Stogsdill***

***Snacks:*** Arnold, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehrs, Temple, Wasile

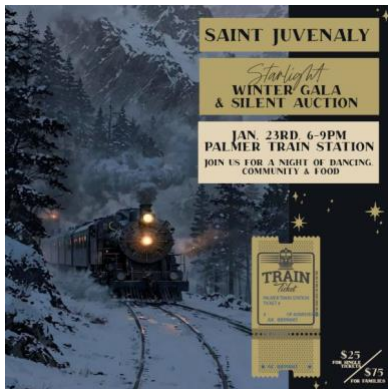
## ***Local Community News***

***Members of Saint John's in Eagle River are invited to...***

**St. Juvenaly's First Annual Starlight Winter Gala & Silent Auction**

**January 23rd from 6-9 PM at the Palmer Train Station**

**(550 W Arctic Ave, Palmer, AK)**



St. Juvenaly & His Companion Orthodox Mission warmly invites you to attend our first annual Starlight Winter Gala and Silent Auction on January 23rd from 6-9 PM at the Palmer Train Station (550 W Arctic Ave, Palmer, AK).

Join us for an elegant winter evening featuring dinner, traditional folk dancing and other classic dances, and a silent auction showcasing generously donated items from our community. This event is designed to bring Alaska Orthodox families and friends together for fellowship, celebration, and support of our parish.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit [stjuvenalywasilla.org/st-juvenalys-starlight-winter-gala/](http://stjuvenalywasilla.org/st-juvenalys-starlight-winter-gala/)

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [In Suffering](#)

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### **Rides Needed for Oksana Atrz to Get to Church**

**The church is looking for volunteer drivers to take Aksana to church for Sunday Divine Liturgy.**

Please let Dn. Kevin Dougherty know which dates you can cover at [doughertykb@yahoo.com](mailto:doughertykb@yahoo.com) or 907-947-5345.

**The following are the dates Oksana will need a ride: January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 15, 22**

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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)

### **Come Get Your Stuff!**

These items are in the Church Basement. Come and claim them by this weekend. On Monday, they will go away.



### **Missing – Pill Box**

On Christmas Day a small purple pill box container with pills may have been left at the church. If you happen to see it, please contact Jennifer Gillquist. Thank you

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## *Dates to Remember*

### ***‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group – Wednesdays 10am***

We will meet at the St. James House If you have any questions, contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.







### *Men's Book Club - Wednesdays 7-8pm*

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text Sam Lowry at 616-928-5181.



### *Women's Reading Group - Thursdays at 10am*

We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building on the second floor. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras

### *Birthdays This Week*

January 11 - Anna Sluz

January 13 - Jane Lamb

January 18 - Sarah Curry

January 18 - Hayley Komar

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



### *Anniversaries this Week*

Eric & Hannah Johnson - January 13, 2010

Caleb & Victoria Bower - January 18, 2020

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



### *Remembering in Prayer...*

Mary Greene  
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)

Arlo Northey

Gwyn Jones

Jay Keener

Krya & Skylynn Lineer

Jan Northey

*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*

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



\* Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012

\* Kh. Barbara Ann Dunaway - January 25, 2011

\* Infant Mark David McIlrath - January 25, 1986

*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 **January** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, January 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



***Last Week to Donate... Donations Received Thus Far...\$2,295.00***

### **Send a Christmas Gift to UKRAINE Today**

**Christmas in Ukraine is Celebrated on January 7, Old Calendar.**

Saint John's will send a monetary Christmas gift this week to Fr. Oleksander in Ukraine, an Orthodox priest Oksana Artz knows. We have helped previously with medical supplies and with the purchase of a van to transport wounded people. This tragic war against the Ukrainian people continues to destroy homes and devastate families. If you want to add to this donation, it will be a Christmas gift from Alaska to Ukraine from all of us. You can contribute by donating to Saint John's and marking it "Ukraine." Below is a letter from Oksana Artz, a member of our Parish, explaining more. – Fr. Marc

***Dear Fr. Marc and Saint John Church!***

I appeal to you on behalf of our international volunteer team to help with the organization of fundraising in our church. All raised funds will be sent directly to Ukrainian defenders through Fr. Olexander Horay (Orthodox Church in c. Poltava, Ukraine).

Ukrainians are waging a desperate battle for the survival of their country. Just yesterday many of them were ordinary people: teachers, engineers, doctors, and artists. Some were college students or farmers or factory workers. In the past year, their lives have been completely upended. They are soldiers in a war they never wanted, that was forced upon their land.



In 2014 Russia launched an undeclared war in eastern Ukraine, in their efforts of colonization as they occupied the East part of Ukraine including Crimea's peninsula in their desire to completely restore the Soviet Union and spread their protectorate on the East part of Europe Union.

Ukrainians, however, have been a free-spirited people and have striven towards a high level of socio-economic development while heroically resisting Russian aggression. This war has brought about the destruction of hundreds of villages and cities and incurred the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians and soldiers alike. Some six million war refugees have left their homeland thus disfiguring their very fate. Every day brings new irreparable losses, grief, and pain. This war is very familiar to me because my family is in the same desperate situation as all other Ukrainian families. Only together our voices will be significant and powerful, only together we can prevent the genocide, that's going on right now, and save human lives. There are no alien war and someone else's grief in this world. We are all responsible for peace on our land. I will be very appreciative and grateful for any possible help. Each dollar now is valuable, because every dollar raised is a life saved.

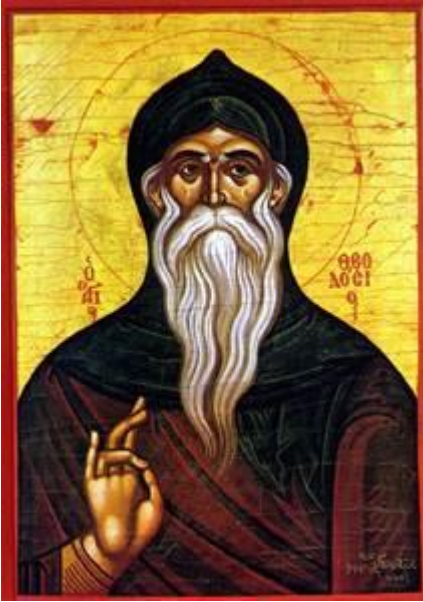


– ***Oksana***



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## THE SYNAXARION



### Theodosius the Cenobiarch – January 11

On January 11, in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate our righteous Father Theodosius the Cenobiarch, the instructor of the wilderness.

#### *Verses*

*Theodosius was the leader of many monks' common life.  
And his departure from this life was many monks' common loss.  
On the eleventh the Cenobiarch left this ruinous life.*

Theodosius the Great lived in Palestine and was the founder and organizer of the cenobitic style of monasticism, in which the monks would spend more time together in organized monastic groups in common prayer on a regular basis. As a young man he visited Simeon the Stylite, who blessed him and predicted for him great spiritual glory. Once Theodosius founded his monastery, many monks of different nationalities and languages quickly gathered around him. He built churches for each language group, but on a day when they were to receive Communion, all the brethren gathered in the great church. Together with Saint Sabbas, he defended Palestine from the heresy of the Monophysites. God endowed Theodosius with the gifts of wonderworking, to heal the sick, to be present and help from a distance, to tame wild beasts, among other gifts. Theodosius entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 529, at the age of 105.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theodosius of a monastery on Athos; Venerable Agapios of Syria; and Venerable Michael of Klops, fool-for-Christ.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon 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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