

Myrrh-bearers
2nd Sunday after
Pascha

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Acts 6:1-7  
Marc 15:43-16:8

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Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

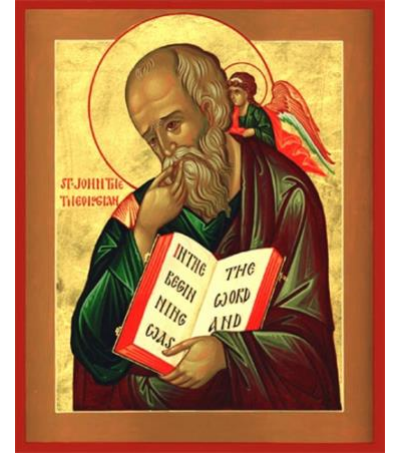
Epistle Reader
Jennifer Medders

Coffee Hour Hosts:
No Coffee Hour

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, April 26, 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.

Parish Events and News



Wedding of Alyssa Espino & Jacob Goetz Today, April 26 at 4:00pm

There will be a short reception immediately following with light appetizers, cake and toasting the bride and groom with sparkling cider. God grant them many years!

St. John's Youth Corps



Each summer the Cathedral hires several young adults (14+) to do the work needed at the Cathedral, surrounding buildings, and their ~55-acre campus. We call this group our Summer Youth Corps, and their tasks vary widely based on what is needed that year. This might include everything from hauling firewood, finishing decks and siding, cleaning carpets, building fences, maintaining trails and much more! You can be part of a long tradition that takes pride in the upkeep of St. John's campus while making money and gaining work experience. More information and applications are available online at www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps Applications are due May 28th.

Coffee Hour This Sunday - April 26, 2026



No Coffee Hour

Next Sunday – Group Matthew (1) – May 3 - Hosts: M & M Jones / Moses

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



**SAVE THE DATE: Graduation Party
Macrina Labrecque and Noah Curry
Saturday, May 9 – Come and Go from 2-5pm**

Please let the church office know if there are any other High School graduates, College graduates or Master's Degree recipients at cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

03/17/26 Parish Council Meeting Summary

- PC members shared their book recommendations.
- PC decided on the agenda for the church family meeting.
- John Marc discussed the need to have a second “meats team” to lead preparation/cooking every other year for Pascha.
- The PC discussed the noise reduction plan proposed by Derick and John Marc. The PC unanimously agreed to spend around 10 thousand dollars to install sound panels for sound reduction.
- The PC began planning an endowment fund kickoff event.
- The PC was notified of ongoing pipe issues at the St James house caused by manganese build up. Research will be done to find a long-term solution to the problem.

Please send any comments/questions/suggestions to the Parish Council at parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org
This Summary was sent in for the bulletin a couple of weeks ago and was accidentally left off the last two bulletins.

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH
2026

Summer Day Camp

**ALL ABOUT:
THE SAINTS OF ALASKA**

JUNE 3-5
9:50am-12:40pm
Ages 2-12 Welcome
Cost is \$15/camper

LEARN, PRAY, & PLAY
Join us to learn about the lives of St. Herman, St. Olga, and St. Innocent through crafts, storytelling, games, and fun.

FAMILY CAMP OUT
On Friday night, join us for a family camp out on the church lawn. Details to follow.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Cara Fletes
caramial984@gmail.com




Pay Registration Fee Here

SUMMER DAY CAMP

May 1st is quickly approaching! If you are interested in St. John Orthodox Day Camp, please make sure you have filled out the registration form and paid the “Day Camp” fee online! We have a stellar set of teachers already planning fun activities all to do with “Saints of Alaska”. We are hoping to have registration forms completed soon so we can begin organizing classes.

** This year we have a \$15.00 registration fee to help us cover our camp expenses. You can also decide to sponsor a child or several children by covering their camp fees.

You can pay online via the church website. Under the “Other” tab on the drop-down menu, please label your fee “Day Camp”.

Here is the QR code you can scan to access the site.



Thank you so much to those who have already registered and be sure to look in the bulletin in the following weeks for any camp updates! Thank you so much and please call or email with any questions! —Cara Fletes - caramial984@gmail.com

St. John's School Weekly News



BETTER THAN CRACKER BARREL

SAINT JOHN'S SCHOOL
BBQ & COUNTRY STORE FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

BBQ DINNER

\$20 - Ages 12+
\$10 - Ages 6-11
Free 5 and under

RAFFLE - \$20 PER TICKET

★ **1st PRIZE:** Two Alaska Airlines Mileage Tickets (Max 50,000 miles each or 100,000 miles total)

★ **2nd PRIZE:** Two Alaska Railroad Tickets to Denali (Round Trip | Adventure Class)

★

Games for All Ages
Cake Walk
Square Dancing

BBQ DINNER TICKETS
Scan QR Code to purchase online.

RAFFLE TICKETS & VOLUNTEERS
Call Kali Macalino
907-696-3920

Join us for a Fun-filled Evening at St. John's School's Annual Fundraiser on May 8!


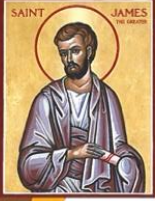
This year's theme is
*“Better Than Cracker Barrel”
Country Store and BBQ*

Enjoy great food, community, and a fun, family-friendly evening. Tickets are on sale now—purchase online at sjocs.org or call the school office. Please see the flyer below for more details.


We hope to see you all there!

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



News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writing of Met. Saba: [May Your Humility Receive My Words, Elder Joseph](#)

My deep appreciation for all the parishes that submitted a total of 2,385 photos showcasing the beauty and joy of Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and All-holy Pascha. It felt like the entire Archdiocese got to celebrate these holy days together despite the distance. Please share [the albums](#) with your congregations. —Met Saba

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

A Note from Shirley Wilkoff...

“I wrote a story about the St. Herman’s pilgrimage that Nicole and I attended last year. Here is a link to the story, [St. Herman Monks Lagoon Pilgrimage – August 2025](#) shared on Facebook. There are also several hard copies on the Narthex table.” —Shirley Wilkoff

A Note from Nicole Unser...

“Hello everyone, our monthly Inkwell Locals meeting will be Sunday May 3rd at 2pm at the Big House. Inkwell is a creative gathering for both men and women similar to the Inklings group of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. We meet to spur each other along in our creative endeavors and find community in our creative callings. If you're wondering if this group is for you, feel free to chat with me at church, shoot me an email at nicole@nicoleunser.com, or text/call me at 509-362-1685. **This will be our last gathering until Fall.** We'd love to have you there!” —Nicole Unser

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



The Men's Book Club will be reading *On the Incarnation* by St. Athanasius. Public-domain printouts of the text will be available at our meetings, so there is no need to purchase a copy. For anyone who would like to buy one, we will be using the Lawson translation.

For questions, please contact 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



Anniversaries This Week

Fr. Robert & Kh. Colleen Polson - May 1, 1982

David & Kristine Lindblom - May 3, 2002

Birthdays This Week

April 26 - Rowan Griffith

April 26 - Brian Okuley

April 29 - Alyssa Espino

April 29 - Levi Curry

May 1 - Teri Van Dyke

M A N Y Y E A R S !





Remembering in Prayer...

*Matt Komar
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)
Dirk Moffatt
Jan Northey
Shirley Wolkoff*

*Jennifer Stogsdill
Joyce Arvidson
Sally Eckert
Justin Clodfelter*

*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



- * Infant Lazarus Frizelle - May 1, 2008
- * Abner Picon - May 1, 2016
- * Presbyter Garland Peters - May 6, 19979
- * Eloise Mae Lamb - May 10, 2024
- * Infant Benjamin Ray - May 5, 2022

Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

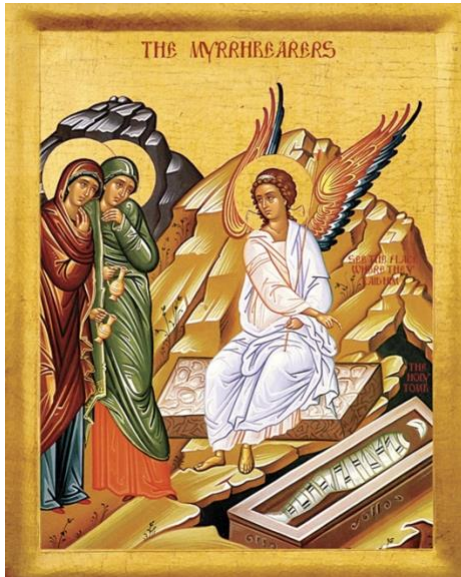
For the Month of **MAY** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, May 23rd. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Myrrh-bearers – 2nd Sunday

On April 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Basil, bishop of Amasea with Venerable Glaphyra; Stephen, bishop of Perm; and Venerable Ioanikios of Devitch in Serbia.



On 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 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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