

*New Liturgical Year
Simeon the Stylite*

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*1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 4:16-22*

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*Homily by
ProtoDn. Pat Lamb*

*Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider*

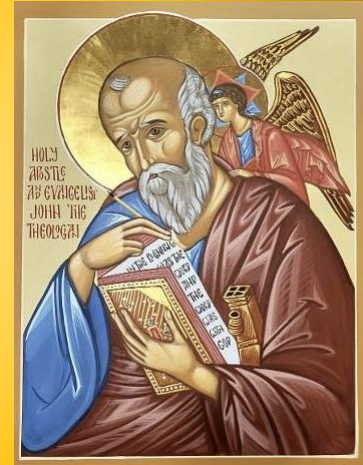
*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Alexander / Snider*

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Weekly Bulletin

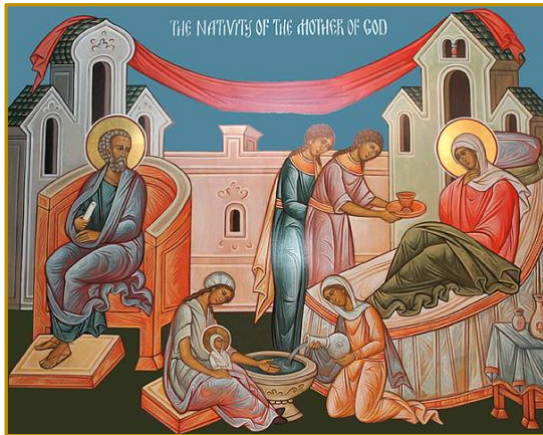
Sunday, September 1

*Beginning of New Liturgical Year
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



Next Sunday...

Nativity of the Mother of God

Feast Day is September 8

Great Vespers, Saturday, Sep 7 at 7:15pm

Matins/Divine Liturgy, Sep 8 at 9:15am/10am

This year the Nativity of the Mother of God falls on a Sunday. We will celebrate her feast day with our regular services of Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

Comping Up Next Week Friday and Saturday...

Elevation of the Cross

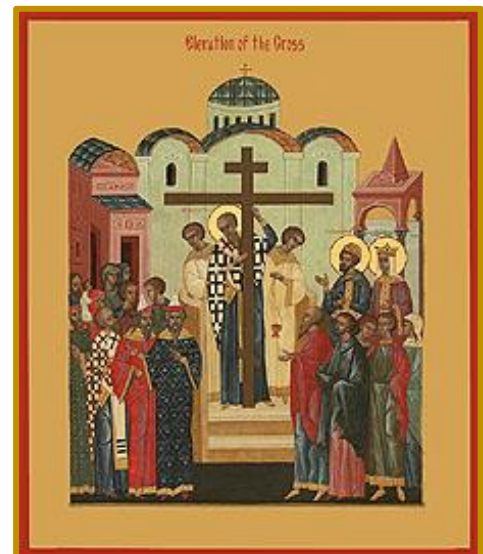
Feast Day is September 14

Great Vespers, Friday, Sep 13 at 7:15pm

Divine Liturgy, Saturday, Sep 14 at 9:15am

This Service will include the Procession of the Cross with the 500 Lord Have Mercy's chanted in English, Greek and Arabic.

September 14th is a strict fast day.



Parish Events and News

Beginning of the New Liturgical Year (*Indiction*) – September 1 New 2024/2025 Liturgical Calendars Available

St. John's Liturgical Calendar is now posted on our Website under the Bulletin Section Click [HERE](#) to see it. There are also a few copies located in the Narthex.

New Coffee Hour Hosts

**New Hosts List is Now Posted Under “Resources” on our Website
Here is the [Link](#) – It is also Posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex**

Make sure you check the ‘Coffee Hour’ host list, to see if you are hosting. as you [may now be scheduled on a different Sunday than your snack week.](#)



Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 1, 2024 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Alexander / Snider

Snacks: Abel, Bowman, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells

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*No Coffee Hour – Due to Wedding at 3pm*



*Wedding Next Sunday  
Michelle Fonda  
&  
Luke Mellor  
September 8, 2024  
3:00pm at St. John's*

*Cupcakes and Coffee/Tea Reception immediately following wedding in the Cathedral Basement*

*Here is the registry [LINK](#) for Luke & Michelle*

## The Brothers of Lazarus at Work

Over the Summer, the Brothers of Lazarus continued to perform repairs and maintenance projects around the parish. A few examples are retaining wall repairs, electrical shed repairs, trim replacement in the Church basement, replacement of light fixtures in the school and maintenance on the Cathedral phone system. A great deal of work has been done, but there is always more to do. We invite all male parishioners interested in the Brothers of Lazarus to join us as we continue to serve the Church through service and fellowship. If interested, please email Tim Mellor at [timmellor@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:timmellor@stjohnalaska.org) for more information.



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## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Monthly Newsletter – Click [HERE](#)

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Your Grace Transforms the Universe, Part Three](#)

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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)



### Dan and Melinda Kendall Invite You to Their Annual Apple Harvest Festival

Monday, September 2, 2024

Noon to 5 pm

This is a potluck – so bring something to share and a basket for apples.

Grills will be available.

Dan & Melinda Kendall’s house on Monastery Drive.



## Caleb & Victoria Bower

Last Sunday afternoon we celebrated a Marriage Blessing for Caleb and Victoria, who were received into the Church at Pascha. Many families and friends were present along with parishioners and all enjoyed a festive meal afterwards. The sunshine even appeared after a long absence to celebrate the day.

*Bless these Your servants, who through Your good providence have remained together for many years.  
Bless their coming years together; watch over their children; prosper their every endeavor; and  
replenish their life with good things...*

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## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

September 3 - Monica Johnson      September 8 - Janet Northey  
September 7 - Joe Dunham  
*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### Anniversaries this Week

Joe & Tisha Dunham - September 1, 1990  
Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty - September 3, 1978  
Dan & Melinda Kendall - September 5, 1976

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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.



## Remembering in Prayer...

Gwyn Jones \*see note  
Nina Potts

Oksana Artz

*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*

*\* Gwyn Jones is currently at St. Elias recuperating. If nothing changes in her recovery process, she should be home next Tuesday. She can receive phone calls / visitors after noon and the exercise program. 907-748-4601*

## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Bell Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant Mary Elizabeth - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 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 **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, September 28.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Monday morning reading group for moms with little ones will restart Monday, September 9 at 10 AM in St. James House living room. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines.



## Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday 10 am reading group will start again on September 5. We will be meeting at the Senior Center, same place as last winter. I will also send out a text message reminder. — Ann Patras.



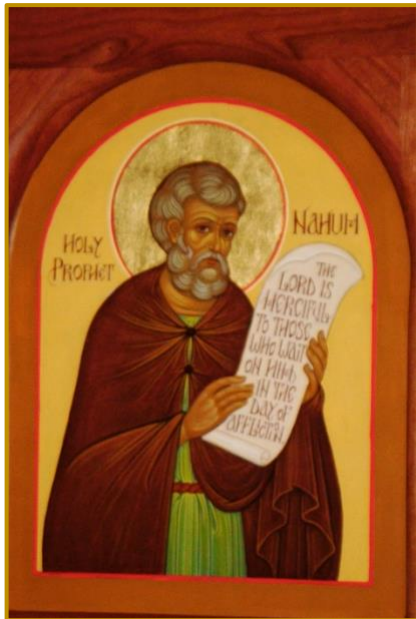
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*Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?  
Answers to this question will be highlighted in the bulletin each Sunday*



**Holy Prophet Nahum  
Feast Day - December 1**

*“The Lord is merciful to those who wait on Him in the day of affliction”*



On December 1, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy and glorious Prophet Nahum.

Nahum was born of the tribe of Simeon in a place called Elkosh on the far side of the Jordan. He lived about seven hundred years before Christ and prophesied the destruction of Nineveh about two hundred years after the Prophet Jonah had warned the Ninevites of the same. Because of Jonah’s preaching, the Ninevites had repented, and God had spared them and not destroyed them. In time, however, they forgot God’s mercy and again became corrupt. The Prophet Nahum prophesied their destruction, and this time there was no repentance, and God did not spare them. The entire city was destroyed by earthquake, flood and fire, so that its location is no longer even known. The Prophet Nahum lived for forty-five years and entered into rest in the Lord, leaving us a small book of his true prophecies.

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## THE SYNAXARION

### Beginning of the New Liturgical Year (Indiction)

On September 1, in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Beginning of the New Liturgical Year (Indiction) -- the Ecclesiastical New Year.



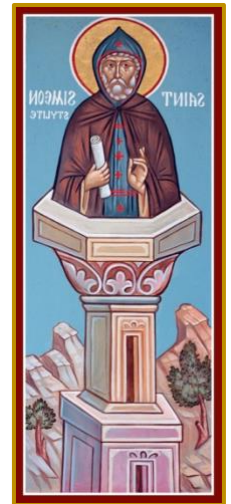
#### Verses

*Do now bless for our sakes the new year's Indiction  
O Ancient of Days, Who, for man's sake, took on  
newness.*

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325 decreed that the Church year should begin on September 1. The month of September was, for the Hebrews, the beginning of the civil year, the month of gathering the harvest and of the offering of thanks to God. It was on this feast that the Lord Jesus entered the synagogue in Nazareth, and opened the book to read from the Prophet Isaiah, as found in today's Liturgy Gospel reading. The month of September is also important in the history of Christianity, because it was during this month that Emperor Constantine the Great was victorious over Maxentius, the enemy of the Christian Faith. Following this victory, Constantine granted freedom of confession to the Christian Faith throughout the Roman Empire.

On this day we also commemorate the miracle wrought by the most holy Theotokos at Miasinae Monastery and the great destructive fire that followed. The Virgin's holy icon had been cast into Lake Zaguru so that the iconoclasts would not desecrate it. It miraculously arose intact from the lake's depths after many years in 864.

On this day we also commemorate Simeon the Stylite. He was born in Syria of peasant parents. At the age of eighteen, Simeon left home and was tonsured a monk. He undertook the most difficult ascetic practices, including a strict fast for forty days. Simeon eventually took upon himself a form of asceticism that was previously unknown. He stood day and night on a pillar, in unceasing prayer. At first, his pillar was seven and a half feet high; Simeon eventually raised it to 60 feet high. The saint worked many great miracles, healing infirmities by word and prayer, comforting those in need, instructing others, and reproaching some who held heretical beliefs. Simeon lived to be 103 years old. He reposed in the Lord on September 1, 459. His pillar and the cathedral named in his honor still stand outside of Aleppo, Syria.



By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.