

*Beheading of St.  
John the Baptist  
Transfer of Feast  
Tone 2*

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*Acts 13:25-33  
Mark 6:14-30*

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*Homily by  
Protodn. Pat Lamb*

*Epistle Reader:  
Stan Snider  
Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Clodfelter / Potts*

# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

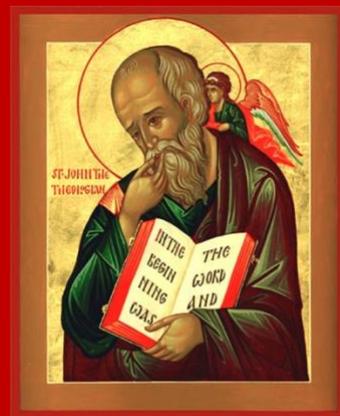
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, August 28, 2022*

*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.*

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## *Feast Days and Services*

### **August 29th – Remembering the Beheading of John the Baptist**



This day is a strict fast day in the Church in honor and memory of the Righteous Forerunners suffering and death at the hands of Herod the King. (In some places, it has also been the custom not to eat anything on a plate on this day, since Herod ordered that Saint John's head be brought to him on a platter.)

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## *Parish Events and News*

### **Covid Rising**

You may be aware that within the last week about 10 people in our parish have tested positive for Covid. Thankfully, most cases are relatively mild. Still, if you are trying to avoid getting Covid, you might want to take extra precautions when coming to Church services. And if you have a dry scratchy throat, fever or any other possible Covid symptoms, please refrain from coming to Church services until you are well or test negative for Covid.



**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**  
**Start Date September 11 - 12:30pm – 2:00pm**

We will orientate every L1 child (ages 3-6) on August 28 after Liturgy starting at 12:30. So even if your child has been in L1 before we would like to refresh their memory to the Atrium. You may pick up registration forms and an ASD Calendar, highlighted with Atrium dates, on the Narthex Table. If you have any questions, you may contact Rhonda Clodfelter (907) 727-5604 or email - [clodfeltersrj@mtaonline.net](mailto:clodfeltersrj@mtaonline.net)

**Wedding Ring Boxes – Pick Up if You Want.**

After so many Parish Weddings, we have accumulated many of the empty ring boxes. If you happen to want your old wedding ring box, the boxes will be set on the Narthex table this weekend, so please take your ring box if you want. (Thereafter, we will pass them on for artwork etc., or dispose of them.)



*Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 28*  
*Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Clodfelter / Potts**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, FrM & KhB Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, Idhe, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Potts, DnJ & D Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, Terrell, Webster

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

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*Next Sunday – Group A - September 4, 2022 Hosts: Cook / VanDewater*

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Eckert, Gillquist, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O’Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Streff, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells, Zink

September is the last month for this current rotation. If you would like to be added to the hosting list, please let me know by September 14. The groups will remain the same. I will just be making a new schedule for October - January. Thank you, Jennifer Gillquist.

*If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement and inform Jennifer Gillquist at [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com)*

*St. James House*

**Please Join us for a Labor Day Potluck at the St. James House**  
**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6pm**

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side or a dessert to share. Hope to see you here! Contact Eric if you have any questions at 907-232-2772

—Eric & Hannah Johnson

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## *St. John's School Weekly News*



### **First Day**

Parents wave goodbye and snap pictures as kindergartners and first-graders head in to School welcomed by their teachers. The first day of School for Saint John's School was Monday, August 22. There are approximately 100 students, Preschool through 8th grade, and 20 staff members.

**Mission Statement: St. John's Orthodox Christian School provides an excellent education – through small class sizes,**

**quality curriculum and dedicated teachers – within a supportive, Christian community.**

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **“Checking In” with Each Other**

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

#### **Note from Jennifer Gillquist...**

Peter Gillquist has been at basic training for the guard (following big brother Paul's footsteps to be a Blackhawk mechanic.) He is scheduled to graduate on September 29. There is still time to send him a card or letter of encouragement. I will have some cards and envelopes already addressed if anyone wants to take one to send to him. Come see me at coffee hour and get one. - Jennifer Gillquist

#### **Note from Myles and Maris Kelly...**

We would like to thank everyone for all their fervent prayers, love and well wishes. “Prayers have been answered and I am so grateful and blessed to be here to say thank you. I now have a Pacemaker and Defibrillator safely installed in my chest to help keep me from having Cardiac Arrest again. I am so thankful for the quick response from my hockey teammates and for a woman that is an EMT that took charge till the paramedics arrived. Also thanks to all the heart doctors and staff at Providence Hospital. They were all so wonderful in their treatment and care. I am recovering well at home and mostly down from a injured knee when I lost consciousness. I feel like a ‘Christmas Miracle.’”



—Myles and Maris Kelly, Catherine Kelly & Susanna Shankar.

## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

August 29 - Eddie Dunaway  
September 1 - Rylan Brannon

September 3 - Monica Johnson



*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

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

### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Jennifer Medders  
Eloise Lamb  
Nicholas Guio*

*Jan Northey  
Myles Kelly  
Valorie Sparks*

*And for those suffering from Covid*



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



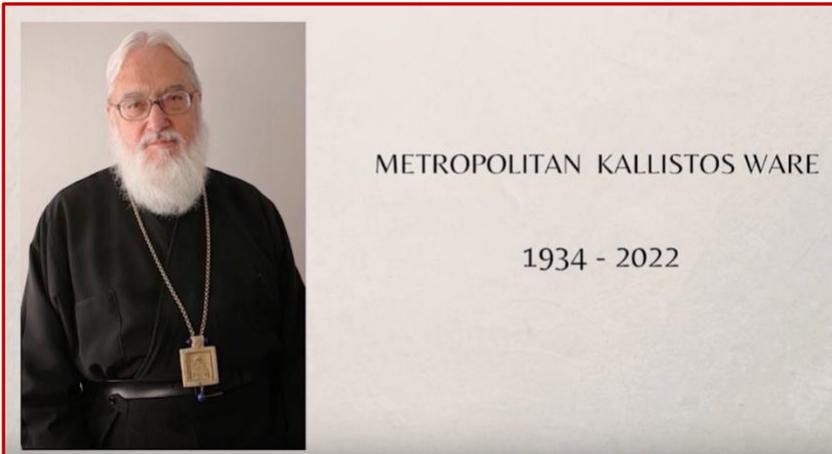
- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 1986

*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 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.





## Metropolitan Kallistos Ware - Memory Eternal! - † August 24, 2022

Metropolitan Kallistos (Timothy) Ware fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday at age 87. (Article: [Remembering Kallistos Ware](#)).

Met. Kallistos visited St. John's in Alaska twice to speak at our Eagle River Institute, in 1998 and again in

2003. He was lured back the second time by his love trains and the promise we would make a trip to Denali Park on the Alaska Railroad. He was a scholar of the first class and also a delightful and humble person. His influence within the modern Orthodoxy through his writings and lectures can hardly be measured. May God give rest to his soul and make his memory eternal! - Fr. Marc

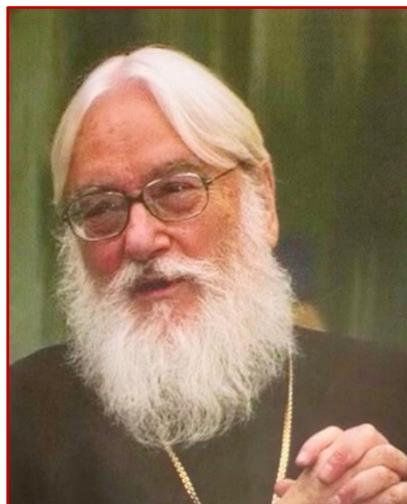
Here is a [link](#) for a memorial film produced by Ainos cultural Society

### A few quotes by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

“The isolated individual is not a real person. A real person is one who lives in and for others.

And the more personal relationships we form with others, the more we truly realize ourselves as persons.

It has even been said that there can be no true person unless there are two, entering into communication with one another.”



“We see that it is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question, but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder.”

“We become truly personal by loving God and by loving other humans.

In its deepest sense, love is the life, the energy, of the Creator in us.”

“Images and thoughts will constantly rise up within us.

Let them recede into the background.

In the foreground, put Jesus.”

Kallistos Ware, On The Jesus Prayer

“Faith is not the supposition that something might be true, but the assurance that someone is there.”

“The entire cosmos is one vast burning bush, permeated by the fire of the divine power and glory.”

## Ukraine Independence Day

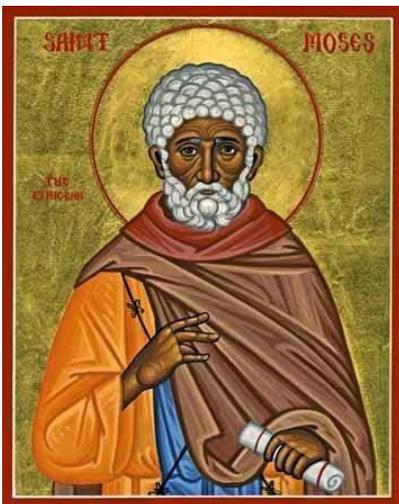
August 24th was Ukraine Independence Day! To honor and celebrate Ukraine and Ukrainian people's fight for freedom, UAA Hugh McPeck Gallery at Student Union will host an opening reception from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the Freedom Begins on the Other Side of Despair Exhibition. Exhibition will be hosted from August 24th through September 21st at this gallery. Please note it is free to attend and parking at UAA is free until September 29th. Please join us and invite your friends and family. Welcome!



## THE SYNAXARION

Moses of Ethiopia – August 28

On August 28, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Lawrence; Martyr Susanna of Georgia; the uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev; and our Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia.



### Verses

*Though dead, O Moses, you still speak the proverb:  
"In heart I am like God, though a man in appearance."  
On the twenty-eighth they buried Moses the Ethiopian.*

At first, Moses was an escaped slave and the leader of a band of robbers and had great physical strength and recklessness. Suddenly, the Lord called him and his conscience was filled with remorse and repentance for his violent crimes. Moses left the band, went to a monastery and gave himself entirely to obedience to his spiritual father and to the rule of the monastery. With the help of his spiritual father, Isidore, and with great struggling, fasting and all-night vigils, Moses was finally healed from the lustful thoughts, imaginings and dreams visited on him by the enemy. Later, as a priest, Moses founded a monastery of his own, and had 75 disciples. He foresaw his own death, from barbarians that were coming to attack the monastery. Moses told his disciples to flee but that he must stay and perish, for he had himself once lived a life of violence, and recited the words: "all those who take the sword shall perish by the sword." Moses died there and a shining wreath descended upon him.

## Beheading of the Forerunner – August 29 - Transfer of Feast

On this day, we also commemorate the beheading of the holy, honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

### *Verses*

*A defiled and blood-stained hand now cuts off with the sword  
The head of him who placed his hand on the head of the Lord.  
On the twenty-ninth, a bronze edge cut the neck of the Forerunner.*



Herod Antipas, the son of the same Herod who slew the young children in Bethlehem at the time of the Savior's birth, ruled in Galilee when John the Baptist preached. The evil Herod put away his lawful wife, who was the daughter of Prince Aretas, and took Herodias, who was his brother Philip's wife, to live with him while Philip was still alive. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod, at which Herod threw him into prison and eventually ordered him beheaded. This event is recalled in today's Orthros and Liturgy Gospel readings. John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and buried it. God quickly punished the evildoers. Prince Aretas, in order to avenge his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and brought him to his knees. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in need and debasement until the earth opened and swallowed them up. Salome, Herodias' daughter, came to a bad end in the river Sikaris. In time, the Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena built a church over John's grave in Sebastia. The Church commemorates the beheading today because this is the day that this same church was consecrated.

By the intercessions of St. John the Baptist, and of all the saints, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

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