

21st Sunday after
Pentecost
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Galatians 2:16-20  
Luke 12:16-21  
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Homily by
Subdn. Tim Mellor

Epistle Reader:
Ben Dunaway

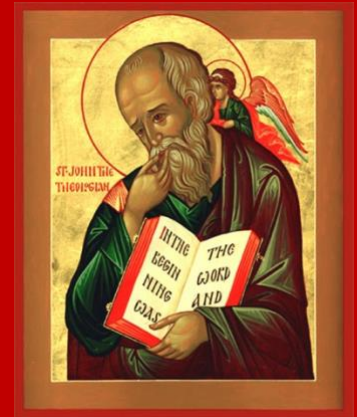
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Klatt / Drennan

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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



Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Feast Day – Thursday, November 21
Vespertal Liturgy for the Feast is
Wednesday, November 20 at 6:15pm

This feast day commemorates when the Theotokos was brought as a small child into the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She was received by Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.

The Advent Fast – November 15 Through December 24

The Advent Fast began November 15. (*Due to the American holiday of Thanksgiving, some begin this fast in earnest on December 1 or else they take a four-day break from the fast from Thanksgiving through the following Sunday.*)



It is usual to limit both the number of meals and the amount of food eaten. The Church's complete Rule calls for abstinence from all meat and animal products. However, fish, wine and oil may be eaten on all days except Wednesdays and Fridays, up to December 20, which is the beginning of the Forefeast, the "Holy Week" before Christmas. After

December 20 the fast should become more rigorous. The strict fast of Christmas Eve is broken by a fasting meal after the evening Liturgy. (*Note: When Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday or Sunday it is not a strict fast day but is kept as any regular fasting day in Advent*). There is no fasting on Christmas Day up to the Eve of Epiphany. Click [HERE](#) for guidelines and some suggested Advent readings.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint John's,

With sadness I convey to you the passing of our sister Laura Temple. She fell asleep in the Lord late Monday afternoon, November 11, after being in the hospital for 40 days battling cancer. Her daughter, Veronica Hoxie, shared the following:

“My mom raised 13 children, was grandmother to 35 grandkids and counting, and a wife to my dad for over 40 years. Her heart was as big as they come... her love for her family was immense. It is terrifying and heartbreaking how quickly life can change. In this mountain of grief, we find comfort knowing she is no longer suffering, knowing she is in heaven and reunited with her dad, her best friend Rosalie, and her unborn babies. Please pray for her soul and for my family.”



Funeral Services

Saturday, November 16, at Saint John Orthodox Cathedral in Eagle River

- 10am -11am - Visitation
- 11am - Funeral Service followed immediately by Gravesite service
- 12:15 - "Mercy Meal" in the Cathedral basement

May God give rest to her soul among the righteous and make her memory eternal!

(Mercy Meal: Please let Jennifer Gillquist know at 907-631-1064 or jennifergillquist@gmail.com by Friday (today) if you can bring any of the following: Salad or Veggie tray, fruit, dessert.)

Parish Events and News

Inquirer's Class

Thursdays at the Saint James House from 7-8:30pm

“Meeting with friends and talking about God is one of the best ways I can think of to spend a winter evening. So, I look forward to our time together.” —*Fr. Marc Dunaway*. (There won't be a class on Thursday, Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving)



Thanksgiving Offering - 350 Individual Boxes of Stuffing **LAST WEEK TO COLLECT!**

So far, we have 108 boxes leaving 192 boxes to donate in the next week.

Let's see how close we can get to this goal.

Love INC of Eagle River and its member churches are once again coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. A complete (uncooked) turkey dinner with all the fixings will be provided to an anticipated 340 local families in need.

As is our custom, St John's will collect 350 (*individual*) boxes of stuffing. Scheduled delivery of our stuffing to Joy Lutheran is set for Sunday, November 24th when the Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn Kevin.



Pregnancy Center Needs Pies! And Buy a Pie Tuesday!

Calling all bakers! Homemade pies needed for our Eagle River **Pro-life fundraiser**.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center needs fresh pies for its annual Thanksgiving Pie Pickup fundraiser on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Donated pies may either be dropped off Monday evening, Nov. 25, 6-8pm at Heart-to-Heart office (16941 N Eagle River Loop Road) or anytime Tuesday during the event, which starts at **Jitters** at 8 a.m. Bring a pie and pick up a pie! Prizes will be awarded to pie makers in various categories. We continue our loving care and support for both the moms and children!



Baptisms Next Sunday, November 24

We look forward to baptisms next Sunday of (Samuel) Keplin Stogsdill, Madeline Rose Temple, Elliot Marie Dunaway, Maeve Elizabeth Dunaway, Ira Marc Dunaway, Josephine Elizabeth Hanna, Evan Jacob Kies.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning. (There will be no Atrium on November 24th).

Youth Group on Tuesdays - 6:30-8pm

We'll meet at the St. James House and each week we'll have dinner together at the big table starting at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm.

I look forward to seeing you all there. Call us with any questions at (907) 317-9549. John Marc and Bethany Dunaway



PFD Project Focus 2024 for St John's Parish St. James House Upgrades

It's that time of year again when we are all blessed with a PFD gift from the State of Alaska. This year each Alaskan will receive \$1702.00.

The Parish Council proposes that this year we put all PFD tithing toward several well overdue upgrades to the St. James House. The priority will be making the SJH accessible for persons with disabilities. At the same time, we will replace the back deck to make it more usable for all, as well as upgrade the back steps. For many years the tithe and donations from the PFD has allowed our Parish to accomplish some important projects. Providing access for those with disabilities to the Saint James House has long been on our wish list. This will be accomplished by building a long ramp from the parking lot to the back door into the dining room.

Please donate to this much needed improvement and mark your PFD tithe or more for this project so we can all continue to enjoy the St James house facilities. Click [HERE](#) for the Donation Link. - *Martha Fisher and Bruce Johnson, Co-chairs of the Parish Council*



Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 17, 2024 Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Klatt / Drennen

Snacks: Arnold, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile

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**Next Sunday - Group D - November 24 - : Stevens / Johnson, E & H**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster

## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Christian Approach to Crises, Part Four](#)

### *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

#### **Katy Arvidson is Looking for a Caretaker**

I am looking for a part time to full-time in-home caregiver. The job pays \$18 to \$20 an hour. Must be reliable, female, and be comfortable with dogs.

#### **Jeremias Wasile Leaving for Oregon**

Asking prayers for my “youngest”, Jeremias Wasile, as he leaves the nest for Oregon this week. Being raised in this parish has been a blessing. Of course, he is welcome back any time - prayers for his new ventures in life. —Olga Wasile

#### **Update on Nina Potts**

Dearest brothers and sisters at St. John’s,

Thank you for praying for our daughter-Nina. I wanted to take a moment to share an update. Glory to God, Nina’s tumors have shrunk all the way! And she has vision in her eye!

She had 3 rounds of chemotherapy over a 3-month period at Children's Wisconsin. We are traveling to one of six retinoblastoma doctors in the country. We LOVE our doctor.

In the coming year, we will continue to travel once every 4- 6 weeks for close monitoring of her eye.

We have so much to be thankful for in this situation, especially the success of the treatments so far. The doctor sees the tumors responding so quickly to treatment about 10% of the time.

Thank you for your prayers and love! We love and miss you all. In Christ,  
Anna Potts



#### **Ice Skates Needed for Jones Family**

Michael and Megan and Family will be back in Alaska around Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> for 6 weeks. They would like to barrow some ice skates if possible while they are here. (Preferably hockey skates). Elliot is kid size 8. Then the girls are sizes 11, 12 and 2. If you have any, you can talk to Myles Kelly, and he will collect them.

#### **Naming of Josephine Hanna on November 10, 2024**



## *Dates to Remember*

### *Birthdays This Week*

November 17 - Eric Johnson

November 21 - Dolph Ihde

November 19 - Russell Clodfelter

November 21 - Logan Davisson

November 20 - Tim Terrell

November 23 - Talia Haines

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### *Anniversaries This Week*

Chris & Margaret Grasse - November 22, 1980

Stan & Laurie Snider - November 24, 1984

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

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



### *Thursday Reading Group*



On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have our November Birthday potluck. We have 3 birthdays this month: Tisha Dunham, Anna Haley and Sylvia Villafana. Bring a dish to share and meet at the Senior Center from 10:00 till noon.

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



\* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007

\* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997

\* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002

\* Infant Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020

\* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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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  
Nina Potts  
Sylvia Villafana  
Helen Gillquist

Oksana Artz  
Josphine Hanna & her  
family  
Joe Dunham

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

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

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



## Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?

Answers to this question will be highlighted in the bulletin each Sunday



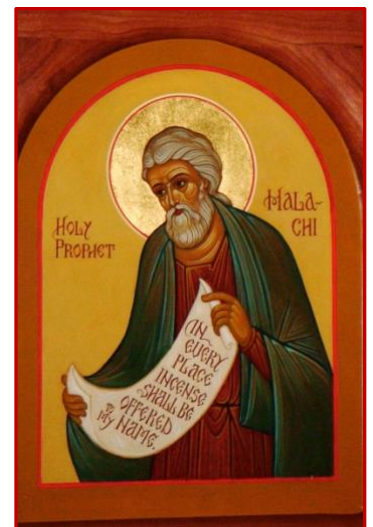
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## Holy Prophet Malachi– Feast Day – January 3

*“In every place incense shall be offered in my name.”*

On January 3, we commemorate the holy Prophet Malachi.

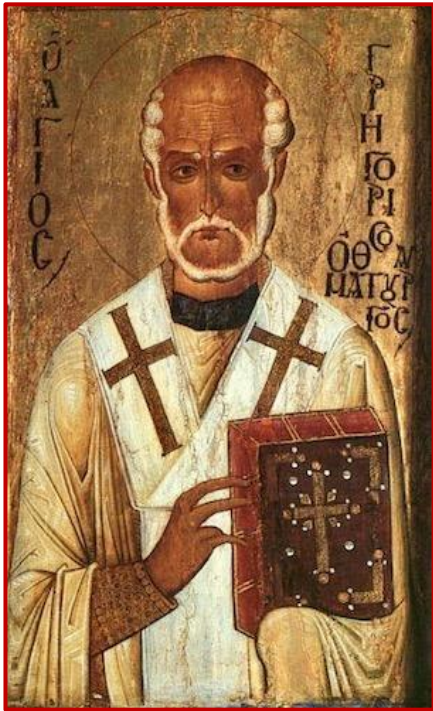
Chronologically, he was the last of the prophets, born after the return of the Jews from exile in Babylon in 538 B.C. He was extraordinarily fair of face. According to tradition, he was nicknamed “the angel” perhaps because of his outward fairness, or because of his purity of spirit. But more likely because of his companionship with an angel, with whom he often spoke face to face. At these times, other people heard its voice but were not worthy to look on its face. The young prophet spoke forth that which the angel revealed to him. Malachi cried out against the ingratitude of Israel and the sins of the priests. Five hundred years before Christ, he clearly foretold the coming and work of John the Baptist. Malachi was chiefly the prophet of the Day of Judgment. Malachi went to God young in years, and after him there was no prophet in Israel until John the Baptist, the last of all prophets.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Gregory the Wonderworker – November 17



On November 17, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our father among the saints Gregory the wonderworker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea.

#### *Verses*

*Gregory, who wrought many wonders aforesaid,  
Standing in God's presence, works yet more wonders still.*

*On the seventeenth the great Wonderworker died.*

The miracle-working Gregory was called a second Moses. Although born a pagan, he became aware of the meagerness and insufficiency of pagan philosophy. Gregory then turned to Christian teachers with whom he studied and from whom he received baptism. To dedicate himself solely to Christ, Gregory withdrew to the wilderness and lived in rigorous asceticism. Bishop Phaedimus of Amasea, in northern Turkey, wanted to consecrate him Bishop of the large area known as Neo-Caesarea. The clairvoyant Gregory perceived this intention and hid from the bishop's emissaries. Finally, Bishop Phaedimus consecrated him without him being present, and Gregory had no choice but to accept the office of bishop. The Most-holy Theotokos and St. John the Theologian appeared to him in a vision and gave him the Symbol of Faith - "The Creed" - which the First Ecumenical Council ratified. He died around the year 270 in great old age. When he arrived in Neo-Caesarea as bishop, he found only seventeen Christians in that pagan city. At the end, Gregory left Neo-Caesarea as a Christian city, with only seventeen pagans.

On this day, we also commemorate Gennadios and Maximos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergius of Radonezh; and righteous mother Hilda, abbess of Whitby. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.



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