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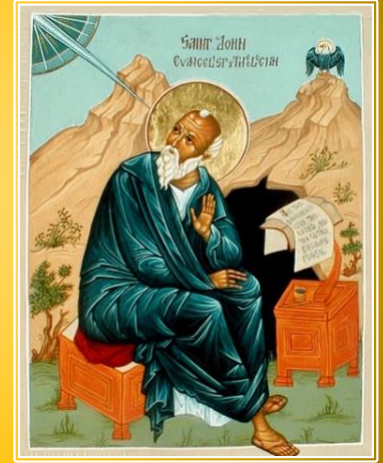
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Ephesians 2:4-10  
Luke 18:18-27

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Homily by
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Epistle Reader:
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St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, November 28, 2021  
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



Coming Up – check your Advent Calendar...

For the next 3 Sundays there will be special services at 6:15pm for three great saints: St. Nicholas, St. Herman and St. Ignatius. We will announce specifics each Sunday.



Coffee Hour This Sunday – November 21

Hosts Families: Gillquist Families

See Host Instructions [HERE](#)

Group 4: Abel, Betson, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Hightower, Jones-K & G, Klatt, Lindblom, Mellor, Peyton, Sorensen-K, Templeton, Temple.

* Each family in the assigned Group should **bring snacks to serve at least four families**. (A variety of healthy, delicious and not-too-messy snacks are appreciated and they don't need to be individually wrapped).

* Posters of how to make coffee and the procedure for setup/cleanup will be posted in the basement kitchen.

Please Note: We are now in a Fasting Season, so bring snacks according to the Fasting Guidelines for Advent.

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Next Sunday – December 5, 2021

Group 1: Hosts: Clodfelter and Ihde

Snacks: J. Alvarez, Clodfelter, Dunham, Greene, Ihde, M & M Jones, Komar, Macalino, Palmer, Potts, Stogsdill, Terrell, Zinks, Wells, Webster.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Atrium

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with a nutritious lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning.



### St. John's Bookstore

We now have more Christmas cards in packages of 15 for \$15, a few single cards, and some lovely ornament icons to hang on your Christmas tree. Also, 2022 calendars with daily scripture readings and beautiful icons on each page for only \$5.00



### Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering Update

Good work everyone. We collected 321 boxes to help meals given out to those in need. Thanks to everyone!

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

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## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

November 30 - Dn. Kevin Dougherty

November 30 - Vic Temple

November 30 Aaron Gonzalez

December 3 - Reese Williams

December 3 - Finnigan Klatt



*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*

### Remembering in Prayer...



*Tisha Dunham*

*Eloise Lamb*

*Tom Johnson*

*Katie Jones*

*Laurie Snider*

*Jennifer Medders*

*Preston Collier*

*Mother Galina*

*Teri Van Dyke*

*Those Suffering with Covid*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



\* Paul Frederick Schanzenback - December 25, 2016

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## Wednesday Reading Group

The Wednesday readers will meet this coming week at 10 am in the church reading room.

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

For the Month of **December** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, December 25.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION



Stephen the New – November 28

On November 28, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Venerable-martyr Stephen the New.

#### Verses

*Wounded, O Stephen, in the head with a club,  
A crown which never grows old you rightly found.  
On the twenty-eighth the head of Stephen the New was  
crushed.*

Anna, the mother of Stephen, prayed God to give her a son, just as Hannah did when she conceived Samuel in the Old Testament. When Anna had conceived Stephen, she

asked the newly-elected Patriarch Germanus to bless the babe in her womb. He said, “May God bless him through the prayers of the holy First Martyr Stephen,” and at that moment Anna saw a flame of fire issue from the mouth of the holy Patriarch. From his youth, Stephen struggled in asceticism in Bithynia at the Monastery of Saint **Auxentius**, and provided miraculous aid to many who came to him. During the reign of Constantine **Copronymus**, Stephen showed his love of Orthodoxy by defending the true faith. Constantine Copronymus, besides being fiercely against the use of Icons, raised up a ruthless persecution of monasticism, and went so far as to hold a council in 754 that anathematized the use of holy icons. Because Stephen rejected this council, the Emperor framed false accusations against him and exiled him. Nevertheless, Stephen performed healings with holy icons and turned many away from Iconoclasm. Later, like Stephen the Proto Martyr, he was stoned, which is where he received the name Stephen the New. Finally, he was struck with a wooden club on the temple and his head was shattered. Thus, he gave up his spirit in the year 767.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr **Irinarchos** of Sebastia and those with him. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.