

21st Sunday after
Pentecost
Commemoration
Raphael of Brooklyn

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Galatians 2:16-20  
Luke 16:19-31  
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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

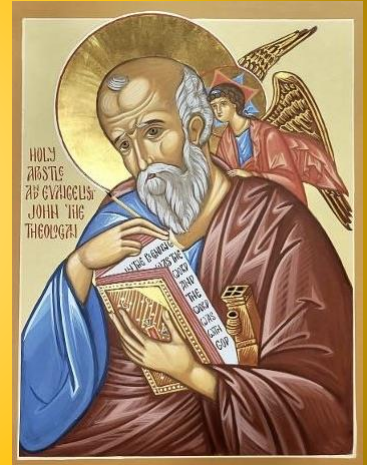
Epistle Reader:
Jerry Finkler

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Jenkins / Mee

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, November 2, 2025
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.*

**Reminder – Trunk-or-Treat TONIGHT (Friday) 6 to 7pm**



**Fall Back...**

**Time Change – Sunday, November 2- Set your clocks back one hour**

## Parish Events and News

### Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity

**Class this week - Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - 6-7:30pm at the St. James House**

We have fallen a bit behind in our class schedule, so we will talk mostly about the Church. This topic will naturally address things that further distinguish Orthodoxy from other Christian groups.

As a reminder the extra readings for the classes can be found in a link on the Cathedral website home page under Parish Happenings. I especially encourage all our catechumens to review these extra readings. And in case you missed a class, the document "Catechetical Homily" in each folder will give a summary of the main topic covered. I also want to be sure you are aware of our Eagle River Institute website that offers other valuable materials. Here is the website link: [eagleriverinstitute.org](http://eagleriverinstitute.org).

I have very much enjoyed our times together so far and look forward to being together again. —Fr. Marc

### Thanksgiving Offering - 200 Individual Boxes of Stuffing



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 400 local families in need.

We are signed up to collect 200 (*individual*) boxes of stuffing before the scheduled delivery to Joy Lutheran on Sunday, November 23rd. Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn. Kevin.



## *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (Atrium)

Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm



## **Blessing of the Icon of St. Olga of Alaska – Next Saturday**

We will bless the Icon of St. Olga of Kwethluk at Vespers, November 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Sisters of Mary & Martha Fellowship Meeting Coming Up Tuesday, November 11 from 6-8pm – Church Basement**

We'd like to invite all women who attend our Parish to the upcoming Sisters of Mary & Martha Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday, Nov 11 from 6-8 pm in the church basement. Childcare will be available. Some light snacks will be provided. If you'd like, bring a small snack to share.

For those women who are new to our parish, or have never attended a Mary and Martha event, we would love to have you! Mary and Martha focus on fellowship opportunities, serving our parish and our community. Women of all ages are welcome to attend.



## **Youth Group-Tuesday Nights-6:30-8pm at the St. James House**

We'll have dinner together at 6:30pm with a discussion and activities in the living room wrapping up at 8pm. —John Marc and Bethany Dunaway (907) 317-9549.

## **Thank You to the Church Members that Came with us to Serve at the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center**

We made and served a few hundred lunch bags and cups of soup, prepped food for future meals, and painted nails for the women who live in the shelter. Small groups from our church have been volunteering since March 2023. I got 3-4 times a month and if you are ever interested in joining, please message me, they love meeting new people. There are 1 hour, and 4.5 hour shifts available. Here are a couple photos from some recent shifts at the soup kitchen - Sydney Ihde (907)854-5517



## **Jennifer Gillquist is Collecting Donations to help BEANS CAFÉ with Feeding Flood Evacuees from Western Alaska and the Homeless Population they Serve**

**Rice**, Meat (*fresh, frozen, canned, or pouched*), **Shelf-stable foods** (*canned proteins, beans, soups, vegetables, pasta, boxed meals, etc.*), **Family staples** (*peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, granola bars*)

A gray tote is in the Narthex where you can place donations. Jennifer Gillquist will also accept cash donations to purchase needed items.



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 2, 2025 Group A - First Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Jenkins / Mee**

Snacks: Abel, Bower, Cook, Cooley, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Weaver, Wells

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Next Sunday – Group B – November 9, 2025 - Hosts: Ihde / Unser

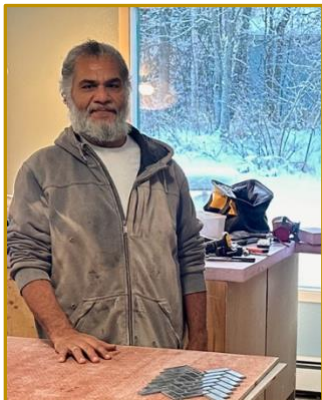
Snacks: Alvarez, Betson, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Sturdevant, Villafana

News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: ["On Artificial Living"](#)

Local Community News



Need Home Remodeling? Blake DiLullo is Looking for Work

Blake DiLullo is available to assist you with your winter home projects. Blake is skilled in both masonry and carpentry including fireplace and remodel work, as he has been licensed in the past as a general contractor, with several of his projects being right here at St. John's Cathedral and the surrounding community. To discuss your project, please call or text Blake at 907-891-5682 or send over an email to bzdilullo@gmail.com

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

We will meet at the St. James House. If you have any questions, you can text 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

Birthdays This Week

November 2 - Celyn Griffith

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November 4 - Victoria Bower

November 5 - Tisha Dunham

November 6 - Mary Curry

November 7 - Katy Arvidson

M A N Y Y E A R S !

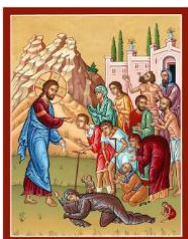


Anniversaries this Week

Greg & Jennifer Gillquist - November 4, 1990

John Marc & Bethany Dunaway - November 8, 2015

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

Helen Gillquist

Zoie (Oksana's Mom)

Jay Keener

Krya & Skylynn Lineer

*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



- * Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- * Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- * Laura Anne Granducci Temple - November 11, 2024
- * Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- * Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- * Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992
- * Archpriest Fr. Michael Oleksa - November 29, 2023

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 **NOVEMBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:
Saturday, November 22 Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



THE SYNAXARION

Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn - 1st Saturday in November



On the first Saturday in November in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the Saints, Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn, “good shepherd of the lost sheep in America.”

Verse

*O holy hierarch Father Raphael,
the first to be consecrated to apostolic ministry in the New
World,
lift up your hands and bless your people, consecrating us, your
inheritance,
who consecrate this day to you.*

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Damascus, Syria, Halki, Turkey, and Kiev, Russia, Raphael found himself virtually exiled in Kazan, Russia. The young archimandrite was called to the New World by the Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Committee in New York City. He immigrated in 1895 and served under the guidance of the Russian Orthodox Mission, which at the time was the only established Orthodox hierarchy. He was technically pastor of St. Nicholas Church (later Cathedral) in Brooklyn, New York, but was, in fact, the roving pastor of several dozen tiny, isolated communities spread thinly across the continent. As a priest he crossed the continent repeatedly in the course of nine years and did so several more times after being consecrated Bishop of Brooklyn in 1905. This was the first such Orthodox consecration in North America. He established a journal entitled *al-Kalimat*, which means The Word. He used this

to spread “The Word” to places he could not himself be and worked diligently at translating Greek liturgical books into Arabic. He distributed these at his own expense to communities throughout the Middle East and to refugees in the Americas, Africa, and Australasia. Thus, this “shepherd of the lost sheep” helped preserve Orthodox Christianity in those regions.

Five Persian Martyrs – November 2

On November 2, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the valiant deaths of the holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Anempodistos, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and their companions of Persia.

Verses

The fire slew Akindinos.

As for the others: some were slain with fire, others by beheading.

*On the second, Aphthonios and the others came to fire and sword
and victory into the Kingdom of God.*



The first three men were servants at the court of King Sapor in 355 but secretly served Jesus Christ. When this was discovered by the king, he gave them over to harsh torture which they endured courageously and prayerfully. Angels and even Christ Himself appeared to them. When one of the torturers, Aphthonios, saw that boiling lead did no harm to the martyrs, he too became a believer in Christ and was immediately beheaded. Then the king commanded that his three servants be sewn into goat-skin sacks and thrown into the sea. Aphthonios appeared to them from the other world with three shining angels, took the martyrs to dry land and set them free. Elpidophoros was an aristocrat of the king’s court. When he revealed that he was a Christian and denounced the king, the king beheaded Elpidophoros along with about 7,000 other Christians. Then the three martyrs named earlier were caught and thrown into a burning furnace, along with 28 soldiers and even the king’s mother, who had also come to faith in Christ.

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

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