

18th Sun. after
Pentecost
Commemoration
Innocent of Alaska

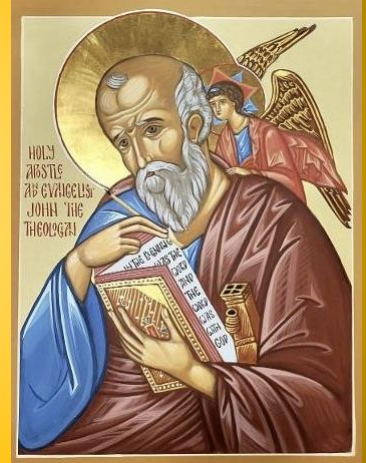
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2 Cor. 9:6-11  
Luke 6:31-36  
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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway
Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider
No Coffee Hour

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 4, 2026
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.*

## Feast Days and Services



*This Sunday - October 4  
Wedding  
of  
Taylor Wilson  
and  
Alex Hanna*

*Three O'clock at St. John Orthodox Cathedral  
Reception immediately following*

## Parish Events and News

**“Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity”  
Thursday, October 8, 6pm-7:30pm in the Church Basement  
What We Believe – The Creed (of Nicaea and Constantinople)  
“About God and Creation”**



*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)  
Sundays from 12:30 – 2:00pm*



## *Coffee Hour This Sunday - October 4, 2026*

**No Coffee Hour - Wedding**

*Next Sunday – Group Luke (2) – October 11 – Hosts: Mellor Families*

*Snacks: Arnold, Bower, Davisson, Drennan, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hoyt, J. Jenkins, M & M Jones, D & M Kendall, Komar, Lindblom, K Medders, L & M Mellor, G. Moses, Peters, Saur, Snider, Sturdevant, N. Temple, Tysver, Villafanna, Wells*

## *St. James House Weekly News*



**St. James House Café**  
**Come Sit and Enjoy a Cup of Coffee and**  
**Catch Up with Friends**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 9am**

## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Cross in Our Life, Part Four](#)

## *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*

October 5 - Richard Peters

October 5 - Linda Peters

October 6 - Nicole Unser

October 9 - Mat. Angela Herman

October 9 - Caleb Lindblom

October 10 - Sbdn. Steven Alvarez

October 10 - Kh. Betsy Dunaway

October 10 - Catherine Jones

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Oksana Artz*

*Ben Polson*

*Travis Cook*

*Sylvia Villafana*

*For those suffering from the devastation of war*

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



\* Fr. John Downing - October 4, 2024

\* Kh. Nancy Downing - October 19, 2002

\* Helen Grace Edzards Peters - October 23, 1998

\* Isabella Joy Fletes - October 24, 2019

*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 **October** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, October 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### **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.

## **THE SYNAXARION**

### **Hieromartyr Hierotheos – October 4**

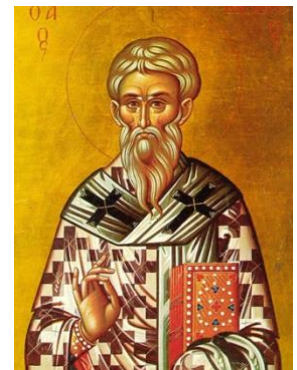
On October 4, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the  
Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens.

#### *Verses*

*Of old Hierotheos was consecrated to You;*

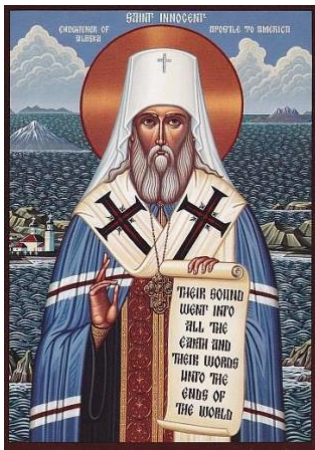
*And now, O Word, he has gone to be united with You.*

*On the fourth of the month, the body of Hierotheos was covered in the  
grave.*



Hierotheos was a friend of Dionysius the Areopagite, who is referred to in the Book of Acts and received the Christian faith from the Apostle Paul soon after Dionysius. Later, the Apostle Paul made Hierotheos the first bishop of Athens. At the time of the Dormition of the most holy Mother of God, Hierotheos arrived in Jerusalem, carried by the clouds, and took part in the funeral. With his divine singing, he brought heartfelt joy and inspiration to many of the faithful. He labored greatly for the sake of the Gospel, brought many pagans to the true faith, governed his flock well and finally ended his life on earth as a martyr for Christ in the first century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria; Gurios, first archbishop of Kazan, Barsanouphios, bishop of Tver; and Martyrs Stephen and Elizabeth of Serbia. By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.



### **Innocent, Apostle to America – October 6**

On this day, we also commemorate Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America, named in the world: John Popov-Veniaminov.

John was born in 1797 in Irkutsk into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began in 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic calling in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Father John baptized ten thousand people, built churches, taught the fundamentals of the Christian life and translated the holy services into the native tongues of the various lands he served. In 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by St. Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk. Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. In 1868, Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. He fell asleep in the Lord in 1879, on Holy Saturday, and on October 6, 1977, Archimandrite Innocent was glorified as a Saint by the Russian Orthodox Church.

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