

Ss. Zenobius & Zenobia  
Tone 3

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2 Cor. 11:31-12:9  
Luke 16:19-31

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Homily by  
Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Epistle Reader:  
Ben Dunaway

Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Gillquist Families  
All Bring Snacks

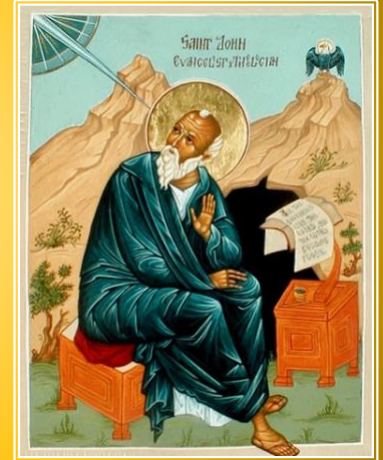
# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

## Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, October 30, 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.*

### *Parish Events and News*

#### **Patriarch John X of Antioch Appoints a Vicar for the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

On October 24 our Patriarch John appointed Metropolitan Antonios from Lebanon as Vicar following the retirement of Metropolitan Joseph. The Letter from the Patriarch and the formal Decision can be found on the Archdiocese website and also on the Resources page of St. John's website. See these links: [Letter from Patriarch John](#), [Appointment of Vicar](#), [Archdiocese Website](#).

#### **Metropolitan Joseph Offers Heartfelt "Farewell Letter"**

"...Today as I contemplate how a father can possibly leave his children, when the need to comfort and console you is at the forefront of my mind, I find that my words are inadequate. There is only One Word for all of us, it is the Word of God..." Find the full text of the letter on the [Archdiocese Website](#) or on St. John's website here: [Farewell Letter of Metropolitan Joseph](#).

#### **A Note from Fr. Marc**

The events in our Archdiocese over the last two months regarding Metropolitan Joseph have been jarring and unexpected. The investigation into allegations against Metropolitan Joseph that began in August was terminated on September 16 after Metropolitan Joseph resigned. Apparently there are legal reasons why this investigation should not be continued, so we may never know the whole story behind various accusations. I am grateful Patriarch John has appointed a new Vicar, which should be a temporary position. Metropolitan Antonios from Lebanon will fill in while the process for electing a new Metropolitan for North America is arranged. At all of our Church services we will now commemorate Patriarch John until a new Metropolitan is elected. Metropolitan Joseph's letter seems heartfelt and follows his familiar pastoral encouragement. Based on what I know, I am at peace with the process as it has taken place. I have always trusted God that He will lead us through the work and contributions of all His people, and I believe He has. I am ready to pray and trust Him during this time as well.

## Greeting Letter of Metropolitan Antonios

“...I am eager to serve you hoping that we can all be united, prevailing mutual love and cooperation at the service of our Church.....” Find the full text of the letter on the [Archdiocese Website](#) or on St. John's website here: [Greeting Letter of Metropolitan Antonios](#)

## The New Icon of Saint John Will be Blessed This Sunday

Last spring Fr. Marc and the Parish Council commissioned Abraham Labrada to paint a new Icon to be placed in the Narthex. (The finish on the old Icon is damaged and cannot be repaired.) The new Icon will be blessed this Sunday at the end of Liturgy. We only wish Abraham, Anna and their family could be here with us for the occasion.

## Inquirer Classes

Inquirer Classes for catechumens and others who want to know the basics of the Orthodox Christian faith and life continue. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings at Fr. Marc and Betsy's home from 7pm-8:30pm. The outline of topics are taken from selected chapters of Metropolitan Kallistos Ware's book, “*The Orthodox Church*.” Classes will conclude the Tuesday before Great Lent on February 27.

If you know of any guest to our parish or interested new person, a friend or family member, that would be interested in knowing more about our Church, please encourage them attend. The classes will be informal and introductory with time for questions and discussion. The outline of classes is as follows.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b><u>The Orthodox Church</u> by Ware, ed. 2015</b>
2	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	God in Trinity	Ch. 11, pages 202-212
3	Tuesday, November 8, 2022	The Human Person: Our Creation, Our Vocation, Our Failure	Ch. 11, pages 212-218
4	Tuesday, November 15, 2022	Jesus Christ	Ch. 11, pages 218-224
November 22 - no class - Parish Council Meeting Night			
5	Tuesday, November 29, 2022	“Partakers of the Divine Nature”	Ch. 11, pages 225-231
6	Tuesday, December 8, 2022	The Church of God	Ch. 12, pages 232-247
7	Tuesday, December 15, 2022	The Living and the Dead: The Mother of God: The Last Things	Ch. 12, pages 247-256
Break for Christmas			
8	Tuesday, January 3, 2023	Orthodox Worship 1: The Earthly Heaven	Ch. 13, pages 257-266
9	Tuesday, January 31, 2023	Orthodox Worship 2: The Sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist	Ch. 14, pages 267-281

## Next Church Family Meeting - Saturday, November 19, 6:00pm

We had our last Church Family Meeting on October 9. There was a request that the November meeting be held at a different time, so we will meet on Saturday, November 19 in the Church basement at 6pm, concluding in time for Vespers. The agenda will include talking further about the Church basement our School and other news. As before, our aim will be to use this time for open discussion and questions with limited time on reports. At next week's meeting we will not have any arranged childcare. I hope you make an effort to come.



## Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering

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 300 local families in need. As is our custom, St. John will collect 350 (individual) boxes of stuffing. Scheduled delivery of our stuffing to Joy Lutheran is set for Sunday, November 21 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.



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**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. If you have any questions, you may contact Rhonda Clodfelter at 907-696-2128



## Coffee Hour This Sunday - October 30 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Gillquist Families**  
**All Bring Snacks and Help Clean UP**

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

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**Next Sunday – Group A – November 6      Hosts: Templeton / Abel**

*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*

## New Updated Mail-Box Folder

Just a reminder that there are Mail-Box Folders for parishioners who would like to share information with one another located in the church basement. They have been updated to reflect members that are on our current phone list. There is also a folder for the St. James House residents.

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## St. James House Weekly News



### Do You Get Cold Trick or Treating?

Stop by the Saint James House on Halloween anytime between 5 & 9pm to warm up with homemade donuts and hot apple cider! There may be some tricks too!

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## Local Community News

### Senior Center Halloween Event - Monday, October 31 at 5pm

Stop by the Senior Center for this event and enjoy - trick or treat, games and food. And kids can meet seniors and seniors can enjoy the kids!

### Chugiak Eagle River Senior Center “Serves Seniors from Hiland to Eklutna”

When you stop by the senior center on a weekday you might encounter one of several free activities open to the public.

- Ukulele jam, Keyboard lessons, Knit Witz Club (doing various knit or crochet projects with donated yarn), Joy of Painting group, Book Club, Bridge games, Ping pong, pool table, puzzles in progress, Exercise (Zumba, yoga, workout groups). There’s also a Beauty Shop by appointment.

For more details see the Newsletter, Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center on Facebook or [www.chugiak.org](http://www.chugiak.org)

### Thank You for Helping Ukraine – Letter From Oksana Artz

Dear Fr. Marc and Dear St. John Church members!



On behalf of our volunteer team, I would like to thank you and St. John’s for your collaboration and help in fundraising to support Ukraine. Our fundraising at St. John’s helped us buy: warm clothes, warm socks, backpacks, flashlights, medical bandages, tourniquets, painkillers, cold meds, battery operated candles. Our volunteer Tatiana Kovach has taken some part of these things to Poland so our Ukrainian volunteers could take them to Ukraine. However, the other part of the packages should be sent by postal to Ukraine. Unfortunately, the price of shipping from Alaska to Europe was recently raised, and for this reason, we are not able to send all the things that we prepared that are extremely needed now in Ukraine for survival. On behalf of Ukrainian defenders, I would like to thank you and our church for your kindness and collaboration to

support Ukraine and apply to St. John’s for possible assistance, especially now when Ukrainians with desperate courage fight with Russian invaders for life and liberty. Only together we are stronger and only together are we able to help save the lives of people and realize shipping this vital cargo to Ukraine. We will be very grateful for your possible help. Lord bless you! With respect and gratitude, Oksana Artz.

*[Note: in addition to the contributions made three Sundays ago, an additional donation along with some money from our charity fund allowed us to give another \$200 to Oksana's personal effort to help the Ukrainian people.]*

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

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

### Dates to Remember



#### Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday Readers will meet at JoAnn Webster's home at 10am.

### Birthdays This Week



November 1 - Robert Amundson

November 5 - Tisha Dunham

November 1 - Veronica Stiehr

November 6 - Mary Curry

November 2 - Elliot Jones

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

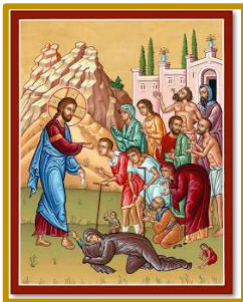
### Anniversaries this Month



Greg & Jennifer Gillquist - November 4, 1980

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### Remembering in Prayer...



*Eloise Lamb  
Nicholas Guio  
Gwyn Jones  
Janet Hawi  
Dan Kendall*

*Lena Curry  
Valorie Sparks  
Al Zink  
Olga Wasile  
Kh. Rita Molloy*

### 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
- \* Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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

For the Month of **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, November 26**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION

Martyrs Zenobius & Zenobia – October 30



On October 30, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia in Cilicia, which is found in modern Turkey.

#### *Verses*

*The stout-hearted Zenobia, though a woman,  
with you, O Zenobius, endured the sword.  
On the thirtieth the two siblings were beheaded.*

Inflamed with zeal for the faith and with great love, these two gave away their riches to the poor. Because they were so open-handed, God shielded them from all evil by men or demons. The generous and merciful hands of Bishop Zenobius were endowed by God with the gift of wonderworking, so that Zenobius was able to heal the sick. At a time of persecution, the judge Licius seized him and threatened to kill him if he did not offer worship to idols. Holy Zenobius replied: “Life without Christ is not true life, but death; and death for Christ’s sake is not true death, but life.” When Zenobius was put to harsh torture, his sister, Zenobia, presented herself before the judge and said: “I also want to drink this cup of suffering and be crowned with the same wreath.” They were both beheaded with the sword in about 285, and thus this brother and sister entered into the immortal Kingdom of Christ the King.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Cleopas and Artemas of the Seventy; Venerable Joseph and Kyriakos, patriarchs of Constantinople; Therapont and John the wonder-workers; and Stephen Milutin the Serbian king.

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com). Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am.

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