

Ss. Peter & Paul

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2 Cor. 11:21-12:9  
Matthew 16:13-19

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Homily by
Subdn. Chris Kics

Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton

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*Coffee Hour Hosts:*  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
*Johnson Families*

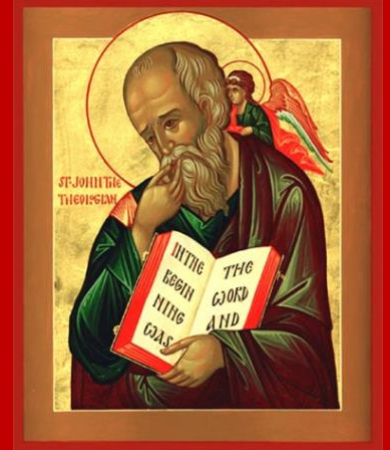
# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*



## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, June 29, 2025*

*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*



### **Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day June 29**

Ss. Peter and Paul's feast day falls on a Sunday this year, so our services will be as usual for the weekend. June 29 will end the fasting season for Ss. Peter and Paul.

## *Parish Events and News*

### **IOTA Conference in Rome, June 4-7**

Fr. Marc and Betsy, John Marc and Bethany, were in Rome to attend a conference co-organized by the International Orthodox Theological Association and the University of Saint Thomas (Angelicum). The conference celebrated the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and was attended by about 200 scholars. It was a great trip, and we saw many friends who have visited our Eagle River Institute in recent years. Below are a few pictures.



Carrie Frost took this picture of Kh. Betsy when the conference attendees met with Pope Leo. Fr. Marc and John Marc are pictured seated toward the back.



This was the opening session of the Conference in the Angelicum.

Kh. Betsy and Carrie visit with Annie Frost and her friend Orion



After the Conference, Fr. Marc, Betsy and John Marc travelled to Assisi, Italy, home of Saint Francis. This is the tomb of Saint Francis underneath the church in Assisi.





John Marc inside the walled city of Assisi.



Cooling off in Rome, near the Spanish Steps.



Coincidentally, this beloved painting by Eugene Rumand, “Peter and John Running to the Tomb,” was on display for a few days only a few blocks from our hotel in Rome.



## ***Coffee Hour This Sunday - June 29, 2025 All Groups - Fifth Sunday of the Month***

**Hosts Families: E & H Johnson / B & M Johnson**  
Everyone Brings Snacks and Helps Clean Up

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**Next Sunday - Group A - July 6, 2025 - Hosts: Jenkins, Mee**

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

## On June 18-20 Fr. Marc and Betsy were Accompanied by Carrie Frost to Attend the Glorification Services for Saint Olga in Kwethluk

This was a delightful visit to Kwethluk, and we felt honored and blessed to attend. Below are a few pictures.



Fr. Marc and Betsy enjoy the closing banquet with M. Xenia Oleksa in the Kwethluk School. Native foods such as beaver, smelt, seal and multiple kinds of Akutaq (also crudely known as “eskimo ice cream”) were served to everyone.



Approaching the Bethel airport.



Visiting M. Xenia's childhood home in Kwethluk.







St. Nicholas Church in Kwethluk.

Sam Lowry also was in Kwethluk. Here he walks toward Saint Olga's home as pointed out by M. Xenia.



Kwethluk cemetery



M. Xenia and others venerating the relics of Saint Olga.



Pilgrims arrived in Kwethluk by a shuttle of fishing boats that ran about 20 miles up the Kuskokwim River.

## Prayers for the Victims of the Attack on Saint Elias Church in Damascus

Metropolitan Saba has asked all our Churches to pray the "Trisagion Prayers for the Departed" for the victims of the Antiochian Church which was attacked last Sunday in Damascus. We will pray these prayers at the end of Liturgy this Sunday, including the names of those killed. May God give rest to their souls and number them among the righteous! Read Metropolitan Saba's pastor letter on the [Archdiocese Website](#).

"We pray for all those who are afflicted by the bombing of Prophet Elias Orthodox Church in Dweilaa, Damascus; for our Father and Patriarch JOHN to lead the flock of our Church during this pressing time; the wounded and the families of the martyrs, that the Physician of our souls and bodies may heal their wounds; and we also pray for the doctors, nurses and all those providing shelter or help, that the Lord God may protect them from despondency and discouragement; and for all civil authorities to act in compassion, humility and wisdom to stop any future attacks and restore peace immediately."

## Local Community News



### Fireworks Reminder...

In the Municipality of Anchorage, which includes Eagle River, all fireworks are illegal, including sparklers and bottle rockets. The use of fireworks is punishable by a fine of up to \$300, [according to the Municipality of Anchorage](#). This ban applies year-round and is strictly enforced, [according to the Anchorage Police Department](#).

The Anchorage Fire Department encourages residents to enjoy fireworks displays at local events instead of using personal fireworks, according to the Anchorage Fire Department. Here is a [link](#) where you can enjoy fireworks and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations. (So, let's respect our neighbors and our neighbors' animals.)

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

June 29 - Dan Palmer  
July 2 - Lousia Fisher

July 4 - Harold Parker

M A N Y Y E A R S !



### Anniversaries This Week

Josh & Katy Arvidson - June 30, 2002

Bob & Phebe Dyal - July 5, 2010

M A N Y Y E A R S !



### Remembering in Prayer...

Oksana Artz

Sylvia Villafana

Helen Gillquist

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





## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Presbyter Daniel Arthur Ryan - July 7, 1984
  - \* Theodore Max Wells - July 14, 2009
  - \* Marlene Faye Dyal - July 24, 2005
  - \* Robert (Nicholas) Guio - July 27, 2024
- M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

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### EAGLE RIVER INSTITUTE 2025 SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, July 31

7:15pm – Paraklesis

#### Friday, August 1

5:00 – 6:30pm – Nicole [Roccas 1](#)

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Philip [Mamalakis 1](#)

#### Saturday, August 2

9:30 – 11:00am – Nicole [Roccas 2](#)

Break with snack

11:30am – 1:00pm – Philip [Mamalakis 2](#)

7:15pm – Great Vespers

#### Sunday, August 3

9:15am - Matins; 10:00am - Divine Liturgy

3:00pm - 4:30pm – Nicole [Roccas 3](#)

Break with snack

5:00pm - 6:30pm – Philip [Mamalakis 3](#)

#### Monday, August 4

5:00 – 6:30pm – Nicole [Roccas 4](#)

Meal following

7:30 – 9:00pm – Philip [Mamalakis 4](#)

#### Tuesday, August 5

9:00 Matins for the [Forefeast](#) of

Transfiguration at Saint Sergius Chapel

6:15pm – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the  
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

#### Wednesday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration

#### August 7-9

Annual Pilgrimage to Kodiak and Spruce  
Island – OCA Alaska Diocese

## THE SYNAXARION

### Peter & Paul – June 29

On June 29, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy, glorious, all-laudable and foremost of the Apostles, Peter and Paul.

#### *Verses*

*Peter, who preached the Cross, died by crucifixion.*

*And Paul, who cut down error, died by the cutting of sword.*

*On the twenty-ninth Peter and Paul passed on to the Heavenly Kingdom.*



Together, they are the patrons and protectors of the Patriarchate of Antioch.

Peter was the son of Jonah and the brother of Andrew, the First-called. He was of the Tribe of Simeon from the town of Bethsaida. He was a fisherman and, at first, was called Simon but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas or Peter, which by interpretation is a rock. He was the first of the disciples to clearly express faith in the Lord Jesus in the book of Matthew saying: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” His love for the Lord was great and his faith in the Lord gradually strengthened. When the Lord was brought to trial, Peter denied Him three times but after only one glance into the face of the Lord, Peter’s soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. Peter worked many powerful miracles; he healed the sick, resurrected the dead; the sick were healed even from his shadow. By order of the evil Emperor Nero, Peter was condemned to death in 64 A.D. Installing Linus as Bishop of Rome, counseling and comforting the flock of Christ, Peter proceeded joyfully to his death. Seeing the cross before him, he begged his executioners to crucify him upside down for he considered himself unworthy to die as did his Lord. Thus, the great servant of the Great Lord reposed and received the wreath of eternal glory.

Paul was born in Tarsus of the tribe of Benjamin. At first, he was called Saul and was a learned Pharisee and persecutor of Christianity. He was miraculously converted to the Christian Faith by the Lord Himself Who appeared to him on the road to Damascus as told in the Book of Acts: “Suddenly, a light from heaven flashed about him. And Saul fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus, the One Whom you are persecuting.” Saul was blinded but then regained his sight when he was baptized by the Apostle Ananias. After his baptism he was called Paul and numbered in the service of the great apostles. With a fiery zeal, Paul preached the Gospel everywhere from the borders of Arabia to Spain, among the Jews and among the Gentiles. As horrible as his sufferings were, so much more was his superhuman patience.

Throughout all the years of his day-to-day preaching, Paul hung as one on a weak thread between life and death. Since he fulfilled all days and nights with labor and suffering for Christ, since he organized the Church in many places and since he attained such a degree of perfection he was able to say: “It is now no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me.” Paul was beheaded in Rome at the same time as the Apostle Peter during the reign of Emperor Nero.

By the intercessions of Your Apostles Peter and Paul, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.