

5th Sunday after
Pascha
Blind Man

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2 Cor. 4:6-15  
John 9:1-38  
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Homily by
Protodn. Pat Lamb

Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

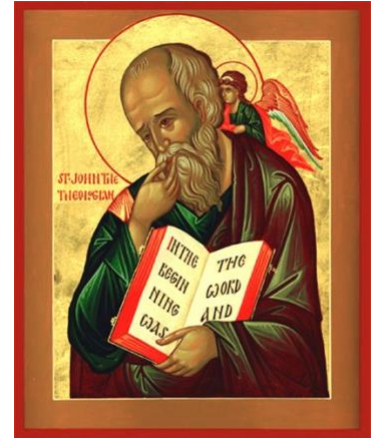
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Haines / Stogsdill

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

~~~~~ Weekly Bulletin



Sunday, July 25, 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.*

## Feast Days and Services



### Feast of the Ascension

#### Vespertal Divine Liturgy for the Feast Wednesday, May 28

We will have a Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm this week on Wed. night, May 28.

*After the Ascension we return to fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays.*

## Parish Events and News

### St. John's Youth Corps



Each summer the Cathedral hires several young adults (14+) to do the work needed at the Cathedral, surrounding buildings, and their ~55-acre campus. More information and applications are available online at [www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps](http://www.stjohnalaska.org/youth-corps) Applications are due Sunday, May 25.



### Summer Day Camp – Starting Next Week - June 3, 4 & 5

#### Please Take the Time to Register Now

The camp will run from 9:30pm - 12:40pm and is open to children ages 2-12. We have a wonderful set of volunteers to help lead the camp.

If you are interested in registering for Day Camp, please find the forms on the Narthex table. Please return to Cara Fletes' mail-box folder. Thank you! Please call Cara Fletes or Jessica Kies with any questions



### **Fr. Tom Frizelle to Visit**

As was announced at our Church Family Meeting last week, Fr. Tom Frizelle will travel to Alaska in June to visit our parish and his two sons who still live in Alaska. Fr. Tom will be here from June 14-23 and stay in the Bishop's Apartment in the Maranatha House. Fr. Tom and his family became members of our parish in 2006 and moved away in the summer of 2022. He has been caring for his elderly parents in Missouri and currently works as a Chaplain at Liberty Hospital. It will be great to have him visit.

### **Fr. Marc Traveling to Rome Conference June 4-7**

Fr. Marc and John Marc travel to Rome, Italy for an international conference celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This conference has been co-organized by the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). Fr. Marc and John Marc have been asked to use the occasion to record a new series of IOTA Talks as they did in Volos, Greece in January 2023. This work is an extension of our Eagle River Institute cooperating with IOTA. IOTA Talks are short, engaging videos in which scholars share an idea they are excited about with lay Christians in an accessible way. The first series of IOTA Talks can be found on the [IOTA YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) page and also on at [eagleriverinstitute.org/library](https://eagleriverinstitute.org/library). If you have not seen these videos, please check them out. 22 more IOTA Talks are scheduled to be recorded in Rome. Kh. Betsy will be traveling with Fr. Marc as they spend a few extra days before and after the conference. They will be gone May 29 – June 12. Please pray for their safe travel and success in their work.

### **St. Sergius Chapel Break-In**

Over the past weekend, an individual or individuals broke into the St. Sergius Chapel. It appears entry was made through a broken window on the west side. There was damage to the window and a small amount inside the Chapel. No icons or liturgical objects were damaged, but the Gospel Book was stolen from the Altar. It is believed that the Gospel may have been thrown into the woods surrounding the trail system. People walking or using the 50 acres are encouraged to report any suspicious activities to the Church office or to the Anchorage Police Department if it appears to be an emergency. If you have questions or regarding this incident, please contact Tim Mellor at 1-763-227-3553



**At Coffee Hour This Sunday we will be honoring our  
Graduates and the Kelly's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

**2025 GRADUATIONS**

Congratulations! To our High School Graduates: Samantha Bahl and Nathaniel Lourie  
and to  
Arianna Stallman with a Master's Degree in Music Education.



Arianna Marie Stallman  
Master of Music in Music Education  
Eastern Washington University



Samantha Bahl  
High School Graduate from Chugiak High



**Congratulations to Myles & Maris Kelly - Married June 1, 1975**



There will be cake downstairs at Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate this milestone in life and a 4 ½ minute video (maybe) that was put together 5 years ago.

Myles and Maris were married by Fr. Harold Dunaway on the lawn of the St. James House. The church building was a parking lot at the time.



*Next Sunday  
Wedding of Kathleen Sorensen  
to  
Noah Cooley  
June 1 at 3:30pm*

The Honor Of Your Presence Is Requested  
In The Sacrament of Marriage

Together With Their Families

*Kathleen Esther Sorensen  
to  
Noah Fortin Cooley*

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 3:30 PM  
Saint John Orthodox Cathedral  
Eagle River, Alaska

~Reception to Follow in  
Church Basement or Outside~

Registered on Amazon

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

On Sunday, May 18, Shelley Finkler and Rhonda Clodfelter together with Fr. Marc honored and thanked Ben Labrecque for his years of service as instructor for Level Three Atrium. Ben is retiring from his position after seven years. He will be sorely missed. Thank-you, Ben!



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - May 25, 2025 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Haines / Stogsdill**

*Snacks:* Alexander, Arvidson, Clement, Clodfelter, Cowan, Dougherty, FrM & Kh. Betsy Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster



**No Coffee Hour  
Sunday, June 1, 2025  
Wedding at 3:30pm**

## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **"Checking In" with Each Other**

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

### **Volunteer Drivers for Oksana to Church Needed**

Drivers are needed for Oksana to attend church with us each Sunday and hope you could help. Please email Dn. Kevin or text me at 907-947-5345 for any Sunday that you could volunteer. Please see the dates of needed rides: **June 1<sup>st</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 22.** Even if you can do only one way please volunteer. Thank you.



Leisel along with older brothers, Lorence and Leland.

### **Congratulations to Cecilia and Raymond Scherer on the Birth of their Daughter**

Leisel Jean Scherer  
Born May 13, 2025 at 8:50am  
7lb 3oz, 20.5in

### **Vehicle for Sale**

2003 4wd Ford Explorer - 145,526 miles

I will be moving out of state on July 7th. The previous owner was in accident, so back door is crunched but door closes. However, door ajar light stays on. A bit rusty, squeaky oldie, but she runs and heats well. Best used for short distances. Needs regular maintenance and love ♪❤ —Lily Cowan, 907-299-1432

*An Invite...*

### **Aloha Potluck for Lily Cowan**

Friday, June 13 at Keith and Anna Haley's  
RSVP to 907-444-1992





## Dates to Remember



### Anniversaries This Week

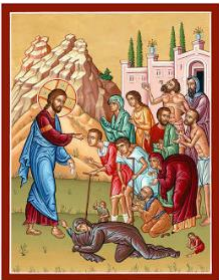
Marshall & Mary Ruth Alexander - May 29, 2022

Mel & Janet Hawi - May 29, 2004

Dn. Joseph & Denise Ray - May 30, 1983



Myles & Maris Kelly - June 1, 1975



### 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*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep in May



\* Infant - Lazarus Frizelle - 5/1/2008

\* Abner Picon - 5/1/2016

\* Presbyter Garland Peters 5/6/1979

**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 **JUNE** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, June 28.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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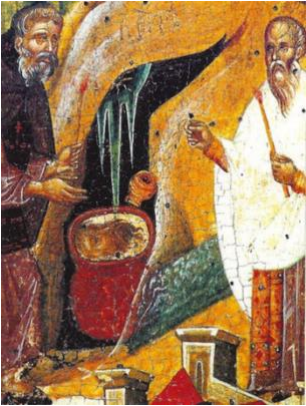
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## THE SYNAXARION

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Discovery of the Head of the Forerunner – May 25

On May 25, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Celestine of Rome; and the Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Cyprus.



On this day, we also commemorate the third discovery of the honorable head of the Forerunner and Baptist John.

#### *Verses*

*Though hidden deep in the earth,*

*The voice of one crying sounded forth to all when earth was rent open.*

*On the twenty-fifth, they found the head of the Forerunner.*

In the year 820, the honorable head of the Forerunner and Baptist John was once again found in the city of Emesa in Western Syria during a time of unrest at Constantinople. It was transferred to Komana in Southern Africa during the Muslim raids and hidden in the ground during a period of iconoclastic persecution. When the veneration of icons was restored in the ninth century, Patriarch Ignatius (847-857) saw in a vision the place where the head of St. John was hidden. The patriarch communicated this to the emperor, who sent a delegation to Komana to recover the head. Afterwards the head was transferred back to Constantinople, and on May 25, 850, it was placed in a church at the court.

### Blind Man – 5<sup>th</sup> Pascha

On June 9, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria; Pelagia and the three Virgin-martyrs of Chios; Venerable Cyril of Belozersk; and Venerable Columba, enlightener of Scotland.

On this day, the fifth Sunday after Pascha, we celebrate the miracle wrought by our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ upon the man who was blind from his birth. We rightly celebrate the miracle bestowed on him.

#### *Verses*

*O Bestower of light, Who are Light coming forth from Light,*

*You give sight to the man who was blind from his birth.*

While leaving the Temple on the Sabbath, the Savior met this man who was born blind and who was incurable after every human effort. Saints John Chrysostom, Basil the Great and Irenaeus all teach that the man was born literally without eyes. Jesus spat into the dirt, made clay, rubbed it in his eye sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam, a famous water spring in Jerusalem. The Savior did not send him there because his eye sockets were covered in clay, nor did the pool have healing power, but instead to test his faith and obedience. The blind man proclaimed that Jesus healed him, but this confession caused him to be cast out by the enemies of the truth. Even his own parents would not defend him. However, the blind man followed Jesus from that moment forward.

By Your boundless mercy, O Christ our God, and the Giver of light, have mercy on us. Amen.

