

12th Sunday after
Pentecost
Hieromartyr Babylas

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 19:16-26

Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

Epistle Reader:
Ben Dunaway

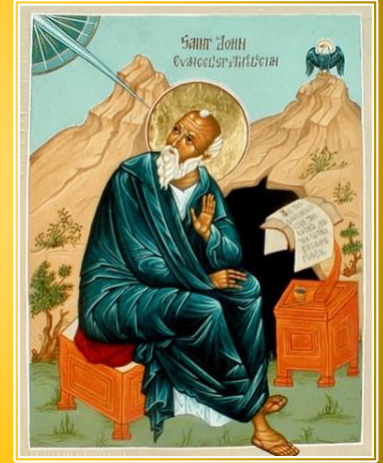
Coffee Hour Hosts:
Cook / VanDewater

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, September 4, 2022

And the Days Following

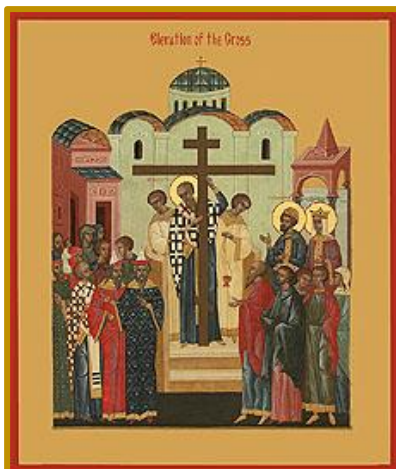
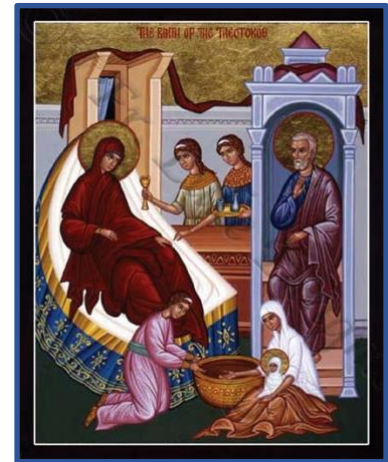


O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.

Feast Days and Services

Nativity of the Mother of God
Feast Day is September 8

Vesperal Liturgy, Wednesday Night
September 7 at 6:15pm.



Elevation of the Cross
Feast Day is September 14

Great Vespers, Tuesday, September 13

Divine Liturgy, Wednesday, September 14

This Service will include the Procession of the Cross with the
500 Lord Have Mercy's chanted in English, Greek and Arabic.

September 14th is a strict fast day.

Parish Events and News

Letter from Metropolitan Joseph

Please read the letter from Metropolitan Joseph at this [link](#). It concerns a troubling situation in our Archdiocese which I was made aware of earlier this week. He asks for our prayers, as our Patriarch and others seek to come to the truth about certain allegations. So let us pray for our Metropolitan Joseph. - Fr. Marc

Support to the OCA Diocese of Sitka and Alaska

At our Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 31, a proposal was made and agreed upon that we our parish would begin to make a regular monthly donation to the OCA Diocese of Sitka and Alaska. The new bishop, Alexei, has set up four funds that would help strengthen his diocese. Fr. Marc and Benjamin Dunaway met with Bishop Alexei at the end of July and at that time he shared with us these needs. The Parish Council has asked his advice on which fund would be best for us to contribute to. This donation will be taken from our charity funds, which are also currently used to support the Hope Center (Downtown Soup Kitchen), the Pregnancy Resource Center in Eagle River, Love Inc., and the Eagle River Food Pantry).

Time to Update Our Cathedral Basement?

The Parish Council also is also considering if we should fix up our Cathedral basement sometime this winter with new flooring, new paint on the walls, new wall sconces, new tables and folding chairs as needed, and other simple improvements. This does not include any work on the kitchen or bathrooms which are in good order. If you have thoughts about this, please share with one of the Parish Council members or Fr. Marc. The idea would be to propose that all funds donated from this year's PFD would go toward this project. The Parish Council is hoping to decide about this at the September 27 meeting. Current Parish Council members are: Charley Peyton, Laurie Snider, Anna Potts, Jessica Kies, Jennifer Gillquist, Anne Patras, Tim Mellor and Will Klatt.

Saint John's to Host Lecture by OCMC Missionary, Dr. Nathan Hoppe

On September 30 and October 1 the [Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative](#) and a local committee of Evangelical and Orthodox leaders is convening a conference titled, "Speaking the Gospel Together." This conference will conclude with a special lecture open to all the public to be hosted by our Cathedral at 6pm on Sunday, October 2. The long-term missionary to Albania, Nathan Hoppe, will talk on "The Resurrection of the Church in Albania." After 46 years of persecution under communism, the Church in Albania was nearly destroyed. Only 15 Orthodox clergy remained and nearly all churches were in ruins or had been repurposed. In 1991 a remarkable "resurrection" of the Church began under the leadership of Archbishop Anastasios. Nathan Hoppe and his family have been a vital part of this work for 24 years. Come, hear this inspiring story. More information will be forthcoming. Click [here](#) to see a flyer for this lecture and invite your friends.

New Automated External Defibrillators (AED) at Cathedral and School

Two new defibrillators have been purchased and placed in the Cathedral and the School. The defibrillator (AED) in the Cathedral is located in the Choir room off the Nave. The old defibrillator we had there was over 20 years old and is no longer being supported with new batteries.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Start Date September 11 - 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Be sure to sign up for an orientation time slot for your level 1 child. The orientations will be given this Sunday, September 4. Contact Rhonda for any questions at clodfeltersrj@mtaonline.net

New 2022/2023 Liturgical Calendars

St. John's Liturgical Calendar is now posted on our Website under the Bulletin Section and under Resources. Click [HERE](#) to see it. There are also a few copies located in the Narthex.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 4, 2022 Group A - First Sunday of the Month

Group A - September 4, 2022

Hosts: Cook / VanDewater

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

Please bring snacks to serve at least 4 families.

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**Next Sunday – Group B – September 11, 2022 – Hosts: Peyton / Keener**

Snacks: Agnew, S. Alvarez, Betson, Coverdell, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hattenburg, Hoyt, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Moffatt, Parker, Peters, Peyton, N & M Ray, Schlicting, Sturdevant, Villafana.

If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, please find your own replacement and inform Jennifer Gillquist at [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com)

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## St. John's School Weekly News

We just finished up our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of School! The kids have had so much fun these last few days. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade took a field trip to Pyrah's U-Pick Farm on Thursday to harvest veggies for the upcoming Stone Soup Sale on Tues., Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders took an overnight trip to the Dunaway's cabin and went blueberry picking. Finally, the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Gr. class spent Thursday afternoon making homemade apple sauce. You are all invited to come to our Stone Soup Sale in the upper parking lot on Tuesday from 3:00-4:00.

### What's on the Menu for the Stone Soup Sale...

*Kindergarten: Stone Soup*

*1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Zucchini baked goods and Farm Fresh Veggies*

*2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Zucchini and Rhubarb baked goods*

*4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chicken Soup*

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Blueberry Muffins*

*7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Homemade Applesauce*



Kindergarteners at Pyrah's

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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

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

### **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. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.



### **You are invited to Dan and Melinda Kendall's Annual Apple Harvest Festival**

**Monday, September 5, 2022 - From 2pm to 6pm**  
It is a potluck, so bring something to share and a basket for apples.  
18743 Monastery Drive.

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## *Dates to Remember*



### *Thursday Reading Group*

The Thursday Readers were planning on meeting this coming Thursday, but it is now cancelled due to Covid.

## *Birthdays This Week*

September 7 - Rdr. Joe Dunham  
September 8 - Janet Northey  
September 8 - Gabe Betson

September 8 - Jonas Gillquist  
September 11 - Gloria O'Fallon



*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### *Anniversaries this Month*

Dan & Melinda Kendall - September 5, 1976  
Dn. Pat & Jane Lamb - September 8, 1973  
Jan & MaryAnn Northey - September 10, 1967

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### *Remembering in Prayer...*



*Jennifer Medders  
Eloise Lamb  
Nicholas Guio  
Gwyn Jones*

*Jan Northey  
Myles Kelly  
Valorie Sparks  
Ann Patras*  
*And for those suffering from Covid*

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



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant Mary Elizabeth Dunaway - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 1986

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



## THE SYNAXARION

Babylas of Antioch – September 4



On September 4, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Holy Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch; the Three Children who were with him: Urban, Prilidian and Epolonios; and their mother, Christodula.

### *Verses*

*Babylas is sacrificed by the sword with joy unto the Lord.  
On the fourth, Babylas and the three young children were slain together.*

One day, holy Bishop Babylas was serving at prayer with his congregation. He heard that the Emperor Numerian and his entourage were coming and intended to enter the church. Babylas stopped the service, went outside and boldly told the Emperor that, as an idolater, he was not permitted to enter the holy church where

the one true God was worshipped. The following day, the angry Emperor summoned Babylas, and ordered him offer sacrifice to idols, which the saint steadfastly refused to do. Then Numerian bound him with chains and threw him into prison. He also tortured three of Babylas' spiritual children: Urban, age 12, Prilidian, age 9 and Epolonios, age 7. Their Christian mother, Christodoula, also suffered for Christ. The Emperor ordered that each child be beaten with the number of blows that totaled his age. Babylas was present at their beheading, giving them courage, and then laid his own honorable head under the sword. Their holy souls flew to heaven in the year 283, and their wonderworking relics remained in support of the faithful.



On this day, we also commemorate the holy Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon; and Venerable Anthimos the New.

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

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