

*Sunday of the
Publican & Pharisee
1st PreLent*

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*2 Timothy 3:10-15  
Luke 18:10-14*

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*Homily by
Dn. Kevin
Dougherty*

*Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter*

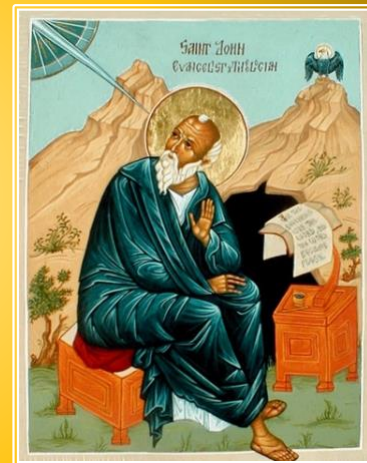
*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Snider/ Cowen*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

The Week Following the Publican and the Pharisee – No Fasting is Permitted

Parish Events and News

**Important Church Family Meeting on Saturday Evening March 2 at
7:15pm after Early Vespers at 6:15pm**

This will be an important meeting to discuss various parish issues. Note that we will start Vespers at 6:15pm that Saturday night and have the Church Family meeting immediately afterward at 7:15pm. More information will be coming.

New Parish Council Members Needed / Church Family Meeting

Saint John's will have its annual Parish Family Meeting in on Saturday, March 2. We need at this time to fill two positions on the Parish Council. This is an important way to serve our Parish Community. Please see the qualifications below:

If you are willing to serve in this role, please submit your name to the Church office by phone (907) 696-2002 or by email (stjohnalaska@aol.com).

“The Church is a community, the ‘body of Christ.’ As such all members of the Parish need to use their talents to contribute to the health and well-being of the whole. Those on the Parish Council assume a special role of leadership to help make important decisions and guide the parish in its ministries and good works. Offering a positive contribution with a spirit of commitment is the essential work for a healthy governing body. We need our Parish Council members to be examples of committed effort and willingness to serve.

Qualifications: *25 years or older; Member of parish for two years, demonstrate membership “by regularly participating in the parish's sacramental life and by regularly contributing to its temporal maintenance through the payment of dues, pledges, assessments (tithes).”*

The Parish Council regularly meets on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, about 10 times a year, with allowances for Feast Days or other scheduling conflicts considered.

Sisters of Mary & Martha

Hi Ladies! Please take a moment to pencil into your calendar our upcoming meeting for the Sisters of Mary & Martha. We are meeting on **Monday, February 26th at 6:00pm** in the church basement.

We are putting together some childcare for those of you who are moms.

And just a reminder, ALL women over 18 are welcome to participate!

See you all soon! —Katy Arvidson, SMMS President

Thursday Night Talks This Week - February 29, St. James House – 6:30pm

We will continue discussion of last week's articles.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Parents – please provide your children with a lunch.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - February 18, 2024 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Snider/ Cowan

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clement, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I Temple, Terrell, Webster

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### Next Sunday – Group A – March 3 Hosts: Cook / A Stallman

Snacks: Abel, Baker, Bowman, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey, O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells

*Please Note: If you cannot host on your assigned Sunday, it is your responsibility to find a replacement – then let me know of the change. ([jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com)) so that I can adjust my master schedule. Hosts are not required to make reminder calls, but you may if you wish. - Jennifer Gillquist*

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## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



A short article from Metropolitan Saba will be published each week. These can be found in our Sunday Bulletin each week with a link to the new articles.

Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [Metropolitan Boulos \(Bandali\): A Fruitful Seed in Antioch](#)

## *St. John's School Weekly News*

### **Hawaiian Themed Fundraiser Dinner A Wonderful Night!**

Thank you to all who helped make this evening such a success.  
Two hundred people attended and fun was had by all!  
Your support means so much!



## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

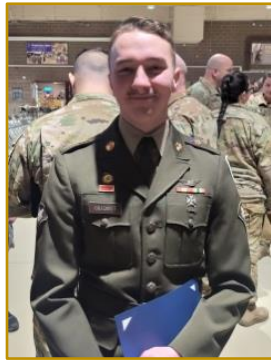
Is there something you'd like to share? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)

### Farewell to Paul & Olivia Gillquist and their three boys: Jonas, Rollie and Sam.

This Sunday will be Paul Gillquist's last Sunday with us. The family is moving to Arizona as he has a new job with the Arizona National Guard. Paul and Peter will drive out March 1<sup>st</sup>. Olivia and the boys will fly out later. Please join us at the St. James House on Saturday, February 24 from 4:00-7:00pm to say farewell to the family. The Church will recognize them at Liturgy on Sunday. There will be a book to write down farewell wishes at coffee hour if you miss the gathering on Saturday.

### Congratulations to Peter Gillquist!

Congratulations to Specialist Peter Gillquist upon completing and graduating from a leadership course with the Army National Guard. 21 days straight of classes and hard work paid off. We are proud of you!



February 18, 2024

### Prayers of Naming for Wiley Simon Ray



## Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

February 25 - Lily Cowan

February 27 - Jim Patras

February 27 - Katya Mee

February 27 - Owen Kies

March 1 - Noah Curry

March 2 - Josh Arvidson

March 2 - Michael Jones



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



### Anniversaries this Week

Fr. Marc & Kh. Betsy Dunaway - February 25, 1984 (40 yrs)

Jim & Ann Patras - February 25, 1989

Bill & Mary Alice Cook - March 1, 1975

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### Monday Evening Reading Group

The evening reading group will meet this Monday at 6:30pm in the "Reading Room." Come and enjoy! Reading to be determined.



### Thursday Reading Group

We will meet Thursday at the Chugiak Senior Center at 10am



### Remembering in Prayer...

Gwyn Jones  
Janet Hawi  
Judi Hoyt  
Jan Northey  
Gale Armstrong  
Kerry Jones

Eloise Lamb  
Tisha Dunham  
Elisa Betson  
Matt Komar  
Maris Kelly

*We will 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 **March**— our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, March 23, 2024.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Steven Theodore Primis - February 3, 2001
- \* Archpriest Jack Sparks - February 8, 2010
- \* Phyllis Isabel Webster - February 12, 1992
- \* Lynn Ellen Guio - February 17, 2019
- \* Dn. Christian Timothy Sorensen - February 23, 2000

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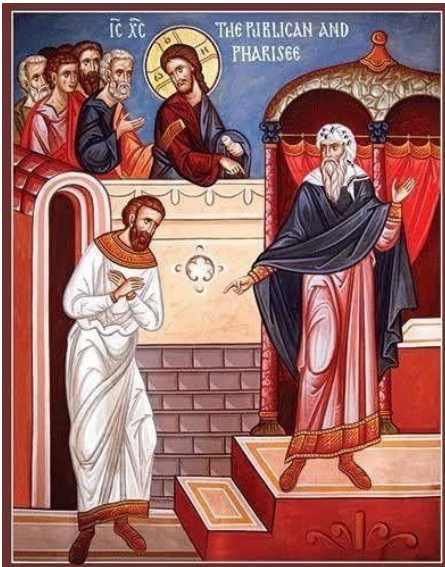
### Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

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.

## THE SYNAXARION

### Publican and Pharisee – 1<sup>st</sup> PreLent

On February 25, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Reginos, bishop of Skopelos; Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria; and Martyr Alexander of Markianopolis.



On this day, we make remembrance of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist.

#### *Verses*

*If you resemble the Pharisee, run far away from the Temple;  
For inside is Christ before Whom only the humble are acceptable.*

#### *(Verses for the Triodion)*

*O Creator of everything heavenly and earthly,  
receive from the Angels a Trinitarian song,  
And from us men a noble and reverent Triodion.*

In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses as an example for us, a comparison between two differing attributes of two different men: A Pharisee, who was regarded as virtuous leader of the synagogue in public opinion; and a publican, a tax collector, who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility. The divine Church Fathers sought to alert and prepare the Christ-loving faithful for the upcoming period of the Great Fast. Therefore, on this Sunday we are reminded that humility is the greatest weapon against pride, as we imitate the humility of the publican to ascend to the divine heights.

Through the intercessions of the wonderworking Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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