

*Sunday After the
Cross (leavetaking)*

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*Galatians 2:16-20*

*Mark 8:34-9:1*

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Homily by

Dn. Kevin

Dougherty

*Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:
Komar / Okuley*

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

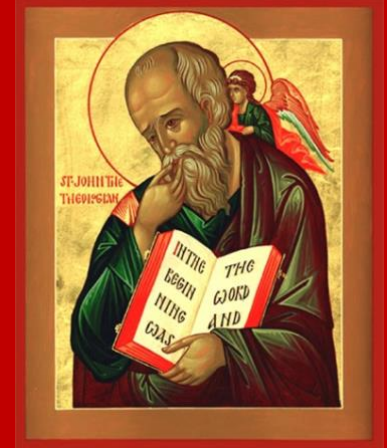
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## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, September 21, 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



Walk to the Chapel – Thursday, September 25 – 1:00pm Saint Sergius of Radonezh

We will have a special prayer service for St. Sergius of Radonezh at the Chapel on Thursday, Sep 25 at 1pm. We will meet at the Cathedral steps at 1pm. All of St. John's students and teachers will participate in the Chapel service. Everyone is invited to join us.

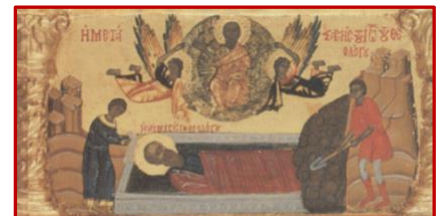
The Falling-Asleep of St. John the Evangelist Feast Day – September 26

We will transfer some aspects of this Feast to Sunday, September 28.

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph, the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end.

He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord. When his disciples later opened his grave, they did not find his body. On May 8 of every year, a fine dust, fragrant and healing, rose from his grave. After a long, laborious and fruitful life on earth, this beloved disciple of Christ, a true pillar of the Church, took up his habitation in the joy of His Lord.

He was called Theologian because he loftily expounded in his Gospel the theology of the inexpressible and eternal birth of the Son and Word of God the Father. It is for this cause that an eagle—a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Irenaeus says—is depicted in his icon, for this was one of the four symbolic living creatures that the Prophet Ezekiel saw (Ezek. 1:10).



Parish Events and News

Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity Classes begin on Thursdays October 9, 6-7:30pm

These classes will aim to open the door to knowing God as He is revealed through Jesus Christ and known in the Scriptures and the Orthodox way. They are for inquirers, seekers and catechumens, “nones” or Churchgoers, non-Orthodox or Orthodox who want to understand their faith better. Here is a link for the full schedule of classes: [Opening the Door to Orthodoxy](#)

A second set gatherings/classes is still in the works, and more details should come soon.

Orthodox - Evangelical Leaders Conference at Beach Lake Next Weekend

Saint John's Clergy will be participating in a conference at Beach Lake Cabin on September 26, 27. The purpose of this conference is to build bridges of understanding between Orthodox Christians and Protestant Evangelicals in Alaska. About 20 clergy and ministry leaders have registered to attend. The conference will end with dinner at the Saint James House and an invitation for the attendees to participate in Great Vespers at St. John's at 6:15pm that evening. The invitation letter included the following:

This conference seeks to build on the dialogue opened by the Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative (LOI) consultation at Beach Lake, Alaska in 2022, as well as the LOI gathering at St. John Orthodox Cathedral in Eagle, River Alaska in 2024. This conference is named in honor of Archpriest Michael Oleksa, a faithful LOI contributor, who through his welcoming spirit and compelling storytelling, and pursuit of understanding, was loved and respected by all who knew him, and who fell asleep in the Lord November 29, 2023. We are seeking to create and support sustainable networks of contact and friendship between our two traditions. The main topic of this year's conference will be, "Our Common Roots," focusing on Jesus Christ as expressed in Scripture, the Nicene Creed, and our differing traditions.



Atrium Begins This Sunday

Please remember to register your children for Atrium before this Sunday, 9/21 if you want them to participate.

We will be orienting the Level 1 children (ages 3-5/6) upstairs so they will not have a full time this Sunday. Please sign up with Jennifer Saur or Jennifer Gillquist for your orientation time slot.

The other two levels (L2 and L3) will meet for the full time 12:30 - 2:00 pm downstairs. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (907) 727-5604 thank you, Rhonda Clodfelter



Coffee Hour This Sunday - September 21 Group C - Third Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Komar / Okuley

Snacks: Arnold, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehers, Temple Families, Wasile

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**Next Sunday - Group D - September 28, 2025 - Hosts: Haines / Stogsdill**

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Fr. M & Kh. Betsy Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, Terrell, Webster



## Diaper & Baby Wipes Needed

Please donate **Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6 and Baby Wipes** to help the local **Eagle River Pregnancy Center** provide for these pro-life baby supplies. Over 100 families per month come in for needed baby supplies, pre-natal counsel, and all we can do to help struggling families. You may drop off such donations in our St. John's Narthex - in a Crib with signage, (or donate at [h2hprc.org](http://h2hprc.org)) Thank you. Dn. Kevin

## Last Chance for Items Left Behind

Please check out the Lost and Found table in the church basement this weekend. This will be your last chance to claim them before they are taken away. There are crock pots, platters, shoes, clothes etc.



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## St. John's School Weekly News



### Part-Time Position Opening

Saint John's School is hiring for a part-time **After-Care position: Monday–Thursday, 2:45–5:15 pm**. Duties include setting up snacks and activities, helping with cleanup, and spending time with children of all ages. If interested, please contact **Kali Macalino at 907-696-3920**.

**ANNUAL**  
**STONE SOUP**  
**SALE**

**SEPTEMBER 23 2:30-3:30 PM**  
ST. JOHN'S ORTHODOX SCHOOL



**FRESH SOUPS, VEGGIES & STUDENT-MADE CRAFTS**     **MADE WITH PRODUCE FROM PYRAH'S FARM**

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT CLASS FIELD TRIPS & PROJECTS**

**BRING A CONTAINER FOR OUR FAMOUS STONE SOUP!**

**CASH • CREDIT • VENMO ACCEPTED**

**Annual Fund Raiser – Stone Soup Sale**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2:30-3:30pm**

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## *St. James House Weekly News*

[stjameshouse@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:stjameshouse@stjohnalaska.org)

Please use the above email address for any and all communications with the St. James House. David and Kristine Lindblom are the Host Residents and are also responsible for any guest housing requests.



### **Game Night at the St. James House Tonight! Friday, September 19 at 7:00pm**

All are welcome to come to the St. James House on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for Game Night! Bring your favorite snack and a good attitude and try to leave the smaller humans at home. —David Lindblom

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## *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)

### **Donation for Ukraine**

About a month ago a parish member donation \$1,000.00 for help in Ukraine. The funds were given to Oksana Artz, and this is her report:

“It is reported that from Ukraine from Fr. Oleksander, donation was used for repairing a car that evacuated injured defenders from frontline and also for a special charger. Thank you from all my heart behind our heroes to our church for support for Ukraine!!!” —Oksana Artz

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## *Dates to Remember*

### *Wednesday ‘Moms with Little Ones’ Reading Group*

Wednesday Reading Group for Mom’s with Little Ones starts at 10 AM in the St. James house living room. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines at 907-351-4942.



### *Thursday Reading Group*

We meet at 10am at the Senior Center Meeting Room, in the HUD building, second floor. Hope to see you there! —Ann Patras

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

For the Month of **September** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, September 27**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.





## *Birthdays This Week*

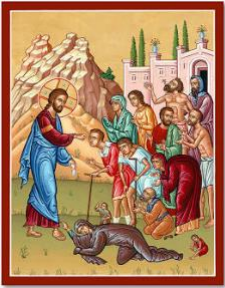
Sept 21 - Bradley Forbes  
Sept 21 - Blaise Alexander  
Sept 21 - Evan Kies  
Sept 22 - Myles Kelly  
Sept 23 - Dirk Moffatt  
Sept 23 - Janet Hawi

Sept 24 - Ann Patras  
Sept 24 - Ben Labrecque  
Sept 25 - JD Curry  
Sept 27 - Fr. Marc Dunaway  
Sept 28 - Kim Medders  
Sept 28 - Jana Jenkins



*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*

## *Remembering in Prayer...*



*Helen Gillquist  
Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*Jay Keener*

*Krya & Skylynn Lineer*

*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 This Month*



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Belle Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* 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 !*

## Photos of Bishop John's Visit to St. John's



Photo Collages by Margaret Grasse





# Elevation of The Cross



PIC•COLLAGE





Bishop John and Fr. Marc  
making Kibee, a Syrian Dish.

Bishop John and Sylvia  
*Bishop John took the selfie*



Lord Have Mercy  
Kyrie Eleison  
Ya Rab Urham



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Quadratos of the 70 – September 21

On September 21, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Holy Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. On this day, we also commemorate the holy, glorious and all-laudable Apostle Quadratos of the Seventy.

#### *Verses*

*Since in no fashion would he offer his worship to stones,  
The unwise people cast stones at worshipful Quadratos.  
On the twenty-first, Quadratos won a glorious a crown.*



He preached the Gospel in Athens, and was at first bishop in Athens after St. Publius, and then in the city of Magnesia. Quadratos was considered a “morning star among the clouds,” shining forth the light of Christ to the Hellenes in the midst of their dark paganism and evil practices. But darkness always hates the light, and the pagans hated holy Quadratos. They first stoned him, and then imprisoned him, leaving him without bread until his holy soul left his body and entered into the Kingdom of Christ his God in the year 130. Before that, Quadratos wrote a defense of Christianity and gave it to the pagan Emperor Hadrian, who was so moved that he decreed that Christians should not be persecuted without special cause.

On this day, we also commemorate the Prophet Jonah; and the uncovering of the relics of Demetrios, bishop of Rostov. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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#### Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) 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.

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