

*Entrance of the
Theotokos*

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*Hebrews 9:1-7  
Luke 10:38-42;  
11:27-28*

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*Homily by
Dn. Kevin Dougherty
Epistle Reader:
Jennifer Medders*

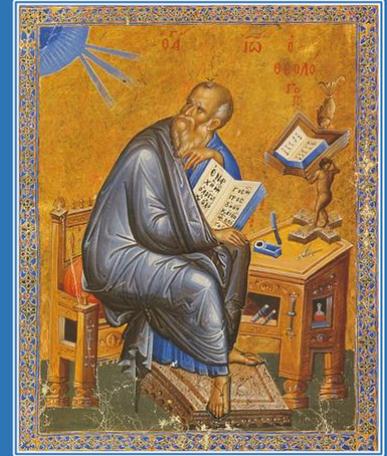
St. John Orthodox Cathedral

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## *Weekly Bulletin*

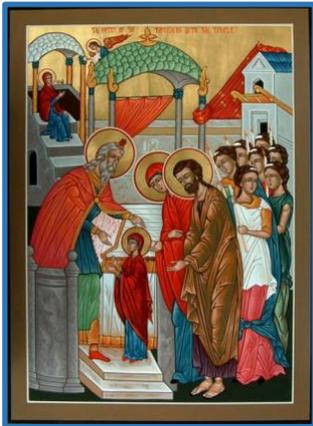
*Sunday, November 21, 2021  
And the Days Following*

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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



Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

This feast day commemorates when the Theotokos was brought as a small child in to the temple in Jerusalem by her parents, Joachim and Anna. She was received by Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist.

Listen, O daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house...Ps. 45

Parish Events and News



Thanksgiving Services

Akathist of Thanksgiving at 7:15pm – Wednesday Evening, November 24.

Te Deum Service at the Chapel at 9:15am – Thanksgiving Morning, November 25

We will leave the Cathedral to walk to the Chapel at 9am. On the way to the Chapel we will stop at the cemetery and sing the “Trisagion Prayers for the Departed”.

Theology Reading Group – November 23 (last session)

We will meet at the Saint James House from 7:00 - 8:30pm. We are reading the book, *The Mystery of Christ* by Fr. John Behr.

Changing of the Guard - Janitor for the Cathedral

We want to thank Elisa Betson who has been our steadfast janitor since 2007. We are thankful and grateful for her dedication and service these many years. Our new janitor is Joe Jaroslaw, who also takes care of the grounds in the summer and walkways in the winter.



Good Works Basket – Thanksgiving Offering

Stuffing Update as of Thursday, November 18 - collected 278 boxes so far (great!). To reach a goal of 300 we will need another 22 boxes (greater yet!) And if we want to “ring the bell” at 325, another 47 more would be needed. **Delivery is scheduled for this Sunday.** Thanks for everyone’s participation in this Thanksgiving Blessing Community Event.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Atrium

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with a nutritious lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning.

Covid Vaccine Clinic for Children at Saint John's School

If enough families are interested, Saint John's School, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, is eligible to host a Covid vaccine clinic for children, ages 5-11. The vaccines would be free and open to all children whether or not they are enrolled in Saint John's School. Vaccines would be administered by a licensed medical professional. If your family would like the School to host a clinic to vaccinate your child, please inform Lynn Streff at Saint John's School office: 907-696-3920 or sjocs1@gmail.com. Click [here](#) for more information about Covid vaccines for children.

The School would like to gather this information by November 26.



Coffee Hour This Sunday – November 21

Hosts Families: Finkler and Wasile

See Host Instructions [HERE](#)

Group 3: Amundson, Curry, Finkler, Haley-K & A, Johnson-E & H, Kies, Lamb, Medders-Kim, Peters, Saur, Snider, Streff, Sturdevant, Tsyver, Wasile.

* Each family in the assigned Group should **bring snacks to serve at least four families**. (A variety of healthy, delicious and not-too-messy snacks are appreciated and they don't need to be individually wrapped).

* Posters of how to make coffee and the procedure for setup/cleanup will be posted in the basement kitchen.

Please Note: We are now in a Fasting Season, so bring snacks according to the Fasting Guidelines for Advent.

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Next Sunday – November 28

Hosts Families: Dozier and Hightower

Group 4: Abel, Betson, Dozier, Gillquist-G & J, Gillquist-P & O, Gillquist-H, Hightower, Jones-K & G, Klatt, Lindblom, Mellor, Peyton, Sorensen-K, Templeton, Temple.



## St. John's Bookstore

The St John Bookstore has ordered more Christmas cards, and will have a few single cards for sale, when the shipment arrives, as well as packages of 15 cards. Also, some lovely tree ornament icons are coming. Be sure to look for them soon. And check out our children's books, a great gift for kiddies of all ages.

## St. John's Cookbook



This is the last chance to submit recipes to the church cookbook! We have over 120 recipes and would still love some more but they do need to be submitted by the **21st of November**. While typing up these recipes, our team was constantly saying "we need to try that one!" or "This one sounds amazing!" Thank you to all of you who've already submitted a recipe (or 10!) and we still hope to receive more in the next few days. Please email us with any questions! [caramia1984@gmail.com](mailto:caramia1984@gmail.com), or [jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergillquist@gmail.com). Submit all recipes to: [sjocookbook@protonmail.com](mailto:sjocookbook@protonmail.com)

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### "Checking In" with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com)



Photo of the red moon, taken with an iphone, right around midnight, 11/18.

Morning moon the day after the Eclipse.



Happy 50 acre hikers.  
Out for their morning walk.  
(Brave they are!)



**What an honor!** Our film about the Oceania Mission, "[HELLO ORTHODOX!](#)" just won the award for Best Documentary at the Byzantfest 2021 Film Festival!

The incredible story of the Orthodox Pacific Mission details the miraculous events following Metropolitan Amfilochios Tsoukos's arrival in the Pacific, his tireless efforts and remarkable achievements in bringing Orthodoxy to the islands of Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.

Michael Jones has a brief cameo, and some pictures of his work trip to Tonga are included.—Michael & Meghan Jones

## *Dates to Remember*



### *Wednesday Reading Group*

The Wednesday readers will not meet this coming Wed, due to Thanksgiving. Happy turkey day to all!

## *Birthdays This Week*



November 21 - Dolph Ihde

November 23 - Tailia Haines

November 25 - Stephen Macalino

November 27 - Shelly Wells

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



## *Anniversaries This Week*

Chris & Margaret Grasse - November 22, 1980

Stan & Laurie Snider - November 24, 1984

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



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Tisha Dunham*

*Eloise Lamb*

*Tom Johnson*

*Katie Jones*

*Laurie Snider*

*Jennifer Medders*

*Preston Collier*

*Mother Galina*

*Teri Van Dyke*

*Those Suffering with Covid*

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



\* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007

\* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997

\* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002

\* Infant Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020

\* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

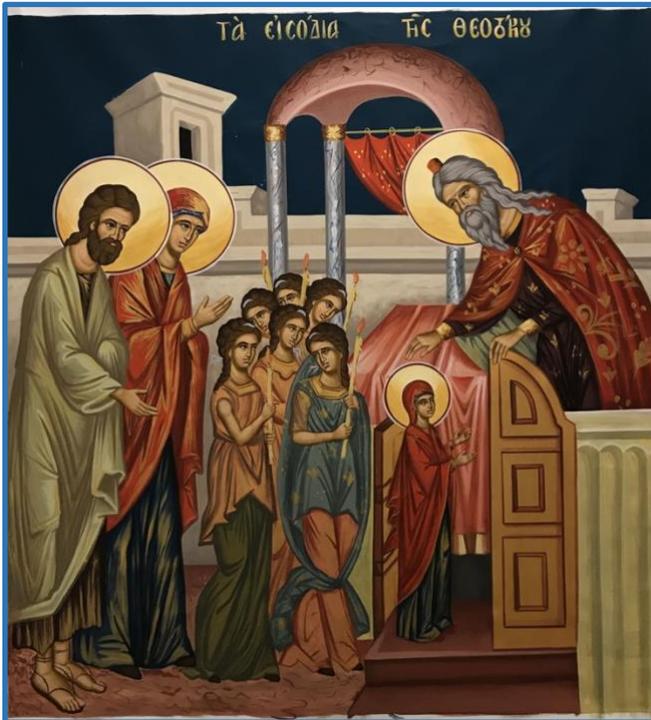
# Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each MONTH

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



## THE SYNAXARION

Entrance of the Theotokos – November 21



On November 21, in the Holy Orthodox Church we celebrate the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple.

### *Verses*

*Within the temple, Gabriel provides you  
nourishment, O Maid,*

*And shortly he shall come and shall say to you:*

*Rejoice.*

*On the twenty-first Mary enters the sacred temple.*

Leading the procession into the Temple were virgins with lighted candles in their hands. Following were her parents, Joachim and Anna, leading the three-year-old Most-holy Virgin. The Virgin was clad in vesture of royal magnificence and adornments as was befitting the “King’s daughter, the Bride of God.” Following them were many kinsmen and friends, all with lighted candles. Fifteen steps led up to the Temple. Joachim and Anna lifted the Virgin onto the first step, then she ran quickly to the top herself, where she was met by the High Priest Zachariah, who was later to be the father of St. John the Forerunner. Taking her by the hand, he led her not only into the Temple, but into the very “Holy of Holies” the holiest of holy places, into which no one but the high priest ever entered, and, at that, only once each year. Zachariah was “outside himself and possessed by God” when he led the Virgin into the holiest place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain -- otherwise, his action could not be explained. The Most-holy Virgin remained in the Temple and dwelt there for nine full years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When God called Joachim and Anna from this world, the Most-holy Virgin was left as an orphan and did not wish to leave the Temple until death or to enter into marriage. The Most-holy Virgin Mary was the first of such life-vowed virgins, of the thousands and thousands of virgin men and women who would follow her in the Church of Christ.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.