



Birthdays This Week

January 31 - Greta Jenkins	February 7 - Liam Gonzalez
January 31 - Tobias Haines	February 7 - Christian Kies
February 1 - Xenia Clodfleter	February 9 - Bethany Peters
February 1 - Jaye Keener	February 10 - Lina Curry
February 6 - Leonid Stiehr	February 10 - Bob Dyal
February 7 - Dn. Fred Arvidson	February 10 Jared Lindblom
February 7 - Natasha Hines	

M A N Y Y E A R S !

Anniversaries For February

Kasey & Jennifer Medders - February 3, 1996
 Tom & JoAnn Webster - February 11, 1956
 Fr. Marc & Kh. Betsy Dunaway - February 25, 1984
 Jim & Ann Patras - February 25, 1989



4th Sunday (1/27) - 'S' through 'Z'
 Hosting - Peter & Annie Stahley & Jesse & Andrea Stiehr
 1st Sunday (2/3) - 'S' through 'Z'
 Hosting - Khafani Abel & Bill & Mary Alice Cook



Clare House Meal Fourth Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of FEBRUARY our scheduled meal is 2/23. – Sign up on the Downstairs Bulletin Board.

Saint John Orthodox Cathedral

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 Fr. Thomas Frizelle / Fr. John Rogers

Schedule of Regular Services: Saturdays: Great Vespers-7:15pm

Sundays: Matins-9am/Divine Liturgy-10am

Wednesdays: Vespers 7:15pm / Thursdays: Divine Liturgy 8:15am (On School Days)

Wednesdays and Fridays 6th Hour Prayers – 12:30pm (On School Days)

Confession Times: Fr. Marc, Fr. Robert & Fr. Thomas after Great Vespers on Saturdays

St. John's Sunday Bulletin

January 27, 2019

*Recovery of the Relics of John Chrysostom
Zacchaeus Sunday*

*Hebrews 7:26-8:2 * Luke 19:1-10 * Tone 2*

Reader: Steve Templeton

Homily by: Fr. Michael Oleksa

Wednesday Family Night Adult Class

Please join us Wednesday night in the Saint James House as we take up chapter 6 in "For the Life of the World" by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. This chapter is titled "TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH" and deals with suffering, death, healing and the hope of resurrection in Christ. Dinner at 6:00pm, followed by Atrium classes, Youth Group, and Adult classes at 6:45pm.

See you there!

Brothers of Lazarus

St John's wants to organize a group of men along the lines of the Cathedral's "Sisters of Mary & Martha" to help with occasional maintenance on the church property. We are looking to establish a brotherhood of retired men (or not retired, but with time to help) with a variety of skills to periodically volunteer their time and talents on various projects.

Jim Patras has offered to help organize the communication network for this Brotherhood. Notification of a need or project would go out to the Brothers of Lazarus team and anyone who wanted to help would be directed to Fr. Thomas and other members who would coordinate the work. St. John's will continue, of course, to hire contractors and others for larger more complex projects, but there are many tasks where even those with simple skills and a little time can help.

With nine buildings on 55 acres, we really need this help. Please contact Jim Patras (399-0982) this week if you are willing to be a founding member of St. John's "Brothers of Lazarus."

Sisters of Mary and Martha

Reminder: Our next **General Meeting** will be on 2/17/19 at 2pm. Save the date! Drinks will be provided; please bring a snack to share. We are certain to have a great time of fellowship and fun, while also preparing for Pascha and taking care of a few other important duties for our cathedral.

Interested in serving on the Leadership Committee? If so, please send your name to me however is easiest for you, and I will make sure you are part of the selection process. One name is picked from the "hat", and one other person will be appointed by Fr. Marc. Please consider it, we'd love to have you, and feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you! Jen Medders (medders5@hotmail.com, 907-744-5792, or message me on Facebook)



Good Works Basket

For over 45 years Alaska Youth Advocates, through its various programs and partnerships, has been offering young people the chance for a healthier and safe life. These youths, as young as 13 years old, have often quit school, have little or no family support, may suffer from abuse or addiction and have no place to go but the streets. AYA combines its youth center and clinic with its street outreach to assure whatever help is needed is within easy reach. For the remainder of the month of January, the Sisters of Martha & Mary's Advent Project and the Good Works Basket will be combining efforts to help AYA in their mission. The following is a list of "survival items" AYA distributes to youth at the drop-in center as well as on the street. You can also pick up a "most needed" items list at the GWB table. In the spirit of St. Nicholas – Thank you. See the table for the list.

SMMS Prayer Requests

Just a reminder that there is a [Prayer Request Sign-up Sheet](#) in the confessional located on the left side of the Nave. It is on a clip board on the backside of the bookcase.

Parish Council Meeting & Church Website

The Parish Council discussed the need to improve our Cathedral website. If you would like to help with this, please contact John Marc Dunaway. We also heard reports from Fr. John Rogers on the Youth Retreat, Fr. Tom on the new refrigerator for the Church kitchen, Fr. Marc on the IOTA conference in Romania and the status of our ERI 2019.

The Annual Church Family Meeting – March 2

The Annual Church Family Meeting will be March 2 after Saturday Vespers. Eric Johnson will be stepping down next month, having fulfilled two terms on the Parish Council. See the guidelines in today's insert.

Coffee Hour Hosts for February and March

- 2/3 - Khafani & Gabe Abel, Bill & Mary Alice Cook
- 2/10 - Matt & Hayley Komar, Subden Chris & Jessica Kies
- 2/17 - Chris & Alison Lineer, Nathanael Ray & Macrina Dunaway
- 2/24 - Steve & Ruth Templeton, Dwight & Debbie Stallman
- 3/3 - Jerry & Shelley Finkler, Robert Amundson
- 3/10 - Eric & Hannah Johnson, John & Anjali Haley
- 3/17 - John & Lisa Morrison, Harold & Barbara Parker
- 3/24 - Tim & Tanna Terrell, Isaac & Sarah Truelson
- 3/21 - All Church

Please check your folder downstairs for details. If you have any questions please contact Hannah Johnson (854-3260).

St. John's School News

New Saint John's School Board with Nine Member!

At our Parish Council Meeting this past week, we accepted the applications of nine new School Board members for St. John's School. The Parish Council was very happy with this response and the breadth of experience these members will bring. The new members

are: Katy Arvidson, Joe Dunham, Michael Jones, John Morrison, Robert Amundson, Fr. Tom Frizelle, and Isaac Truelson (all from our parish membership), and Kathy Medland and Mike Smulsky (from School parents and grandparents outside of our parish). Our inaugural meeting will be February 16. Thanks to all of them.

Local Community News and Personal Notes

Update from Laurie Snider

As many of you know, I've been dealing with the diagnosis of breast cancer since mid April of 2018.

First of all a big thank-you from Stan and I for all the kindness and support you have given us. Your offers of help with rides to medical appointments, the wonderful meals provided for us and the continuing prayers you have said. All of these have been very appreciated. Along this cancer journey we have met some wonderful people and had some wonderful care. We have also hit a few bumps and road blocks.

I have just completed 14 rounds of chemo with various side effects most of which have been manageable. I now qualify to use the term "chemo brain" instead of have a "blonde or senior" moment.

I'm beginning the final phase of treatment, radiation. I will have these appointments every day, M-F for a total of 36 sessions lasting about 6 ½ weeks at Providence.

Shortly after hearing my cancer diagnosis last year, our son Thomas sent me a text message. He wrote: "I know it will sound dumb and cliché or maybe ignorant or weird coming from me but you can't take it too seriously. Always keep tight to your optimism and always keep your good faith. Know that it's just some dirt that will soon be off your shoulder". (*Thomas is a 12-year cancer survivor from advanced state Hodgkin's Lymphoma*).

—Thank you for your continuing prayers, Laurie and Stan Snider

Mailing Address for Samia Habib

Samia's husband passed away this last week and here is her address if you wish to send her a card. #123; 827 N. Hollywood Way; Burbank, CA 91505.

Have a Car to Temporarily Rent Out?

Sarah Templeton is needing a car to use temporarily and is willing to rent it. If anyone is interested – contact Steve Templeton.

New Parish Council Member Needed
Applicants to Submit Name into the Church Office
Church Family Meeting Schedule for March 2

There is one term expiring this year on the Parish Council, which will be filled at the Church Meeting March 2 If you would like to serve on this council, please submit your name in writing to the church secretary, Maris Kelly, by February 24

Qualifications for Membership on the Parish Council

Members are selected from the General Membership of the Parish

“The General Membership shall consist of all persons who have been baptized and accepted in the membership of the Holy Orthodox Church according to its teachings, who accept, profess, and practice its faith and discipline, and who desire and demonstrate membership in Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, by regularly participating in its sacramental life and by regularly contributing to its temporal maintenance through the payment of dues, pledges, and assessments.”

Must be twenty-five years of age or over

Must have been a Member of the Parish for two years

Must have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith

Selection of Members by Lot

All qualified and willing candidates must submit their names in writing to the Church secretary several weeks before. Names may also be submitted by persons other than the candidates as long as the candidate is willing to serve.

The Pastor shall verify qualification of each candidate and willingness to serve.

At the March Church Family Meeting the names of all eligible candidates are read aloud.

As many names as there are vacancies will be randomly drawn from the names of the candidates by the youngest voting member of the Cathedral present at the meeting. (*A voting member is eighteen years of age.*)

Duties of the Parish Council

“The Pastor and the Parish Council shall work together in a spirit of conciliarity, respect, and mutual submission, as is consistent with the Orthodox Christian way of life, and as is beneficial to the general welfare of the Cathedral. The Parish Council is not a decision-making body, but rather is to assist and advise the Pastor and the Voting Membership in whatever matters are necessary for the good administration of the entire Cathedral community.”

“The Parish Council shall hold three regular meetings per year, during the months of January, May, and September.”