



Birthdays This Week

February 6 - Leonid Stiehr February 10 - Bob Dyal
 February 7 - Dn. Fred Arvidson February 10 - Jared Lindblom
 February 7 - Subdn. Chris Kies February 10 - Linda Curry
 February 9 - Bethany Peters

M A N Y Y E A R S !

St. John's Reading Group

Wednesday Readers: 10am to 11:30am in Reading Room.



1st Sunday (2/4) - 'A' through 'E'

Hosting - Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty & Dan & Luba Coverdell

2nd Sunday (2/11) - 'F' through 'K' (Meatfare Sunday)

Hosting - Eric & Hannah Johnson & Paul & Oliva Gillquist



Clare House Meal Fourth Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **February** our scheduled meal is **2/24**. – Sign up on the Downstairs Bulletin Board.

St. John's Sunday Bulletin

*February 4, 2018 * Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Post Feast of the Meeting of the Lord*

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20 * Luke 15:11-32 * Tone 2*

Reader: Stan Snider

Homily by: Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Infant Baptisms Today

Today we will baptize Max Hollums, Rosalie Joy Baker, Iris Sophia Klatt

Wednesday Family Night

6:00pm - Dinner in the Church basement.

6:35pm – 8:00pm Classes for all ages

Atrium: “Catechesis of the Good Shepherd”

Ages 3-6 – Level One will be in the “Atrium” off the Nave.

Ages 6-9 – Level Two will be in the Cathedral basement.

Ages 9-12 – Level Three will be in the Cathedral.

Teen Youth Group – Teens (Jr. High and High School).

Adults – 6:45 at the St. James House: The adult class this coming Wednesday night will be on "A Life Devoted to Prayer: Monasticism" – from 60 minutes documentary on Mount Athos and other sources.

8:15pm - Vespers (or Other Prayer Service) at the Cathedral

Saturday of Souls, Commemoration of the Departed Saturday, February 10

It is our custom on the Saturday before the Last Judgment to commemorate our departed family members at the end of Divine Liturgy. Services are as follows:

Friday Night, February 9, Daily Vespers at 7:15pm

Saturday Morning, February 10, Divine Liturgy at 9:15am

Please remember to fill out or update your list of departed family members, Orthodox and non-Orthodox. Your previous forms will be in your mail-box folder in the Narthex and new forms will be available on the table. Please place your completed forms in the basket provided and have this done before Divine Liturgy Saturday morning.

Fr. Marc & Fr. Tom Away Feb. 4 through 9

Fr. Marc & Fr. Thomas will be attending the Clergy Seminar in California. (There will be no Thursday morning Divine Liturgy).

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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)

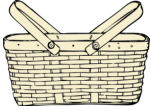
Wednesdays and Fridays 6th Hour Prayers – 12:30pm (On School Days)

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

January's Good Works Basket Update - "Clare House"

Here is the wrap up of donations we collected for Clare House. 273 diapers, 17 pillow cases, 1 snow pants/coat, 1 infant winter one-piece, 1 infant blanket, 8 sheets, 3 pillows, 53 garbage bags, 4 bottles of laundry soap, 2 twin mattress covers. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Clare House and its mission.

See the Flyer today for the Good Works Basket for the month of February.



Good Works Basket for month of February

This month we will be collecting **monetary donations for the Refugee Camp in Samos Island, Greece** (located about 1 mile from Turkey) through a NGO (non-government organization) – which is a grassroots group responding to the Refugee Crises in Greece. Below is their Mission statement from their website Samosvolunteers.org.

See the flyer in today's bulletin for the entire announcement.

The Church will also be making a contribution at the end of the month.

How You Can Help:

1. Write a check made out to Saint John Orthodox Cathedral with "Samos Refugees" in memo line. 2. Cash in an envelope and Samos Refugees on envelope. (These can be put in the "tithe" slot in the Narthex.)
3. Donate online on our website stjohnalaska.org –under donations - click "other" and type in "Samos Refugees". No donation is too small.

Annual Church Family Meeting - February 17

New Parish Council Member Needed

Our Annual Church Family Meeting at which we select new Parish Council Members will be on Saturday, February 17, at 8pm. If you would like to serve on the Parish Council, and meet the requirements from our Constitution, which are listed below, please submit your name to Maris Kelly at the Church Office. This is a very important way that many people have served the Church.

Ladies of St. John's

Just a friendly reminder that if you are interested in serving on the Sisters of Mary & Martha leadership board to please call Maris in the church office to submit your name. One member will be drawn at our Church Family Meeting on Feb. 17th and Fr. Marc will appoint the other member. If you have any questions about what is entailed in serving in this capacity please contact one of the current SMMS leadership committee members. Thank you.

"One Accord"

Excerpts from Christian Writers Past and Present

"Do not establish your previously committed sins in your soul by thinking about them so that they not be repeated in you. Be assured that they were forgiven you from the time that you gave yourself to God and to repentance. In that, do not doubt."

— St. Anthony the Great

St. John's School News

St. John's School - Open House: On Thursday, Feb. 8th St. John's School will host an Open House from 6:30-8:00. If you are interested in enrolling your child for the 2018-19 school year, please stop by for a tour of the school and to chat with our teachers. If you have friends or neighbors who are looking for a great Preschool or an alternative to the public school, please pass this information on to them. Thank you!

St. John's School - Alaska Airlines Fundraiser: Just a reminder that by making a donation to St. John's School through our piggybackr fundraiser you will be entered into our random drawing for up to 100,000 AK Airlines miles!!

Here are three easy ways to donate:

1. Donate through the link you received from a St. John's School family
2. Donate through the piggybackr link you received last week in your email inbox (sent from the church)
3. Visit either the schools website and under the payments/donations tab click the link you find there. The school's website is: www.sjocs.org

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of St. John's School!

Have you Listening to a Good Podcast Lately?

We would love your recommendations to share here in the Bulletin. Please help by submitting your recommendations in several ways: 1. Email the church office at stjohnalaska@aol.com 2. Put in the tithe box 3. Call the church office and leave a message.

Hopefully – **depending on responses** – we can have something posted here occasionally. Please submit the following:

Name / Author of Podcast / where to find the Podcast:

One Sentence thought on Podcast: _____

Your Name: _____ (optional)

Link to Podcast (if sending electronically to our email)

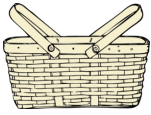
Tear Off Here & Place in Tithe Box

HELP KEEP THE CHURCH UPDATED with YOUR INFO

**Do you have any changes: Phone numbers, address, email address etc.
Please make the changes on this slip of paper, tear off and put in the tithe box.**

Name & Changes: _____

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Why this particular Refugee Camp in Samos, Greece?

“My daughter, Susanna Kelly, who grew up here at St. John’s and many of you know, is spending one-month volunteering for the NGO group called Samos Volunteers. She has found this to be a very dedicated and hard-working group helping as they can during this refugee crisis. This group helps with many activities for women and children, distributing clothing, supplies etc., teaching classes in computer skills, and language among many other duties.

She has told me that the conditions of the camp are in her words, horrible. This camp is designed for 500-600 people and there are currently approximately 2,500 - So the sanitary conditions are pretty bad and many are sleeping in tents. Most are there for 1 to 2 years while they await their fate (asylum or being sent back home – which causes many mental health issues due to the stress). There are over 670 children in the camp many don’t even have an adult relative with them and live in a separate building. (Many children have PTSD and cower when they hear a loud noise.) Much help is needed. If you have more questions – please feel free to talk to me, Maris Kelly or Katya Jenkins.” “Having my daughter give first-hand accounts of the difficulties of being a refugee, fleeing from war torn countries, often fleeing for their life and safety only to end up in these camps where life is very difficult has opened my eyes and my heart.—Maris Kelly

If you wish you can go to the website samosvolunteers.org for more information. It describes the crisis and all that the Volunteers do.

Also if you wish to hear Susanna Kelly’s perspective – you can go to the following address. <https://wanderingchocobo.com/working-samos-refugee-camp-greece>.

—Check out the Poster located in the Narthex - Good Works Basket area - for envelopes to use and for more details and photos.

Katya Jenkins and Maris Kelly presented this request to the Parish Council and they have approved this as a Good Works Basket fund drive for the month of February.

Below is their Mission statement from their website samosvolunteers.org

Our Mission

Samos Volunteers are here to provide essential services and are determined to remain in Samos until refugees no longer need our support. Our daily presence in the camp has allowed us to build relationships with the now largely static population of refugees on Samos. Upon arrival, they must settle into the semi-closed camp to await the long-drawn out asylum procedure: this can take months, and in some cases, years. Recently, we came out of a transitional period during which we moved our activities from the daily distribution of non-food items, to informal educational activities and psycho-social support. We feel that the clothing and hygiene needs of those residing in the camp can be covered by the government organizations mandated to provide this support, and so we feel we can have a bigger impact on our beneficiaries through means of education, activities, and interesting projects and courses.