



## Birthdays This Week

January 31 - Greta Jenkins	February 1 - Xenia Clodfelter
February 1 - Jaye Keener	

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

## Anniversaries This Month

February 3, 1996 - Kasey & Jennifer Medders  
 February 11 - Tom & JoAnn Webster  
 February 25 - Fr. Marc & Kh. Betsy Dunaway

## St. John's Reading Group

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



4th Sunday (1/28) - 'S' through 'Z'  
 Hosting - Tim & Tanna Terrell & Sam & Jenny Stogsdill  
 1st Sunday (2/4) - 'A' through 'E'  
 Hosting - Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty & Dan & Luba Coverdell



## 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.

### Saint John Orthodox Cathedral

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**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 28, 2018 \* Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

2 Timothy 3:10-15 \* Luke 18:10-14 \* Tone 1

Reader: Bill Cook

Homily by: Proto-deacon Pat Lamb

## No Fasting This Week

In the week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, the Church prescribes that there be no fasting on the Wednesday and Friday of this week. This is to remind us that we should never boast about fasting or any other spiritual practice, as the Pharisee did in this Sunday's Gospel. Instead we should always imitate the humility of the Publican.

*Meeting of the Lord in the Temple - February 2*

Thursday, February 1 - Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:15pm

## 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 "Marriage as a Means to Spiritual Growth." Last week we heard that one thing pleasing to God is "monastic obedience." Another, however, is marital harmony. Marriage accomplishes many things, but one of the most important is that it provides regular opportunities to grow in becoming a holy person. This class is part of a series on "The Liturgy after the Liturgy: Growing in the Christian Life."

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

## 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.

## Liturgy Baby-sitting Available

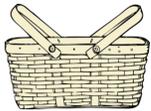
Today: Victoria G. & Sloan M / Next week: Amara F. & Kailee M.

## *Ladies of St. John's*

In February, the Sisters of Mary & Martha will have two openings on the leadership committee. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please submit your name to Maris in the church office. A candidate must be 18 years or older and have been a member of St. John Cathedral for at least one year. We will draw for one member from our pool of candidates at the Church Family Meeting on Feb. 17th and Fr. Marc will appoint the other. A member's term on the leadership committee is for 3 years. If you have any questions please direct them to any current leadership committee members. Thank you.

## *Grandparents and Parents of Saint John's: SCAM ALERT!*

Over the past months several members of our Cathedral have been the victims of extremely sophisticated scams that clearly had access to personal information about family members and family interests. In an unexpected telephone call these scammers concocted scenarios where family members were in trouble and needed immediate financial aid. The story was so well told and so realistic that the emotional impact of what was being described convinced them to release the monies requested. Only later did these families discover that everything they had been told was a lie. Losing money to this criminal racket was bad enough, but the emotional stress that it put these families through was devastating and humiliating. Please watch out for such scams. They are so sophisticated and carefully targeted they could fool anybody. Especially be wary if they use personal knowledge about your family to make you panic, insist you make quick decisions, and then tell you to talk to no one else. Some good, intelligent members of our parish have recently been victimized by these scams and they asked to spread this news so all of us could be on guard.



## *Good Works Basket through January*

**Clare House still needs the following** and we will continue to collect these items: Diapers, size 3,4,5 &6, Twin bedding, pillows, laundry soap, trash bags regular size and large black size.

## *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Below is the list of the coffee hour hosts for February & March. If you have any questions please contact Hannah Johnson ([854-3260](tel:854-3260)).

Month of February:

2/4 - Dn. Kevin & Doreen Dougherty, Dan & Luba Coverdell

2/11 - Eric & Hannah Johnson, Paul & Olivia Gillquist

2/18 - Kasey & Jennifer Medders, Dn. Anthony & Mary May

2/25 - Mary Ruth Zink, Joe & Lynn Streff

Month of March:

3/4 - Noah & Lindsay Arvidson, Robert & Ellen Dyal

3/11 - Greg & Jennifer Gillquist, Darlene Hunter

3/18 - Steve & Kali Macalino, Kim Medders

3/25 - Stan & Laurie Snider, Shelly Wells

## *“One Accord”*

### *Excerpts from Christian Writers Past and Present*

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God's feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.

—St. Basil the Great

### *Podcast Corner*

#### **Hearts and Minds Podcast / Fr. John Oliver / Ancient Faith Ministries**

Most of these podcasts are less than 15 minutes (easy to find time to listen to) and are filled with challenges and encouragement for our growth in Christ. Recently, there was a 4 part series on the “Virtue of Failure – Giving God Space to Create.” One of my favorites was the October 10, 2011 podcast on being careful about judging.

—Judith Hoyt

### *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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

Or just email the church office at [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com) to get on the list or to update your information.

## *Monthly Church History Study Group in Anchorage*

### *Organized by Chris Thompson*

A new Early Church History discussion and study group will be starting on February 22, 2018. One evening per month, over five months, you will have an opportunity to hear presentations about the life and growth of the early church. As a participant, you will study the writings of the Apostolic Fathers and engage with Church History Scholars such as Regina Boisclair, PhD Cardinal Newman Chair at APU, and Fr. Vasili Hillhouse of Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church. The sessions will be moderated by Chris Thompson, Church Visits writer/blogger, and co-moderated by Heidi Marlowe, lay monastic of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

If shining a light into our shared heritage (and possibly shaking our own lethargy) by tackling the history and writings of the early church sounds appealing to you, consider joining us for five months of reading, learning and discussing the years from the crucifixion of Christ (AD 33) to the Council of Chalcedon (AD 451). The age of the apostles ended at the end of the first century. From the start of the second century (AD 100) to the reformers, approximately AD 1500, a period of over 1,400 years of church history transpired which are rarely or never heard about in many religious communities. The purpose of this 5-month study group is to shine light into the early development of the Christian faith.

Please indicate your interest in joining us by emailing YES to [churchvisits@gmail.com](mailto:churchvisits@gmail.com) Detailed information will be sent you. There will be a modest fee covering meeting facilities at APU and course materials. Each participant will also need to purchase an inexpensive volume: "Early Christian Writings: The Apostolic Fathers" (ISBN-13: 978-014044475)

February 22 - Session 1 - Development of the New Testament Canon

March 22 - Session 2 - Scripture Review of Issues Facing the Early Church: Class members are instructed to read 1 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans 9-11, and James and make note of the various issues Paul and James were addressing.

April 26 - Session 3 - Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch: review of readings in Early Christian Writings

May 24 - Session 4 - Polycarp & Justin Martyr: review of readings in Early Christian Writings

June 14 - Session 5 - Epistle to Diognetus, Epistle of Barnabas, Didache: review of readings in Early Christian Writings

#### **Location of Study Group Meetings**

We are planning to meet in the Carr-Gottstein Building at APU - Room 221  
Directions and parking information will be sent in a subsequent email.

#### **Class Times**

We plan to start each session at 6:30 p.m. and close by 8:00 p.m.

#### **Contact**

I may be contacted by email at [churchvisits@gmail.com](mailto:churchvisits@gmail.com) or by phone at 229-2024.