



## Birthdays Last Week

December 3 - Reese Williams      December 8 - Declan Timpane  
 December 6 - Deborah Stallman      December 8 - Maeve Timpane  
 December 7 - Anna Labrada

## Birthdays This Week

December 9 - Kh. Colleen Polson      Dec. 12 - Andrea Stiehr  
 December 9 - Kira Fisher      Dec. 13 - Abigail Hartman  
 December 10 - Kh. Lynn Moffatt      Dec. 13 - Gabriella Hartman

**M A N Y   Y E A R S !**

## St. John's Reading Group

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



2nd Sunday (12/9) - 'G' through 'K'  
 Hosting - Chris & Margaret Grasse & Will & Liz Klatt  
 3rd Sunday (12/16) - 'L' through 'R'  
 Hosting - Subdn. Abraham & Anna Labrada & Janet Northey



## Clare House Meal Fourth Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of DECEMBER our scheduled meal is **12/22**. – 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

December 9, 2018 \* Conception of the Theotokos

Galatians 4:22-27 \* Luke 13:10-17 \* Tone 3

Reader: Anna Sluz

Homily by: Protodeacon Pat

## Church Bazaar Info

The Church Bazaar was cancelled last Saturday due to the earthquake and will not be rescheduled this year. **Vendors from our parish who were planning to be at the Bazaar will have their items to sell at Coffee Hour today (cash & checks only).** Fr. Adrian from Spruce Island will also have items to sell.

## 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:** Reading "For the Life of the World" by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann with Prayer Service immediately following at St. James House.

## "Reader Vespers" on Wednesday Family Nights

On the Wednesday Family Nights between now and Christmas, Andrea Stiehr and Reader Dan Palmer will be leading a "Reader Vespers" service at 8:15pm. They will use this time to begin to train some young people who have expressed interest in chanting. Anyone who wishes may of course join them for this prayer service. The bells, however, will not ring. After Christmas we will resume regular Daily Vespers with Fr. Robert serving.

## Thursday Morning Divine Liturgy – 8:15am



**St. Herman of Alaska**

**Special Akathist Service at 7:15pm**


**and Bonfire Thursday Evening, Dec. 13**

## Wedding Wall Photos Wanted

Anna Haley is collecting new photos for the Wedding Wall. If you are a member of St. John's and are interested in having your wedding photo in the Church Basement, please submit an 8x10 color photo to Anna Haley (please put in her mail box folder) along with the date and place of marriage, ie, Name, Date, Church, City & State. It is not required that you were married here – only that you are a current member of St. John's. She would like to have them by February 1.



## 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. During the next several weeks, the Sisters of Martha & Mary's Advent Project and the Good Works Basket are 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.

*Travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap & Lotion, Mittens or Gloves, Hats, Toothbrush, toothpaste, Bars of soap, Nail clippers, Hairbrush / comb, Deodorant, Gum, Chap stick, Small packs of handi-wipes, Small packs of band aides, Hair ties, scrunchies, Socks (Men's and Women's), Sample size boxes of Q-tips*

## Slide Show and Stories from Kenya

Kh. Christine Rogers will be presenting a Slide show w/ stories from her trip to Kenya on Friday Night, December 14 in the church basement.

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## Local Community News and Personal Notes

### Dan Kendall's 64 Earthquake Story on PBS

Dan Kendall's 64 earthquake story as told to PBS will be on Channel 7 on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM.

Part of the interview was filmed at St. Sergius Chapel. There also may be some outdoor shots of the Cathedral.

<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2018/12/02/good-friday-earthquake-survivors-reunited-for-upcoming-tv-documentary/>

<https://www.pbs.org/video/episode-3-preview-great-alaskan-earthquake-4vkaej/>

<https://www.pbssocal.org/programs/well-meet-again/day-earthquake-zilgpe/>

## Free Dinner Ware

Free to a loving home, white dinnerware, partial set but very pretty. Other items may also be available (free) if you are willing to help me dig through boxes. Please call Cheryl Peyton at 862-3211.

## Parish Council Meeting Summary

**At the Meeting on Tuesday, November 27,** the Parish Council made a lengthy review of comments received on the proposed School Board Bylaws. The input was valuable and appreciated. A final draft will be reviewed next month. The Parish Council also gave further encouragement and approval to Dn. Kevin, Mel Hawi, and Katya Jenkins who are developing a way for our Cathedral to establish a relationship with a "Sister Church" in Damascus, Syria. More on this exciting project will be coming soon. The December meeting of the Parish Council will be next Tuesday night where we will resume with the agenda that was not finished this week. Items on that agenda include: Proposal for a new refrigerator in the Cathedral basement; a discussion about fireworks in the neighborhood; a proposal to update the mission statement of the Eagle River Institute.

**At the Meeting on December 4 -** the Parish Council approved the final draft of the School Board Bylaws and will soon provide applications for Board Membership. The goal is to have a Board in place well before the end of this School Year.

A proposal for a new refrigerator was considered and approved pending identification of appropriate funds for this purchase.

At the request of a neighborhood parishioner the subject of New Year's Eve fireworks was discussed.

At Fr. Marc's request an update to the Mission Statement of our annual Eagle River Institute was discussed. The idea is to broaden the scope of our Institute beyond just parish education by putting added emphasis on publishing the lectures as podcasts. Also, the lectures could be shortened from two hours to an hour and a half. More on this will be presented and discussed with the parish in the near future.

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