



Birthdays This Week

February 6 - Leonid Stiehr	February 9 - Bethany Peters
February 7 - Dn. Fred Arvidson	February 10 - Lina Curry
February 7 - Natasha Haines	February 10 - Bob Dyal
February 7 - Liam Gonzalez	February 10 - Jared Lindblom
February 7 - Christian Kies	

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 (2/3) - 'A' through 'F'

Hosting - Khafani & Gabe Abel & Bill & Mary Alice Cook

2nd Sunday (2/10) - 'G' through 'K'

Hosting - Matt & Hayley Komar & Subdn. Chris & Jessica Kies



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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 Assistant Priests: Fr. John Downing / Fr. Robert Polson
 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

*February 3, 2019 * Postfeast of the Meeting of the Lord
Synaxis of Simeon and Anna*

*2 Corinthians 6:1-10 * Matthew 25: 14-30 * Tone 3*

Reader: Tim Terrell

Homily by: Fr. Robert Polson

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: Service immediately following at St. James House.

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."

New Moveable Wall to be Installed Tuesday

The new moveable wall in the Church basement will be installed this Tuesday. No activities, except school lunch can go on in the basement on this day. Much thanks to Michael Jones and his apprentice for all the excellent structural work they did to prepare for this. This wall should be a great help to our atrium classes and other events in the future.

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)

Picture for the Narthex Bulletin Board

At the SMMS general meeting on 2/17, I will be changing out the pictures on the upstairs bulletin board. If you have any seasonal pictures of your family, we would love to display them. You can text or email your pictures to (907) 854-3260 or ray.hannah@ymail.com.

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.

St. John's School News

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Feb. 19th from 6:30 - 8:00

St. John's School will have an Open House for new families to learn more about our school. Please tell your friends and neighbors! Flyers are available on the table in the Narthex, if you would like to share them with anyone who might be interested.

Sunday, Feb. 24th at 4:30 St. John's School is having a Chili Cook-off, Pie Auction and some fine handcrafted items in a small Silent Auction in the church basement. Please check the table in the Narthex for the entry forms if you would like to enter your delicious chili in this year's cook-off or donate a pie for the pie auction. If you have any questions please call the school, 696-3920.

Local Community News and Personal Notes

Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser for New Temple at St. Herman's

All You Can Eat. \$10 each, children under 8 are free.

Saturday, February 16 from 9am to 12 Noon.

Location: St. Herman's Orthodox Church at the end of Welch Road.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Statement on the Sanctity of Life

Thursday, January 31, 2019

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America affirms the sanctity of life based on the firm conviction that life begins at the moment of conception. The Assembly remains steadfast in its conviction that any interference in the development of life is a serious issue, and therefore it regularly participates in a variety of relevant events and also releases pertinent statements on the topic.

While recognizing that there are rare but serious medical instances where mother and child may require extraordinary actions, the Assembly of Bishops is deeply concerned that the taking of innocent life through abortion has become an acceptable cultural norm. This phenomenon – increasingly prevalent throughout contemporary societies – was exacerbated by a recent law of the New York State Senate (Bill S.240). The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America categorically denounces these adverse developments that allow for abortion, under certain unjustifiable circumstances, even within the third trimester of existence.

The Assembly of Bishops further reminds the faithful that Christ is a beacon of hope in this challenging world. Accordingly, the Church is always prepared and willing to support women who are considering abortion to find alternative avenues to alleviate any burden, physical and spiritual. The Church is ever a mother – loving, understanding, nurturing, praying, and protecting all human life.

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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 to get on the list or to update your information.