



## Birthdays This Week

March 25 - Subdn. Chris Kies      March 30 - Sam Stogsdill  
 March 28 - Keith Haley          April 1 - Doreen Dougherty  
 March 29 - Cassie Forestal      April 1 - Allison Curry

**M A N Y      Y E A R S !**

## St. John's Reading Group

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



4th Sunday (3/25) - 'S' through 'Z'

Hosting - Stan & Laurie Snider & Shelly Wells

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

Hosting - Noah & Lindsay Arvidson & Sally Eckert



## Clare House Meal Fourth Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of APRIL our scheduled meal is April 28. – Sign up on the Downstairs Bulletin Board.

# St. John's Sunday Bulletin

March 25, 2018 \* Annunciation

Hebrews 2:11-18 \* Luke 1:24-38 \*Tone 1

Reader: Bill Cook

Homily by: Fr. Marc Dunaway

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom



Feast of the Annunciation

Today Fish, Wine & Oil are permitted.

## Sixth Week of Lent

Note: The OCF Real Break trip to Alaska, scheduled for this coming week, was cancelled this year at the last moment when several students who had signed up were unable to come.

Monday – Great Compline 7:15pm

Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers 12:30pm / Presanctified Liturgy 6:15pm, Soup Supper

Friday – 6<sup>th</sup> Hour Prayers 12:30pm / Compline and Canon for St. Lazarus 7:15pm

Saturday – Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy of St. John 9:15am / Great Vespers 7:15pm

## Holy Week Schedules Now on Website and in Narthex

### Lazarus Saturday - March 31 - Baptisms and Chrismations

Friday, March 30 - Compline and Canon for St. Lazarus – 7:15pm

Sat, March 31 – Divine Liturgy of St. John with Baptisms & Chrismations– 9:15am

Saturday will be a special day for our parish as we baptize the following: Anjali and her children, Savannah, Aaron and Liam; Donnie Amundson; Dan Jenkins; the newly born son of Chris and Jessica Kies. We will also receive by Chrismation Khafani Abel

## Pussy Willows for Palm Sunday Bring them if NOT in Bloom

It is a custom among Orthodox Churches in the northern regions to bless pussy willows along with the palms on Palm Sunday. This custom has also been observed at St. John's, and each year willows have been gathered locally by various families in our parish. If your family wants to collect some willows this week for this Feast Day, please cut them about two feet long, tie them in bundles with a note giving the approximate number and place them in the closet just inside the Cathedral basement door. Usually we try to gather about 300.

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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

## *No Sunday Bulletin on Pascha*

If you have an announcement you would like in the Bulletin before Pascha – Palm Sunday is your last chance. Otherwise – the next Bulletin will be the Sunday after Pascha.

## *Easter Feast News*

We look forward to Holy Week and its special service and also our celebration together on Pascha afternoon. Our Easter Feast is an important tradition of our parish and requires the efforts of many people. Please note the following:

Sign-up sheets for what you can bring to contribute to the Feast are in the Church basement today. Please look at these and sign-up to bring something or to help with a certain task.

The Cathedral will supply all the meat and drinks along with prizes for the children and the Bouncy Room. We ask each family as they are able to contribute to the cost of these: \$8 per adult and \$5 for ages 4-9. Please make your check to St. John's or pay online under "Easter Feast." Thank you.

IMPORTANT: Please remember that this Feast is part of our parish family's Paschal celebration after the long journey of Lent and Holy Week. So please do not make an open invitation to family and friends who have not made this journey with us, unless you feel it is spiritually important for them. - Fr. Marc

## *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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

### **April**

4/1 - Noah & Lindsay Arvidson, Sally Eckert

4/8 - Pascha

4/15 - Ben Labrecque, Richard & Linda Peters

4/22 - Haley/Gomanie Wedding (No Coffee Hour)

4/29 - All Church

### **May**

5/6 - Bill & Mary Alice Cook, David Cosgrave

5/13 - Dan & Melinda Kendall, Chris & Margaret Grasse

5/20 - Sbdcn Abramam & Anna Labrada, Charley & Cheryl Peyton

5/27 - Peter & Annie Stahley, Anna Sluz



## *Good Works Basket*

Each year during Lent we focus one of our alms giving efforts toward **Feeding the Hungry**. In addition to our Archdiocese *Food for Hungry People Program* (celebrating over 30 years of "feeding those in need"), it has been our tradition to generously support the Chugiak Eagle River Food Pantry with canned and dried goods and other basic life essentials for personal and home care.

Chugiak/Eagle River churches created and now support the **Eagle Food Pantry** along with private individuals and organizations to provide temporary, emergency food assistance to the neighbors in our community. **Please pick up a list of "most needed items"** from the Good Works Basket table to have on hand as you do your shopping throughout the Lenten Season. (**Please note:** NO canned green beans, corn, peas, chicken noodle soup, or tomato soup are needed. They have plenty!)

Please NOTE: there are new "Needed Items" list available. Make sure you pick up the new list to have as you go grocery shopping.

## *Invitations to Sunday Vespers in Lent*

The following Churches in Anchorage have the custom of sharing together Sunday Vespers in Lent. They are extending this invitation for our Cathedral members to join them as well. The services will begin each Sunday at 5pm and a Lenten meal will follow. March 25 - St. Innocent Cathedral on Turpin

## *Liturgy Baby-sitting Available*

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

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## *Local Community News and Personal Notes*

### *Missing Green Oval Platter*

Looking for a missing Oval Avocado Green serving platter. Been missing for over a year. Last seen at a school fundraiser event that was done with a Mexican cantina theme. This was a wedding gift and I would love to find it before we move. I'm sure it was in the lost and found for some time before someone claimed it. If you have it or have seen it please give Alisha Elwell a call 907-342-5202 It used to have our last name on the bottom but that may have worn off by now. Thanks for looking!



### *Missing a Ring?*

These two rings were found and are held in the Church Office. Come and claim if yours.

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## *"One Accord"*

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

#### *Food For Hungry Excerpts from Archdiocese*

"Give us this day." Why do we beseech God for bread only today? Because we know that we are not the masters of our lives, but our Creator is. Also that it might startle us from the accumulation of wealth for the uncertain tomorrow, while letting our brothers go hungry today. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked. No one gathering more than what is needed, out of the fear of what tomorrow will bring, is able to fulfill these commandments of God."

—St. Nicholas Velimirovich

## Summary of Parish Council Meeting 3.20.18

Representatives from a group of parish families whose children attend St. John's School gave a presentation about the valuable contribution the School makes to their children and to the Eagle River community at large. Specifically they asked if the Cathedral could increase its financial support of the School next year by allowing the preschool to use the apartment in the Saint James House for no charge and by establishing a scholarship fund to help parents who need financial assistance to attend St. John's School. No decision was made at this time, but this will be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting when more information about the School is presented.

Jaye Keener made a presentation about his business, "Mountain View Residential Services," with which he does small jobs to help beautify the Mountain View area in Anchorage. The Parish Council would like the Cathedral to make a contribution to Jaye's work contingent on a favorable answer to a question about liability and about Jaye's ability to receive such a donation. This would initially be a monthly donation of for 3 months beginning in April.

The Summary Financial Report for 2017 was reviewed. This report is available today for all parish members on the Narthex table. The full Financial Report was reviewed and accepted by the Financial Advisory Committee on March 17, 2018.

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