

32 Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Zacchaeus Sunday

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1 Timothy 4:9-15  
Luke 19:1-10

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Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway

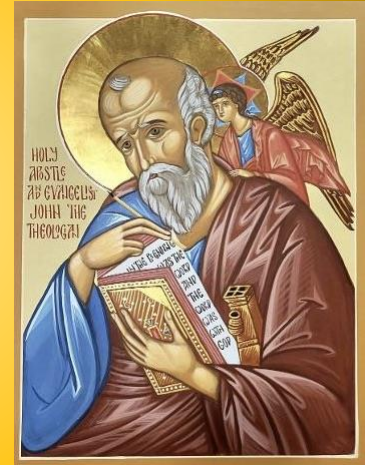
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Jerry Finkler

Coffee Hour Hosts:  
Haines / Okuley

# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

## Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, January 26, 2025  
And the Days Following



*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

### Feast Days and Services

Coming Up Next Sunday...

Meeting of the Lord in The Temple  
Falls on a Sunday This Year  
February 2, 2025

Great Vespers, February 1, Saturday Evening  
Divine Liturgy for the Feast, February 2, Sunday

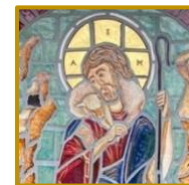


The **Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** (also called the **Presentation**) is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on Feb 2.

In the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40, Mary and Joseph took the infant Christ to the Temple in Jerusalem. He was received in the arms of the elder Simeon, who then prayed, "Now let Thy servant depart in peace... for I have seen Thy salvation." This was one of the things that Mary "pondered in her heart"—the fact that others recognized that her Son was the Messiah.

### Parish Events and News

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium)**  
**12:30pm – 2:00pm**



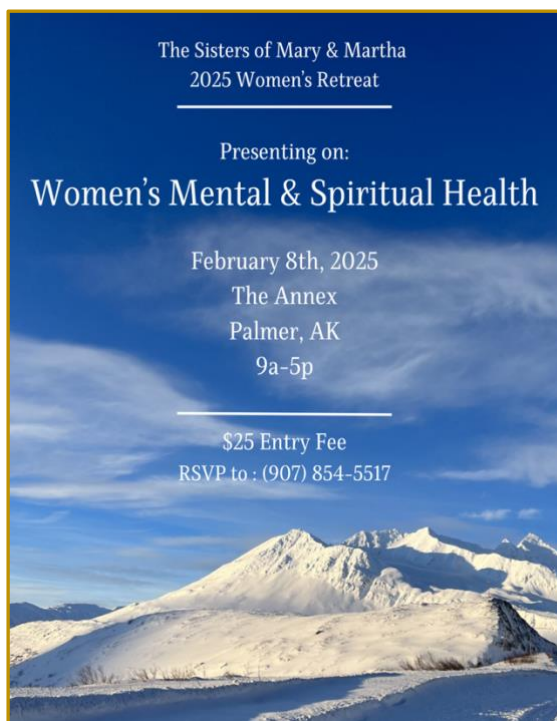
**There Will be No Thursday Night Classes for January 30 and February 6**  
Fr. Marc and John Marc will be out of the office from January 26 through February 6. Their families will be vacationing in Hawaii.

## Thank you

The Women's Retreat Committee would like to thank all those who supported the bake sale last Sunday. We appreciate all those who baked or donated their yummy goods!

## Women's Retreat 2025

Please join us for the 2025 Women's Retreat! The theme will be "Women's Mental and Spiritual Health". Check the flyer for additional details. The finalized schedule and presenters will be posted in the following weeks. All meals will be provided. We will be collecting all entry fees (\$25 per person) prior to the event. To pay online on the church website please click "Donate: Sisters of Mary and Martha" or clearly labeled "SMMS Women's Retreat" in the tithe box. Please RSVP soon to (907)854-5517. See you soon!



## Thank you

Thank you to Allison and Roy, for hosting the first ever 'Share Your Joy' party! It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying each other's talents, conversation and fun! We look forward to another get together next year. —Katy Arvidson



## “Church Etiquette” Tip of the Week

*When we gather to worship God, Orthodox Christians are “at home” in the environment of the Church gathering and yet at the same time reverent. These tips on “Church etiquette” explain some of the common customs that contribute to the reverent atmosphere of Orthodox worship. They are intended as guidelines to observe, not as a means to judge one another, which by a higher law we are forbidden from doing. (We will be adding a ‘Tip of the Week’ for the next several weeks in the bulletin.)*

### Venerating Icons on the Iconostasis

When kissing icons on the iconostasis, it is good to refrain from putting your hand on the icon itself. The oil from a hand can affect the finish on the icon over time. If you need to balance yourself, place your hand on the wood frame instead. *Note:* In the Russian tradition, icons on the iconostasis are not venerated directly. Instead, smaller icons are typically placed on stands for veneration in front of the iconostasis or solea so that the larger icons will not deteriorate as quickly. In the Byzantine/Greek tradition, the icons on the iconostasis are venerated directly, as we do here at St. John’s.

P.S. If you wear lipstick, Chap Stick, or lip-gloss to church, it best to blot your lips well before venerating an icon. Lipstick can leave marks on our beloved icons that are difficult to remove or sometimes even permanent.

P.P.S. Also, when kissing an Icon, it is customary to kiss the hands or feet of the one depicted, or the book or Gospel or Cross that they may be holding.

### Saint John’s Helps Saint Athanasius Academy of Orthodox Theology

The Parish Council received a letter requesting support for Saint Athanasius Academy in a new effort to continue their education work and their work on the Orthodox Study Bible. Under the leadership of Fr. Jack Sparks this ministry was important to the history of our Parish many years ago in our coming to Orthodoxy. Out of honor for this shared history and its past accomplishments, the Parish Council wanted to donate \$500 from our parish toward their future work. You can read the letter from Fr. John Finley and the Academy at this [link](#) and it is posted on the Basement Bulletin Board.



### Coffee Hour This Sunday - January 26, 2025 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

#### Hosts Families: Haines / Okuley

*Snacks:* Alexander, Arvidson, Clement, Clodfelter, Cowan, Dougherty, FrM & Kh. Betsy Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, Goetz, Hightower, B & M Johnson, Jones, Kies, Lamb, Mee, Moses, Palmer, Parker, Ray, Snider, Stogsdill, I. Temple, Terrell, Van Dyke, Webster

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**Next Sunday – Group A – February 2, 2025 - Patras / Labrecque**

*Snacks:* Abel, Bower, Carroll, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey O’Fallon, Patras, Sorensens Stallmans, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Weaver, Wells

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### Volunteer Drivers for Oksana to Church Needed



We need drivers for Oksana. Please email Dn. Kevin or text me at 907-947-5345 for any Sunday that you could volunteer. Rides Needed for these dates: January 26, February 2, February 9, February 16, and March 2 Even if you can do only one way please volunteer. Thank you.



## Dates to Remember

### Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Please join us for reading group on Mondays at 10 AM. We meet at Saint James House in the living room area.



### Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday 10 am reading group will be meeting at the Senior Center.

### Birthdays This Week

January 27 - Sbdn. Tim Mellor

January 27 - Tobias Haines

February 1 - Jaye Keener

February 1 - Xenia Clodfelter

February 5 - Wesley Dunaway

February 6 - Leonid Stiehr

February 7 - Natasha Haines

February 7 - Christian Kies

February 9 - Bethany Peters

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



### Remembering in Prayer...



Gwyn Jones  
Joe Dunham  
Sylvia Villafana  
Helen Gillquist  
Kerry Jones

Chris Grasse  
Josphine Hanna & her  
family  
Dwight Stallman  
Elisa Betson

*We continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Archpriest Harold Dunaway - January 3, 2012
- \* Kh. Barbara Ann Dunaway - January 25, 2011
- \* Infant Mark David McIlrath - January 25, 1986

*M E M O R Y E T E R N A L !*

## Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

For the Month of **February** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, Feb 22.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### THE SYNAXARION

## Xenophon & Family – January 26



On January 26, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate our righteous Father Xenophon of Constantinople, along with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arkadios and John.

#### *Verses*

*We offer up a dainty banquet of song to Xenophon and his family,  
though departed from this earth.*

*On the twenty-sixth died Xenophon with his children and wife.*

Prominent and wealthy citizens of the fifth century, Xenophon and Mary lived a God-pleasing life and dedicated all their attention to the Christian upbringing of their sons. When their sons reached adulthood, they were sent to study in Beirut; but it so happened that a storm capsized their boat. John and Arkadios were tossed ashore by the waves but in two different places so that each thought the other was drowned. Out of grief for each other, they both became monks in two different monasteries. After two years, their grieving parents came to Jerusalem on a pilgrimage to pay homage before the holy shrines. There, with the help of a spiritual father, first the brothers met and, after that, the parents with their sons. Out of gratitude to God, Xenophon and Mary distributed their entire estate to the poor and both were tonsured. Thus, the Lord wonderfully guides the destiny of those who believe in Him. He permits pain and sorrow upon them that they may, later, be strengthened in faith, in order to lead them into still greater joy.

On this day, we also commemorate the translation of the relics of Venerable Theodore the Studite. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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