

18th Sunday after
Pentecost

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2 Cor. 9:6-11

Luke 8:41-56

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Homily by
Fr. Marc Dunaway

Epistle Reader:
Steve Templeton

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Templeton /
Sorensens

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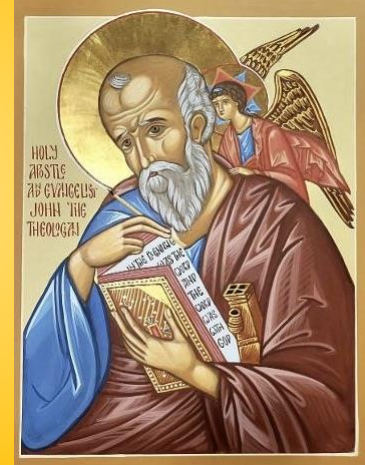
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## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 27, 2024

And the Days Following

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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.

Parish Events and News

Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity

Thursdays at the Saint James House from 7-8:30pm - beginning Nov. 7

Are you, or someone you know, interested in a series of classes aimed at understanding the basics of Orthodox Christian beliefs and practices? These classes will be positive, not polemical. They will be practical, not theoretical. They will engage modern questions, not just parrot past answers. Most of all they will aim to open the door to knowing the real God as He revealed through Jesus Christ and known in the scriptures and the Orthodox way.

These classes are for inquirers and seekers, “nones” or Churchgoers, non-Orthodox or Orthodox who want to understand their faith better. We will meet in the Saint James House, right next to the Cathedral, as it provides a comfortable and informal setting. If childcare would help you attend on these evenings, let me or Tim Mellor know, and we will arrange something here at the Church.

Meeting with friends and talking about God is one of the best ways I can think of to spend a winter evening. So, I look forward to our time together. If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please confirm by sending me an email at frmarc@stjohnalaska.org. Thank you. —Fr. Marc Dunaway

Good Works Basket – Diaper Drive

St. Johns is participating in a city-wide **DIAPER DRIVE** for PIC (Programs for Infants and Children) through the end of October. Donations of any size diaper will help supply the PIC Diaper Pantry which last year helped over 1,071 children in the Anchorage area. PIC’s mission is to provide early intervention services which promote the growth and development of infants and toddlers with special needs. www.picak.org for more information.

(Also, it’s not too early to start dropping off stuffing boxes for our local Thanksgiving Blessing meal.)



Bishop John Visits Saint John's



Pictured are Tim Mellor, Parish Administrator, Fr. Matthew Howell, Bishop John, Fr. Marc, Ian Burton, inquirer, and John Marc Dunaway.

On Wednesday Bishop John of the Antiochian Archdiocese, overseer of the Diocese of Worcester and New England, paid an informal visit to St. John's in Eagle River. He was accompanied by Fr. Matthew Howell from St. Herman's Church in Wasilla and Fr. Stephen Howell. After a brief walk around the Church property, His Grace had lunch at Fr. Marc's home accompanied by a good conversation among those present.

The main purpose of Bishop John's visit to Alaska was to offer a spiritual retreat to the parishioners of Saint Herman's parish and to elevate Fr. Matthew Howell to the dignity of Archpriest. Axios! Fr. Matthew.

St. John's School Weekly News

Trunk-Or-Treat!



Saint John's School Board will host a "Trunk or Treat" event on Halloween, October 31. "Trunker" families will set up trick-or-treating stations out of their cars (their "trunk") in the school parking lot and be ready by 6pm on Halloween night and stay on sight for an hour until 7pm. "Trick-or-Treaters" can then go among the participating cars and to nearby neighbors to get treats. *(Note: Families do not have to have children to set up a car and all school and neighborhood children can participate, even if their families do not set up a car.)*

The school will provide tables and chairs for those who need them. School students will also provide some decorations. The Saint James House, which is next door, will have some refreshments and an area for people to warm up. You are encouraged to bring your own decorations, but please no gore or frightening decorations.



We would love to get as much participation from members of St. John's and parents of students as possible. To sign up to be a "Trunker" or if you have questions, please send an email or text to Nathanael Ray, School Board President, (Nathanael.p.ray@gmail.com) (907) 242-5293).

Date: Thursday, Oct 31st

Time: Set up 5:30-5:45 pm

Trick or Treating: 6pm-7:00pm

Breakdown/Clean-up: 7:00-7:15 pm

Where: Saint John's School Parking Lot and Monastery Drive

Who: Saint John's School Students and Families as well as community members

Our local area GEICO has also graciously helped sponsor this event for us!



New Winter / Advent Calendars Available on the Narthex Table and on the Website



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

Classes begin at 12:30 and go to 2:00pm. Please provide each of your children with lunch before they enter the Atrium for participation and learning.



Coffee Hour This Sunday - October 27, 2024 Group D - Fourth Sunday of the Month

Hosts Families: Templeton / Sorensens

Snacks: Alexander, Arvidson, Clodfelter, Dougherty, Dunaway, Dyal, Fletes, Haines, 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 – November 3 – Hosts: Patras / Labrecque*

*Snacks: Abel, Baker, Bowman, Cook, Davis, Dozier, Gillquist Families, Haley, Hoxie, Jenkins, Justus, Lindblom, Macalino, Mellor, Northey O'Fallon, Patras, Sorensen, Stallman, Templeton, Tysver, VanDewater, Wells*

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share? Please email: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



### Apartment for Rent

Sean & Martha Fisher have a two-bedroom one bath apartment available for rent on Monastery Dr. starting January 1st. Rent is \$1800/mo, all utilities included, no pets allowed. Contact Martha Fisher 908-538-9851 for more information.

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## Dates to Remember

### Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Monday morning reading group for moms with little ones 10 AM in St. James House living room. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Haines.







### Thursday Reading Group

The Thursday 10 am reading group will be meeting at the Senior Center. I will also send out a text message reminder. — Ann Patras.

### Birthdays This Week

October 27 - Gwyn Jones

November 1 - Silas Mee

November 1 - Robert Amundson

November 2 - Elliot Jones

November 1 - Veronica Stiehr



M A N Y Y E A R S !

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



- \* Mary Margaret Simmons - November 1, 2007
- \* Jean Margaret Proctor - November 7, 1997
- \* Laurie Jean Prather - November 13, 2002
- \* Infant Thea Ann Ray - November 21, 2020
- \* Archimandrite Lazarus Moore - November 27, 1992

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 **November** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is: **Saturday, November 30**. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### Remembering in Prayer...

Gwyn Jones  
Nina Potts  
Laura Temple

Oksana Artz  
Stina Dozier

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



Kathryn Mallory is organizing this fundraiser to benefit [United Planet](#)

## Helping Moldova assist Ukrainian Child & Parent Refugees

Kathy Mallory, who lives in Fairbanks and was a former member of St. Johns, has asked to have this in our Bulletin. It is a Go Fund Me she has organized for helping Moldova assist “Ukrainian Child & Parent Refugees.” Here is the Link to the [Go Fund Me Site](#), to find out more.

## Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?

Answers to this question will be highlighted in the bulletin each Sunday



## Holy Prophet Ezekiel – Feast Day - July 21

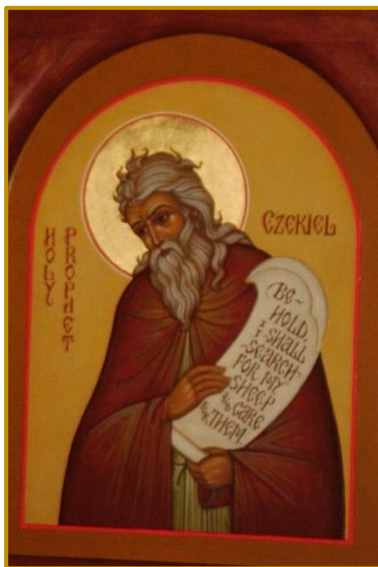
*“Behold, I shall search for my sheep and care for them.”*

The Holy Prophet Ezekiel lived in the sixth century before the birth of Christ. He was born in the city of Sarir and descended from the tribe of Levi; he was a priest and the son of the priest Buzi. Ezekiel was led off to Babylon when he was twenty-five years old together with King Jechoniah

II and many other Jews during the second invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar.

Ezekiel received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. He, like the Prophet Moses, divided the waters of the river Chebar, and the Hebrews crossed to the opposite shore, escaping the pursuing Chaldeans. During a time of famine, the prophet asked God for an increase of food for the hungry.

Ezekiel was condemned to execution because he denounced a certain Hebrew prince for idolatry. Bound to wild horses, he was torn to pieces. Pious Hebrews gathered up the torn body of the prophet and buried it upon Maur Field, in the tomb of Sim and Arthaxad, forefathers of Abraham, not far from Baghdad. The prophecy of Ezekiel is found in the book named for him and is included in the Old Testament.



## THE SYNAXARION

### Nestor of Thessalonica – October 27



On October 27, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the companion of Great-Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Streamer: Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica.

#### *Verses*

*Having ended Lyaeus and his lying error,  
truthful Nestor lies on the ground, beheaded.*

*On the twenty-seventh they took the head off of dear Nestor.*

Nestor learned the Christian Faith from St. Demetrius himself. At that time, Christ's enemy, Emperor Maximian, highly prized a Vandal fighter named Lyaeus, a man of Goliath-like size and strength. He defeated all challengers and threw them to their deaths onto a forest of spears. Christians were arrested and forced to duel with Lyaeus. Nestor's heart was torn with pain, and he decided to duel Lyaeus. But first, he went to prison to see St. Demetrius and sought a blessing from him. St. Demetrius made the sign of the Cross on his chest and forehead and prophesied to him, "You will defeat Lyaeus, but you will suffer for Christ." Thus, young Nestor of David-like size went to duel with Lyaeus. Maximian was present with a great crowd. Everyone pitied and feared for Nestor, but he crossed himself and said: "O God of Demetrius, help me!" With God's help, he defeated Lyaeus, knocked him down, and threw him to his death onto the sharp spears. Then all the people cried out: "Great is the God of Demetrius!" But the humiliated emperor commanded that Nestor be beheaded and Demetrius run through with lances. Thus, both Christian heroes took up habitation in the Kingdom of their Lord in the year 306.

On this day, we also commemorate Procla (Claudia) the wife of Pontius Pilate. By the intercessions of Your saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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