

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost  
Seven Holy Youths  
of Ephesus

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Romans 12:6-14  
Matthew 9:1-8

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Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway

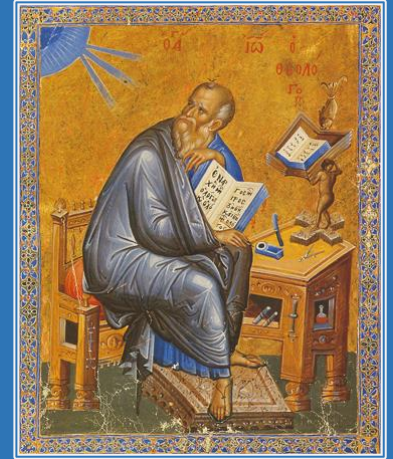
Epistle Reader:  
Russell Clodfelter

No Coffee Hour  
Today - ERI

# St. John Orthodox Cathedral

## Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, August 4, 2024  
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



### **This Year the Feast of the Transfiguration Falls on Tuesday, August 6**

We will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast Monday evening,  
August 5 at 6:15pm

### **The “Dormition” Fast - August 1-15**

This fasting season centers around two summer Feast Days: The Transfiguration of Our Lord on August 6 and the Falling-Asleep, “Dormition,” of the Mother of God on August 15. As with every fasting season, the aim is to help us spiritually focus and prepare to celebrate these Feast Days. For us at Saint John’s this fast has also become part of our Eagle River Institute week. The fasting during this season, strictly speaking, is the same as the Lenten Fast, with some lessening on weekends and the Feast Days.

## Parish Events and News

### **The Eagle River Institute Teaching Sessions Continue**

- \* Friday, August 2 – ERI Sessions, 5-6:30pm & 7:30-9pm. Meals will be served between sessions around 6:40pm
- \* **Saturday, August 3** – ERI Sessions, 9:30am-11am & 11:30am-1:00pm. Meal at **1pm** on church lawn. Great Vespers at 7:15pm
- \* Sunday, August 4 – Matins/Divine Liturgy 9:15am – ERI Sessions, 3-4:30pm & 5-6:30pm
- \* Monday, August 5 – Daily Matins at St. Sergius Chapel – Meet at Church 8:45am
- \* Monday, August 5 – Vespers Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord

**\*Note Corrections in Red**





## *No Coffee Hour This Sunday - August 4 Due to the ERI*

*Next Sunday – Group B – August 11 Hosts: Ihde / Drennan*

*Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davison, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana*

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## *News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese*



**Monthly Newsletter from our Archdiocese – Click [HERE](#)**

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### **A Message from the Antiochian Women, North American Board**

Reverend Clergy and Beloved Sisters in Christ, Christ is in our midst! HE is and ever shall be!

As we begin the Dormition Fast, I am pleased to let you know that the 2024 Summer edition of the Antiochian Women - North American Board EBulletin has been released.

**Click [HERE](#) for Newsletter**

The EBulletin is full of thoughtful reading, just in time, for this fasting season:

- An article titled: “God loves me no matter what. Can I see myself through His eyes?”
- A piece titled, “Guiding Our Girls in Godly Strength”
- A look back at the Antiochian Women at the Diocesan Parish Life Conferences
- The life of Holy New Martyr Elizabeth the Grand Duchess
- A report about the Antiochian Women of St. Elijah Church in Oklahoma City on a getaway retreat
- *And more!*

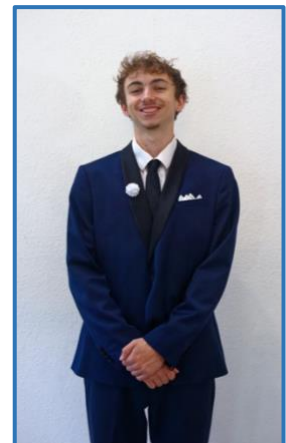
It may be easily accessed via the AW page on the Archdiocese website at: <https://www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2118>

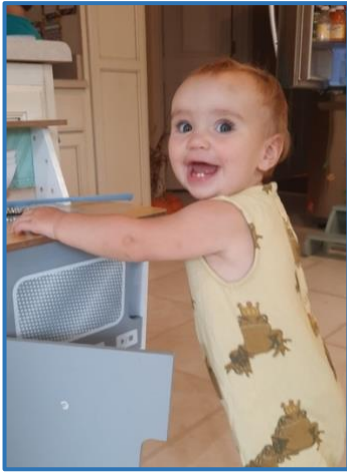
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## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*

### **Jared Lindblom is leaving for Germany on August 6th**

He was accepted into the CBYX student exchange program and will be attending high school (even though he has graduated from high school here). He will be in Germany for ten months, four weeks at a language and culture camp in Wurzburg, and the rest of the time staying with a host family in Dortmund. We had a wonderful video call with his host family, and they seem like they will be a perfect fit for Jared.





## Update on Nina Potts

An update on the Potts family: We ask that everyone keep the Potts and their youngest child Nina Potts in your thoughts and prayers. Anna noticed changes in Nina's eye and took her in last week. They were referred to the children's hospital in Wisconsin where Nina was officially diagnosed with retinoblastoma (a very rare and very treatable form of eye cancer). Anna shared they have an incredible team of doctors and are staying at the Ronald McDonald house while Nina begins chemotherapy. They caught it extremely early, and it is solely located in the eye and has not spread further. The doctors are very encouraging and have stated 99% of children with this form of cancer recover. Please pray for them and we will post a future update. They are very hopeful and comforted in knowing God is with them on this journey.

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## *Dates to Remember*



### **Baby 'Sprinkle' for Jessica Kies – Saturday, August 10 at 11:00am**

Stephanie Davisson is putting on a "Sprinkle" for Jessica Kies. Please set your calendar and join us at the St. James House.

Make sure to RSVP / Jessica is registered at Amazon – Click [HERE](#)  
(A baby sprinkle is a casual and smaller-scale version of a baby shower.)

### *Mark Your Calendar...*

### **Marriage Blessing and Dinner Reception for Victoria & Caleb Sunday August 25 at 4:00pm**

Victoria Bledsoe and Caleb Bower will have a "Marriage Blessing" on Sunday August 25th at 4 PM followed by a dinner reception No need to RSVP but it would be helpful: Click the link below for: 'their story', photos, RSVP and, questions and answers.

<https://www.theknot.com/us/victoriabledsoeandcalebbower>



## *Anniversaries This Week*

Kerry & Gwyn Jones - August 4, 1979

Brian & Sylvia Okuley - August 6, 2006

Sam & Jenny Stogsdill - August 6, 1977

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



## *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Nina Potts*

*Oksana Artz*

*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*



\* Warren Wasile - August 12, 2001

\* Preston Collier - August 16, 2023

\* Kh. Lynn Moffatt - August 16, 2023

*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 **AUGUST** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, August 24.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

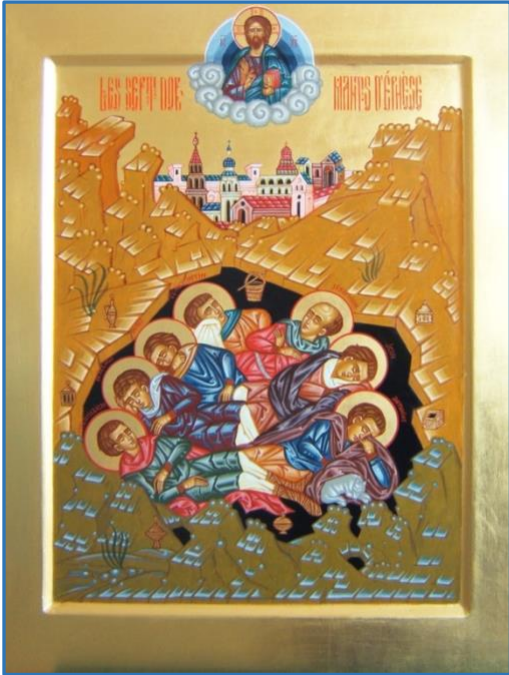
Send announcements to church email address: [stjohnalaska@aol.com](mailto:stjohnalaska@aol.com). Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.



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## THE SYNAXARION

### Sleeping Youths of Ephesus – August 4



On August 4, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Seven Holy Sleeping Youths of Ephesus: Maximilian, Exacustodian, Jamblichus, Martinian, Dionysius, John and Constantine, who rose from the sleep of death.

#### *Verses*

*We honor the seven-numbered choir of Martyrs,  
Which showed the world that the dead are resurrected.  
On the fourth the resurrected seven men died together.*

The Roman Emperor Decius came to Ephesus in 250 and arranged a boisterous celebration in honor of the lifeless idols, as well as a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers and sons of influential elders, refrained from the impure offering of sacrifices and they earnestly prayed to the one true God to save the Christian people. When they were accused before the emperor, they retreated to a hill outside Ephesus called Celion and hid in a cave, which Decius commanded to be sealed. However, God, according to His far-reaching Providence, caused a miraculous and long-lasting sleep to fall upon the young men. The imperial courtiers, Theodore and Rufinus, secret Christians, converted the wall into a copper memorial with lead plaques on which were written the names of these young men and their martyric deaths. After 184 years, during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger, there was a great dispute about the resurrection. Emperor Theodosius prayed to God that He, in some way, would reveal the truth to mankind. At that time of turmoil some shepherders of Adolius, who owned the hill Celion, removed the memorial wall, stone after stone from that cave. The youths then awakened from their sleep young and healthy. The news of this miracle was spread abroad on all sides so that even Theodosius himself came with a great entourage and with delight conversed with the youths. After a week, they again fell into the sleep of death to await the universal resurrection.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Eudokia of Persia. By the intercessions of Your Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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