

19th Sunday after
Pentecost
Transfer of Feast
Raphael of Brooklyn

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2 Cor. 11:31-12:9  
Luke 16:19-31

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Homily by
Dn. Joseph Ray

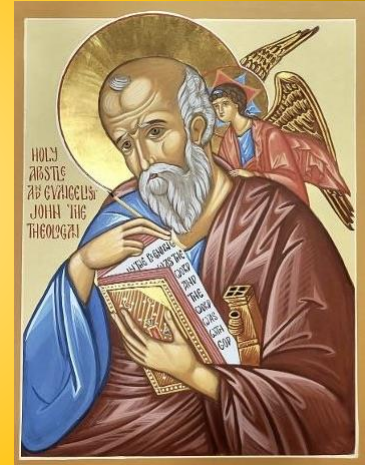
Epistle Reader:
Russell Clodfelter

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Patras / Labrecque

St. John Orthodox Cathedral

Weekly Bulletin

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Sunday, November 3, 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.*



**Fall Back...**

**Time Change – Sunday, November 3**

**Remember to set your clocks back one hour**

### *Parish Events and News*

#### **Opening the Door to Orthodox Christianity Thursdays at the Saint James House from 7-8:30pm**

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](mailto:frmarc@stjohnalaska.org). Thank you. —Fr. Marc Dunaway



#### **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.

## Thanksgiving Offering 350 Individual Boxes of Stuffing



Love INC of Eagle River and its member churches are once again coordinating this year's Thanksgiving Blessing Project. A complete (uncooked) turkey dinner with all the fixings will be provided to an anticipated 340 local families in need.

As is our custom, **St John's will collect 350 (individual) boxes of stuffing.** Scheduled delivery of our stuffing to Joy Lutheran is set for Sunday, November 24th when the Thanksgiving food boxes will be assembled for distribution the following day. Anyone wishing to volunteer with the assembly or distribution should contact Dn Kevin.



### *Coffee Hour This Sunday - November 3, 2024 Group A - First Sunday of the Month*

**Hosts Families: Patras / Labrecque**

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

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Next Sunday - Group B - November 10 Hosts: Fisher / Komar

Snacks: 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

St. John's School Weekly News

Trunk or Treat Photos



News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [The Christian Approach to Crises, Part Two](#)

Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

“Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you’d like to share? Please email: cathedral@stjohnalaska.org

A Note From Katy Arvidson – Ms. Wheelchair Alaska USA

The story of the paralytic being lowered through the roof of a home where Christ was teaching is a powerful story of faith, forgiveness, and healing. Faith resided not only in the heart of the paralytic, but also the hearts of his friends who brought him before Christ. The paralytic’s friends had faith that if they helped their friend, he could be healed.

I believe helping people with disabilities and mental illness is act of faith. In this spirit, I entered the Ms. Wheelchair USA pageant and was recently crowned Ms. Wheelchair Alaska USA. I will spend the coming year speaking about and advocating for people with both physical and mental health challenges. Next summer I travel to Ohio to represent Alaska in the national Ms. Wheelchair USA pageant. If you would like to help, there are a few different ways you can do so. I’d be happy to come talk with the business you work for, organizations you are a part of, or even just you about how we can be one of the four friends and help those with disabilities. You can help me raise funds to participate in the national pageant. (link is below.) And you can pray my husband, myself, and my caregiver have safe travels to Ohio.

<http://www.thedanefoundation.org/eventsprograms/sponsormwusafinalists.html>

Thank you —Katy Arvidson

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

November 4 - Victoria Bower

November 6 - Mary Curry

November 5 - Tisha Dunham

November 7 - Katy Arvidson

M A N Y Y E A R S !





Anniversaries this Week

Greg & Jennifer Gillquist - November 4, 1990

John Marc & Bethany Dunaway - November 8, 2015

M A N Y Y E A R S !



Remembering in Prayer...

*Gwyn Jones
Nina Potts
Laura Temple*

*Oksana Artz
Stina Dozier
Josephine Hanna &
family*

*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



- * 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 23. Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



Bulletin Announcement Guidelines

Send announcements to church email address: 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.

Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?

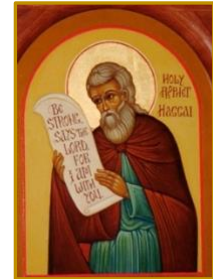
Answers to this question will be highlighted in the bulletin each Sunday

Holy Prophet Haggai– Feast Day – December 16

“Be strong says the Lord, for I am with you.”



The Holy Prophet Haggai was the tenth of the Twelve Minor Prophets. He was of the Tribe of Levi and he prophesied during the times of the Persian emperor Darius Hystaspis (prior to 500 B.C.). Upon the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity, he persuaded the people to build the Second Temple at Jerusalem, and he proclaimed that the Messiah would appear in this Temple in the last times. It is believed that Haggai was buried with the priests at Jerusalem, since he was descended from Aaron.



THE SYNAXARION

Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn - 1st Saturday in November

On the first Saturday in November in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the Saints, Raphael Hawaweeny, Bishop of Brooklyn, “good shepherd of the lost sheep in America.”



Verse

*O holy hierarch Father Raphael,
the first to be consecrated to apostolic ministry in the New World,
lift up your hands and bless your people, consecrating us, your inheritance,
who consecrate this day to you.*

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, and educated in Damascus, Syria, Halki, Turkey, and Kiev, Russia, Raphael found himself virtually exiled in Kazan, Russia. The young archimandrite was called to the New World by the Syrian Orthodox Benevolent Committee in New York City. He immigrated in 1895 and served under the guidance of the Russian Orthodox Mission, which at the time was the only established Orthodox hierarchy. He was technically pastor of St. Nicholas Church (later Cathedral) in Brooklyn, New York, but was, in fact, the roving pastor of several dozen tiny, isolated communities spread thinly across the continent. As a priest he crossed the continent repeatedly in the course of nine years, and did so several more times after being consecrated Bishop of Brooklyn in 1905. This was the first such Orthodox consecration in North America. He established a journal entitled *al-Kalimat*, which means The Word. He used this to spread “The Word” to places he could not himself be, and worked diligently at translating Greek liturgical books into Arabic. He distributed these at his own expense to communities throughout the Middle East and to refugees in the Americas, Africa, and

Australasia. Thus, this “shepherd of the lost sheep” helped preserve Orthodox Christianity in those regions.

THE SYNAXARION

Akepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas of Persia – November 3 **Consecration St. George Church in Lydda, Palestine – November 3**



On November 3, in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Akepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest and Aeithalas the deacon of Persia.

Verses

*Akepsimas is slain by thrashings with clubs,
and his friends, by merciless stoning.*

On the third, Akepsimas is beaten, and his fellow athletes stoned.

A child prophesied that 80-year-old Bishop Akepsimas would suffer for Christ. He told a member of his household that he would not return home, but instead go to his “home on high.” King Sapor raised a bitter persecution of Christians throughout Persia, which is modern day Iran, and Akepsimas was apprehended and thrown into prison. The following day Joseph, a 70-year-old priest, and Aeithalas, a deacon, were also imprisoned. After three years of imprisonment and many tortures, Akepsimas was beheaded. Joseph and Aeithalas were buried up to their waists in the ground and stoned to death. That night, by God’s providence, Joseph’s body disappeared, and a myrtle tree grew over Aeithalas’ body that healed all diseases and pain. This tree stood for five years before the wicked pagans cut it down. These soldiers of Christ suffered in Persia in the fourth century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Consecration of the Temple of the holy Great-Martyr George in Lydda in Palestine, as well as the placing of his holy body therein. George’s relics came from Nicomedia, where he suffered at the time of Emperor Diocletian. Anticipating his martyrdom, George begged his servant to take his relics to Palestine, where his mother had been born, and where he had distributed his large estate to the poor. The servant did so. During the reign of Emperor Constantine, pious Christians built the beautiful church to house the miracle-working relics of the Great Martyr.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr George of Neapolis, and Venerable Theodore the Confessor, bishop of Ancyra, Turkey. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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Pumpkin carved by Rdr. Joe Dunham