

*Nativity of the  
Theotokos  
Sunday before the  
Cross*

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*Galatians 6:11-18  
John 3:13-17*

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*Homily by  
Fr. Marc Dunaway*

*Epistle Reader:  
Ben Dunaway*

*No Coffee Hour  
Today*

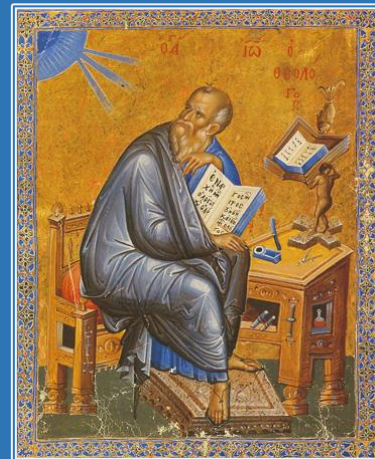
# *St. John Orthodox Cathedral*

## *Weekly Bulletin*

*Sunday, September 8, 2024*

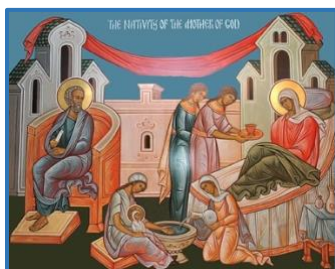
*And the Days Following*

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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.*

### *Feast Days and Services*



#### *Nativity of the Mother of God*

**Feast Day is September 8 – This Sunday**

**Great Vespers, Saturday, Sep 7 at 7:15pm**

**Matins/Divine Liturgy, Sep 8 at 9:15am/10am**

This year the Nativity of the Mother of God falls on a Sunday. We will celebrate her feast day with our regular services of Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

### *Parish Events and News*



*Wedding – Sunday,*

*September 8*

*Michelle Fonda & Luke Mellor*

*3:00pm at St. John's*

*Cupcakes and Coffee/Tea Reception immediately following wedding  
in the Cathedral Basement*

*Registry [LINK](#) for Luke & Michelle*





## **Elevation of the Cross Feast Day is September 14**

Great Vespers, Friday, Sep 13 at 7:15pm  
Divine Liturgy, Saturday, Sep 14 at 9:15am  
This Service will include the Procession of the Cross with the 500 Lord Have Mercy's chanted in English, Greek and Arabic.  
*September 14<sup>th</sup> is a strict fast day.*



## **St. John's Bookstore \$5 Book Sale Sunday, September 15!**

To make some room on the shelves for upcoming new books and icons, a selection of books and icons from our church bookstore will be available for sale in the basement during coffee hour starting on September 15, until the end of the month or sell out. The price will be \$5 per book and \$10 per icon, unless otherwise marked. Come and see if the book you've been eyeing for a while is there! Please also give your suggestions for new books, icons, or other items to Rachel Arnold, or leave a note in the book-slot at the candle counter anytime!



**Save the Date...Atrium will Begin September 22**  
*Look for registrations coming up / more info will follow*



*No Coffee Hour This Sunday Due to Wedding*

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*Next Sunday – Group C – September 15, 2024      Hosts: Davisson / Dunaway, J & B*

*Snacks: Arnold, Clement, Curry, Dunham, Fisher, Greene, Hanna, Hawi, Hunter, E & H Johnson, Kelly, Kendall, Labrecque, Medders Families, Okuley, Polson, Saur, Scherer, Sparks, Stiehr, Taylor, Temple, Wasile*

## Summary of Parish Council Meeting 08/27/24

- John Marc will create a google document folder to archive minutes/agendas.
- Fr. Marc reviewed the terms of each Parish Council (PC) member.
- Fr. Marc presented two cardstock options to review for mission statement/core value handouts that will become available to the parish.
- Bruce expressed his concerns over people speeding down Monastery Drive. He contacted the municipality. Our street has been added to the current list of streets to monitor with a speed test (date TBD).
- Tim discussed the information he gathered on how to access funding to make the St. James's house second floor handicap accessible.
- Tim gave an update on the family from Russia living in the Maranatha House.
- The PC discussed the assessment of the water on the church property.
- Joann Webster will be leaving town soon and is requesting someone to take over the bookstore.
- John Marc and Tim provided an update to the council on the school.
- Fr. Marc provided an update on his work with the new PC treasurer (Marshall Alexander).
- The PC discussed the three accounts the church has with Edward Jones (Capital projects, mission fund, and the school fund).
- The PC agreed the financial committee will undergo a restructuring and be more active.
- The parish council will plan to revisit the cemetery guidelines.
- The parish council will plan to revisit the proposed endowment fund.
- John Marc is extending the deadline to receive any bids for the Chapel cupola project to September 22, 2024.
- Fr. Marc presented slight changes to the mission statement/core values by adding the word "especially" in the mission statement and the word "guests" instead of "visitors" in the hospitality core value. All agreed.

Please send comments or questions to [parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:parishcouncil@stjohnalaska.org)

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## News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese



Writings by Metropolitan Saba: [God and Man, Part One](#)

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## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### "Checking In" with Each Other

Is there something you'd like to share about what your family is up to? Please email [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



### Congratulations to the Hanna Family!

Derick and Hannah Hanna welcomed their baby girl Josephine Elizabeth Hanna into the world on September 3rd, 2024. She is the sweetest baby and very loved.

## Dates to Remember

### Monday 'Moms with Kids' Reading Group

Monday morning reading group for moms with little ones will restart Monday, September 9 at 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, same place as last winter. I will also send out a text message reminder. — Ann Patras.

### Birthdays This Week

September - 8 - Janet Northey      September 12 - Marshall Alexander  
September 11 - Gloria O'Fallon      September 12 - Sean Fisher  
September 11 - Brent Davisson      September 15 - Kasey Medders  
*M A N Y      Y E A R S !*



### Anniversaries This Week

Protodn. Pat & Jane Lamb - September 9, 1973  
Jan & MaryAnn Northey - September 10, 1967

*M A N Y      Y E A R S !*



### Remembering in Prayer...

*Gwyn Jones  
Nina Potts*

*Oksana Artz  
Maris Kelly*

*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



- \* Priest Thomas Moffatt - September 2, 2008
- \* Dorothy Calberg Keating - September 11, 2012
- \* Alan John Zink - September 12, 2023
- \* Laura Bell Scott - September 13, 2014
- \* Agileen Lund - September 17, 1983
- \* Infant Mary Elizabeth - September 20, 1984
- \* Russell Raoul Labrecque - September 30, 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 **SEPTEMBER** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**Saturday, Sep. 28th.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



## Who is that Prophet on the Iconostasis?

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



*Left Side of Nave*



### Holy Prophet Jonah

**Feast Day - September 21**

*“Yet let my life ascend from corruption O Lord”*

The Holy Prophet Jonah lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, “As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three

nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ’s death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, “The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here” (Mt. 12: 41) —Source -Orthodox Church of America website

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## THE SYNAXARION



### Nativity of the Theotokos – September 8

On September 8, in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Nativity of our Most-holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary.

#### *Verses*

*Truly, O Anna, you surpass all mothers,  
For on this day, your daughter shall become a mother.  
On the eighth, Anna brought God's Mother into the light.*

The Holy Virgin Mary was born of aged parents, Joachim and Anna. Her father was of the lineage of David, and her mother of the lineage of Aaron. Thus, she was of royal birth by her father and of priestly birth by her mother. In this, she foreshadowed Him, as King and High Priest, Who would be born of her. Her parents were quite old and had no children. Because of this they were ashamed before men and humble before God. In their humility they prayed to God with tears, to bring them joy in their old age by giving them a child, just as He had once given joy to the aged Abraham and his wife Sarah by giving them Isaac. The Almighty and All-seeing God rewarded them with a joy that surpassed all their expectations and all their most beautiful dreams; for He gave them not just a daughter, but the Mother of God. She was Mary, Full of grace, Blessed among women, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the Altar of the Living God, the Table of the Heavenly Bread, the Ark of God's Holiness, the Tree of the Sweetest Fruit, the Glory of the race of man, the Praise of womanhood, and the Fount of virginity and purity.

Through her intercessions, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.

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#### **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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