

This Week's Calendar

Wednesday, September 12th
6:30p Vespers
7p Catechism Class

Thursday, September 13th
11:30a Women's Lunch @ Panera
6p Vespers Liturgy for Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Saturday, September 15th
6p Great Vespers

Sunday, September 16th
9a Sunday School Begins
9:40a Hours
10a Divine Liturgy
5:30p Youth Movie Night

Sunday School Begins



St. Anna Women's Bible Study
A 7-week study in Deuteronomy

Fridays from 10a-12n (starting Sept.21)
Cost: \$20
For more info contact Jill Pendarvis at pendarvi@bellsouth.net

SJM Family Game Night

Sunday, September 30th at 5p

Join us for Family Fun in the Fellowship Hall!

All ages are Welcome!



	COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	READERS	DOOR KEEPERS	CANDLE STAND	Council Leader/ Head Usher
Sept 9	Joanne Long, Lora Lewis, Ondreia Harden	Andy Johnson	Judith & Eddie Gradick	Rob Pierce	Jill Pendarvis, Kris Sedmera
Sept 16	Judith Gradick, Gina Printy, Jennifer Frank	Robert Levings	John & Jill Pendarvis	Eddie Gradick	Jeff Weita, Rob Pierce
Sept 23	Jean Shaw, Bethany Johnson, Mary Starr	John Pendarvis	Troy & Stacy Brown	Paul Keblish	Judy Greenberg, Daniel Rizea
Sept 30	Jill Pendarvis, Sandra Reeves	Rob Pierce	Kathy Taylor	Stu Greenberg	Bruce Humphrey, Andy Johnson

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ORTHODOX CHURCH

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018
Tone 6

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Sunday Before the Elevation

Gal. 6:11-18 See how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these try to compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the Cross of Christ. For not even they themselves who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh... But God forbid that I should glory, except in the Cross -of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

2 Cor. 4:6-15 For it is God Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, Who hath shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus... But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always "delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you... And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore have I spoken," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace, having spread through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God...

John 3:13-17 The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Matthew 22:35-46 At that time, there came to Jesus a lawyer, asking him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, 'You

Elevation of the Cross
Vespers Liturgy 6p ~ Thursday, September 13th

shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." Jesus said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies thy footstool'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Altar Server & Handmaiden Workshop & Swim Party

Today (weather permitting). Workshop: 12:45 in Chapel for both Servers and Handmaidens. Following workshop swim & BBQ at the Pisarchuk's. Parents will need to help with transportation. Bring swimsuits, towels, sunscreen. **Pickup at 4:00p.**



SUNDAY Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 16th at 9a. Please fill out all updated registration forms and give to Daniel Kindell ASAP. Registration forms are located on the Youth bulletin board and online at the SJM website. Please call either Beth Poe or Daniel with any questions.



Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 18th at 6p.

Youth Movie Night: "The Greatest Showman." Sun, Sept 16th @ 5:30p.

HS Night: Wednesday, September 19th at 7p.



Updated 2018-2019 Youth Forms Needed: Parents—if you haven't filled out new forms for the 2018-2019 year, please see Daniel Kindell, the Youth bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, or you can download the new forms from our SJM website. Go to *Youth*, then *Youth Forms*. Please call the church office if you have any questions.



Color Me Mine Elementary School Outing: Sunday, September 23rd from 2p-4p for K-5th grade. Kids will be able to paint their own ceramic art piece. Located at 10300 Southside Blvd. (in the Avenues Mall). The cost per child is \$7, and adults are \$9 each. Ceramic art pieces are extra.

Women's Lunch: September 13th at 11:30a at Panera: 13820 Old St. Augustine Rd.



From Fr. Ted

As I wrote in the brochure discussing my sabbatical, "The word sabbatical finds its root in the word Sabbath. To keep the Sabbath is to stop and enter into God's rest, and in a sense is sacramental, to make holy. It is consecrated time. Taking a sabbatical allows the priest to unplug, disengage, pray, reflect, reconnect with loved ones, himself, and most importantly God. It is a season of spiritual, mental and physical nourishment. It functions as a season of growth not only for the priest, but also for the parish. The goal is for the priest to return rejuvenated."

My sabbatical was an amazingly fruitful time. I do return rejuvenated. A lot of time was spent in silence alone with God and working with my hands. I spent a lot of quality time with my family, especially my wife and boys. Matushka Lee Ann and I visited many churches and made lots of notes.

This time away allowed me to learn many things away about myself and SJM and improvements that can be made. The most important lesson was selfcare. With the Parish Council over time we will be looking into some parish wide improvements both in facilities and parish life.

Lee Ann and I did miss all of you. It was hard to be away from those we love.

We are thankful for all those who generously stepped up with their time and talent and those who gave generously above the tithe to make this sabbatical possible. It reflected your love for us.

With much gratitude and love, Fr Ted.

Congratulations to all that gave generously above the tithe to help Fr. Michael Byars and family recover from the total loss of their home from fire. SJMers gave a total of \$2,717.00 plus another \$500 that was sent from the alms fund the morning after the fire. The Diocese of the South sent Fr Michael another \$1,000. Fr Michael is the rector of Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church in Ormond Beach.

High School Service Project with the Jacksonville Zoo

Sat, Sept. 22nd,
9a-11a
(9th-12th grade)
14&up
Community Hours Available



Closed-toe shoes required
*Be sure to have a parent sign all forms for the Zoo (see Daniel)
Following work, zoo admission free!
Bring a bag lunch