



Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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September 2, 2018

Martyr Mamas

St John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople

Troparion tone 4 (*St John the Faster*)

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
thy humility exalted thee;
thy poverty enriched thee.
Hierarch Father John,
entreat Christ our God//
that our souls may be saved!

Anniversaries: Fred and Lonnie Polli-Sept 2
Tedd and Heather Tripp- Sept. 4

Remember in your Prayers: Archbishop Nikon, Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Marie, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Elizabeth, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Tom, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally, Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Michael, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Thomas, Paul, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Keegan, Jimmy, Michael, Ann, baby Lily,

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 2-Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed fellowship. No Adult ED.

Saturday September 8-Vespers and confession 6pm

Sunday September 9- Sunday School 8:30am. Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed fellowship. No Adult ED.

“It is a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. But I have discovered in the midst of it a quiet and good people who have learned the great secret of life. They have found a joy and wisdom which is a thousand times better than any of the pleasures of our sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They are masters of their souls. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are Christians. . . and I am one of them.” *St Cyprian of Carthage in the 3rd century*

To follow Jesus Christ means also to obey the word of Jesus Christ. Therefore we must listen to, believe and fulfill all that Christ has said in the Gospel and through His Apostles, and we must do all this without philosophizing and in simplicity of heart... Certainly this way is difficult, narrow and thorny, and it may seem so especially at the beginning. But on the other hand, it leads straight to Paradise, to the heavenly kingdom, to eternal blessings, to God who is the source of all blessings. The struggles and suffering will become less and lighter from day to day, while the reward will increase from hour to hour, throughout an infinite eternity. *St Innocent (Veniaminov) of Alaska*