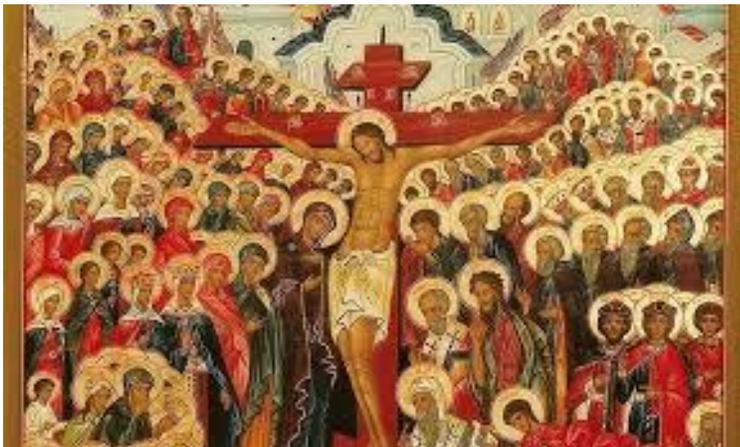


Fourth Year Seminarian Nathaniel Brown's Journey

November 2020

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has come, and will come again. It has been a strange month for me for a variety of reasons.

This month started off with All Saint's Day. This is one of my favorite feast days of the Church Year. The hymnody is wonderful, but it was strange to sing "For all the Saints" this year with a mask and with limited attendance at the service. All saints can be remembered through the year, but the day always helps me keep them at the forefront of my mind. As Lutherans, we don't pray to the saints, but we give thanks for their life demonstrating the Christian faith, by their lives, our faith can be strengthened, and we have an example of real people who had real faith, and we can follow that example in our lives. This year, All Saint's Day really was personal for me, because next year, I will be a Pastor to God's saints that I don't even know yet. This month, I would ask you to pray for the saints that will be at the congregation that I am called to. Please also pray to our Lord Jesus in thanksgiving for the saints who went before us, not just close family members or friends, but the saints who went before us in the faith, like Saint Paul, Saint Martin Luther, as well as saints of the Old Testament, like Saint Isaiah, and yes, even Saint Adam, our forefather in the faith.



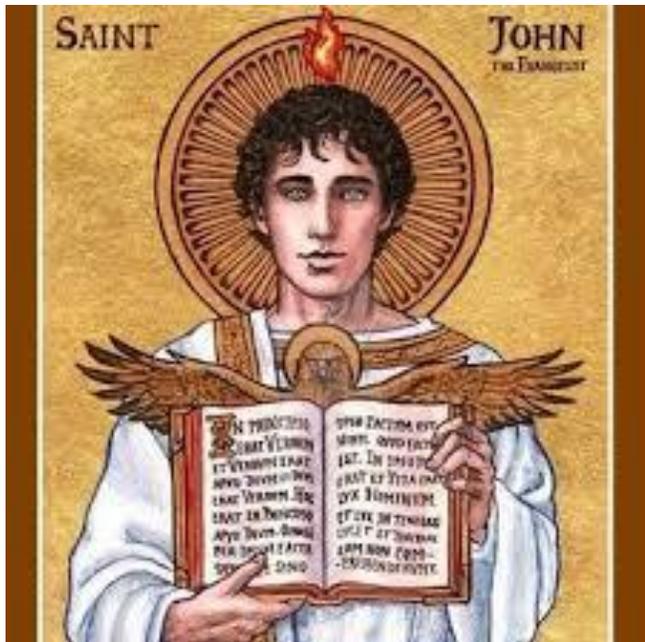
Prayer List:

- For all people, that they may come to the knowledge of Christ and so be saved.
- For all our leaders, that the rules they enact may lead us to quiet and dignified lives.
- That the Church may be strengthened in her mission.
- For the Seminaries in St. Louis and in Ft. Wayne, that they may be led faithfully.
- For all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, and for all people working to protect others through this.
- For all pastors and professors that they may be faithful in their service to the Church and to the Scripture
- For all graduates that they may be strengthened in faith as they transition into being called and ordained servants of Christ.
- For my professors as I complete my fourth year, that they may continue to be a well of knowledge needed in training future pastors.

If you have prayer requests, or want to talk, please send them to me!

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My classes have been going well. In Apostolic Fathers, we have been reading from the saints in the first two centuries of the Church after Christ's Ascension in glory. We have had readings from



Ignatius, and Polycarp. These readings have been nice for me and have helped me see more of how the early church grew and developed. It has been a fun class that has been fairly relaxing thus far. My John class has been wonderful. In seven weeks, we are going to walk through the Gospel of John and talk about important themes in the Gospel of John. So far, this class has helped me make more sense of the themes of John, and I can't wait to further see these connections to help me in my teaching and preaching in the Gospel account of St. John.

This month was going as smoothly as it possibly could, and then this week, more Coronavirus news hit campus. Because of a drastic increase in cases in the county, there are stricter regulations for social gatherings and other events. It has put a damper on social events on campus, and that is hard to deal with. I know everyone on campus, and probably many of you wanted this pandemic to be over by now, but it is here for now. Please pray that our Lord would take this pandemic quickly from us. Also, because many people are going home for Thanksgiving, the rumor is that the campus will be doing virtual classes after Thanksgiving for the rest of the semester. I hope that doesn't happen, but if it does, I will still be grateful to be finishing classes this year before being called.

Speaking of, I have had a few people ask about graduation and Call Day, so I thought I would address both of those this month. Graduation normally is an important day, but at the Sem, Call Day is a bigger event, so if anyone is planning on supporting me, I would normally say to attend at Call Day, and miss graduation. However, with the pandemic ongoing, I don't know how many visitors will be allowed on campus. I know that Call Day will be livestreamed, and I think graduation will be. Keep reading my newsletters, and in the next few months, I will send the website so you can celebrate with me as I complete my studies at the Sem. It is a time of uncertainty, but as we close one Church year, and begin another, remember that our Lord Jesus Christ came into this world and dwelt among us, and is going to come back, so we can dwell with Him forever. My address for the next few months is **Nathaniel Brown, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105**. God's blessings to all of you this month!✠