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Help by the Prayers of St. John

Found Birth Family

Received November 11, 2014

I am almost 48 yrs old. I was adopted at birth and never knew my birth family. I have searched for so many years to find the records in order to know from where I come. After venerating St. John's incorrupt relics at Holy Virgin Mary Joy of All Who Sorrow, and placing the names "birth mother" and "Birth father" on the prayer sheets, I received a call from an agency I had contacted with my information. They had all the details and even pictures. I have connected with my birth family on my mother's side. Glory to God for His servant, John!

Xenia Lanergan

Mystery revealed

Received October 27, 2014

For as long as I can remember, God and his son have been a part of my life though I did not pay them their dues. Recently I had the privilege of attending services at Holy Virgin and having my first ever encounter with the relics of a saint. I saw what I can only describe as a miracle and it has changed my life. I had questioned my faith for so long and recieved much needed

confirmation from blessed St John that day. He answered two very important questions for me that will impact my life and that of my family forever.

Wayne M.

Knee healed fast

Received September 28, 2014

I had knee surgery to re-attach my patellar tendon. I applied St John's holy oil and felt tingling in the knee after I said my prayers. On the second application, I was applying the oil to my vertical scare, fumbled with the bottle, and the oil spilled in a perfect line to make a cross on my knee. My Physical Therapist can not believe that after only 6 weeks, I can walk without a brace and even played golf yesterday. Have faith and the Lord will heal you. Blessed be St John the Wonderworker!

Dan Mamula

Помощник и застъпник за всички бедни

Received July 16, 2014

Св. Йоан е мой помощник за всички бедни които преживяхме благодарение на неговите свети молитви и миро.той спаси от смърт моя баща 4 пъти и майка ми от рак на белия дроб и бъбрека,детето ми от диабетна кома лекува и мен и мъжа ми от всички болести помогна ни за нов дом ,работа ,и всички грижи и проблеми които идват се разрешават с негова помощ.стана ми по леко да живея откакто св.Йоан дойде в моя живот.Слава БОГУ и Св.БОГОРОДИЦА че ми изпратиха такъв Велик ходатай!Владиченце благодаря! Не оставяй никога нас грешните.

Елена

Help with conceiving a baby

Received July 7, 2014

My husband and I spent around 6 years trying to have a baby. It was not happening due to my health issues, and doctors said they were not sure if it would happen at all, and recommended to do IVF or adopt.

In December 2012 both my mother and my mother-in-law came visiting from Russia.The most important thing for them was to take a pilgrimage to St John The Wonderworker. We all prayed before his relics and asked St John to send my husband and me healthy children.

In three weeks I found out I was pregnant! It was a clearly a miracle after so many years of trying!

My son Daniel is now 10 months, he is a healthy and happy baby, and we constantly thank St. John for helping to bring him in this world.

Vera

**Gratitude to St. John
Received June 24, 2014**

Живу я в России, недалеко от мест рождения Святого Иоанна. Когда в прошлом году умирала от тяжелой болезни моя мама, я молилась, чтобы она не ушла в вечность, к Богу без исповеди и Святого Причастия. И Бог дал ей такую возможность. Священник, который приходил исповедовать маму, очень похож внешне на Святого Иоанна. Мама умерла в день и час моего рождения. Царствие Небесное. Уверена, что без молитв этого Святого не обошлось. (Как будто он сам приходил). А до этого, когда она еще была жива, в день ее рождения, я написала стих, посвященный Святому Иоанну Сан-Францисскому и Шанхайскому. Писала стих, когда ехала в поезде. Вот этот стих:

Святому Иоанну Сан-Францисскому и Шанхайскому, с благодарностью

пыл или Быль?

Вчера в Шанхае встретил я босого.

Каждого, кто приходил за помощью к нему,

Он вымаливал у Бога,

Потому что всякий христианин братом был ему.

Босой хромал, носил очки, страдал дефектом речи,

Никогда кровати не имел.

Крест пастырства взвалил, по воле Божьей, он на плечи.

Прозорливым, смиренным во Христе призрел.

Он мог последними сандалиями делиться,

Потому, привычно, был босой.

Прикоснуться стоило к его одежде –

Исцеленье тотчас получал больной.

Вчера в Шанхае встретил я святого.

Нищий духом Иоанн тот был.

Лик его смотрел с иконы строго,

Но с любовью, прямо в сердце. Это былъ.

«Бодрствуй, брат, дерзай, покайся

И старайся усмирять свой пыл», -

Вдруг раздалось возле иконы той как дуновенье:

«Ведь что такое жизнь? Дар Божий. И одно мгновенье.

По сравненью с вечностью – это ангстрем и пыль».

10 июля 2013 года А. Пименова

**My daughter healed!
Received June 12, 2014**

Владыко Иоанн! Благодарю тебя за помощь. У моей дочери Марии 5 лет поставили диагноз нейрогенный мочевого пузыря. Ребенок очень часто ходил в туалет (каждые полчаса примерно). Назначенное лечение помогало очень мало, девочка измучилась, и я обратилась со слезной молитвой к св. Иоанну, усиленно просила его помочь. Это было ночью, а уже на следующий день Марии стало лучше и постепенно с каждым днем болезнь отступила.

У меня больной кишечник, энтероколит. При болях в кишечнике просила Владыку и с молитвой прикладывала его иконочку к животу, становилось легче, боли проходили.

Прости, св. Иоанн, прости что лишь спустя долгое время написала о твоей помощи! Не оставь нас грешных и молись о нас перед престолом Божиим.

Наталия

Son's ankle healed immediately

Received June 8, 2014

My son had pain in his ankle for a couple of weeks and I was unable to help him... We rubbed the oil from St John on his ankle and asked for St John's help and the pain went away immediately.

Evangelos,
Vancouver, BC

Finding a place to live

Received February 26, 2014

A few years ago we lived in San Francisco and that's where I first heard about St. John. When we moved back to Moscow, Russia we rented a small apartment near our kids' school. After living there for a few years the landlord said he didn't want to rent it out anymore and we needed to find another place and fast.

Rent is pretty expensive in Moscow besides I didn't want to move too far away from our kids' school as I was expecting another child and knew it would be impossible for me to take the metro with the infant to get the older children to school if we move to another part of the city. We also wanted to sign a rent lease for at least 2-3 years (usually in Russia the lease is signed for a year) to avoid this hassle again and to fix the price)but hardly anyone wanted such a long term lease.

At the same time my grandmother who is also my God mother was getting worse in health and we realized she probably wouldn't be with us for long. She was living with my father not too far from our current apartment and that was another reason I didn't want to move too far away from this area of the city so I could still visit her frequently.

We started looking for a place, but couldn't find anything that would be suitable. Every apartment I saw was either too expensive, or the owners didn't want to rent out to a family with small kids and a dog on top of that, or it was too far away. My husband and I were getting discouraged by the search but deep in my heart I knew we would find a place that we needed. I started praying to St. John for help. The next day I got a call from our real estate agent and she said that there is a great newly renovated apartment in our price range. When I asked her about the address it

turned out to be in the very same building where my father and grandmother lived and where I lived as a child only on a different floor. When I looked at the apartment it was everything we wanted: a lease for as many years as we needed with no price changes, newly renovated, a wonderful landlord who was very happy to let a family in and loved dogs, and the best part that all I needed to do to visit my dying grandmother was go up in the elevator. And it was close to kids' school as well. My grandmother passed away 2 months later, I was with her and I am so grateful that I could spend these last weeks with her.

Elena Lewis

Cranial abnormalities disappear overnight!

Received August 14, 2013

[Testimonial](#)

Douglas Wirnowski

Resuscitation of our son at birth

Received June 19, 2013

We've chosen to have home births for several reasons, and the first two experiences were wonderful so we found another midwife in 2011 during seminary for our third child. We had a good friend of ours whose spiritual father cares for the relics of St. John at the cathedral. She gave us a vial of St. John's holy oil and told us to anoint the baby if anything went wrong (we had heard of other stories of St. John's healing during emergencies at birth). So when the labor stopped progressing, our midwife told my wife to get out of the pool and lay down so she could try pulling our son out. She was able to pull his head out but couldn't pull any further because the cord was wrapped tightly around his neck, twice. She was able to get scissors in to cut the cord, and though he came right out, he was purple and limp. She tried all the usual medical procedures and pumped him with oxygen, but nothing was working even after several minutes.

My wife reminded me of the oil of St. John and I pulled it off the shelf and anointed our son three times on the forehead, asking St. John to help us. Within a few seconds of anointing our son, he coughed slightly, then again, then began crying. It was one of the most intense experiences of our lives so far, but yet another story of St. John's continued wonderworking even to this day.

Thank you Lord for our son, and thank you St. John for your intercession. Please continue to pray to God for us!

Dn. Joel

Graduate School acceptance

Received January 17, 2013

I was applying to graduate schools and I had a top choice that was completely out of my league due to my GMAT score. And although I studied and studied, I couldn't get my score to improve. I decided to apply to the school anyway. I had prayed about it to St. John and I even made the sign of the cross with the Holy Oil of St. John on my paperwork I mailed to the school. A couple days ago, my prayer became answered and I feel so blessed. I am so thankful to Saint John for hearing my prayers and knowing my hearts desire of being able to get into this school.

Prayer works in wondrous ways!

Amanda

St. John's miracles

Received October 27, 2012

[A translation from Romanian to English to the testimonial by Victoria Flueraru, a Romanian teacher .](#)

Pain went away.

Received September 30, 2012

I want to share a miracle that happened with my mom. She had suffered for a couple of days a lot of pain in her lower mandible that irradiated to the left side of the neck. The pain was growing in force until she could no longer suffer it and needed to get me up to give her a pain pill and take her to the doctor. But being in the middle of the night, she was hesitant. While tossing and turning she spotted a bottle of holy oil from the relics of St. John of San Francisco on her night stand. With prayer she had anointed the painful area. The pain started to subside immediately and she finally fell sleep. The next morning she still felt tenderness in the jaw but she anointed the place again and the pain went away completely. I am writing this miracle that happened through the intercession of Saint John Maximovich to glorify God that works through His saint and also to give thanks to Saint John for not forgetting us the sinners and helping us. Saint John of San Francisco, thank you. Vladyka, please, pray for is sinners. Glory be to God through His saints!

Valentina Bowden

Help from St. John
Received August 11, 2012

I want to share my help from bishop John. My daughter Vanessa had high temperature. I had holy oil for 10 years and anointed the child, and fervently prayed to blessed John. Child was healthy. These are the wondrous miracles of Blessed John. It was in July 2012. Yesterday I received the oil. With great gratitude to the church.

Veselina, □
Ruse, Bulgaria

House help
Received June 7, 2012

Last year my mother's house needed urgent sewer and bathroom repairs due to sewer gases escaping in the house. My mother is 75 years old and suffers from COPD and hypertension. The estimates for work to the house were anywhere from \$7000 to \$10000. A month prior to issues with the house we had read the book of Saint John Maximovich. Myself and my mother started to pray to the Saint for help. Within a week we found 2 contractors that completed the work for only \$1200!!! It is a miracle! Thank you Saint John Maximovich and thank you Lord Jesus and thank you Holy Mary. Subsequently we received Holy Oil from Saint John's vigil lamp and gave oil to our Orthodox church congregation and in return many believers at our church, healed their headaches, eye afflictions, heart bypass surgeries, pancreatic cancer, arthritic joints, etc. Thank you Saint John Maximovich for not forgetting your flock, us the sinners, and as promised I am telling others about you as you have requested dear Saint and please do not forget us in your prayers and take care of my mother as in our prayers.

Cristian S □
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

St. John's intercession
Received May 30, 2012

Something was not right with my grown daughter for several years, she was difficult, unhappy, unpredictable. I was a recent convert to Orthodoxy and I'm sure she thought I was a religious fanatic as I attended church services frequently. I read testimonials to St. John and with tears, I began to pray for her in front of a large icon of St. John in my church, I asked that he intercede for her as I didn't know what was wrong. Shortly thereafter, she requested that I take her to a detox center (she confided that she was addicted to heroin). She had no intention of remaining clean upon entry but through God's mercy a series of errors kept her long enough to truly feel

and appreciate sobriety. She began meeting with a kind and loving local priest and became baptized at Pascha the following year. She still struggles with mental health, but she has remained clean and continues growing in her spiritual life.

Linda

St. John has become like a grandfather to me Received April 23, 2012

I've visited St. John's relics in San Francisco twice in 2011. The healing of my soul and body started when I first stepped into church and still continues today. St. John is the greatest saint and he has become like a grandfather to me. I feel so close to him and I tell him all my problems like he is alive. St. John helped me find a job and saved me from getting fired from that job when my boss set me up with false accusations. He usually appears in my dreams and heals me, it has happened several times. St. John healed a possessed woman from my city after I brought oil and his icon to her. St. John healed a woman by the name of Milinka from Pelvic cancer and she is in remission now. She lives in Canada and received a sacrament service by his relics while I was in San Francisco. He is also helping different people that I pray for. St. John is a very understanding, strict, but simple and very kind, teaching me prayers, since then I learned how to fight back against the devil and has improved my spiritual life. When I feel sick or sad I turn on the DVD about his life and I immediately receive the help or answer to my questions. Glory to God, His Mother, Virgin Mary and His Saint John! I love You very much Grandpa John and I Thank You for all your prayers! Keep praying for us sinners. *Eudokia*

Healing from burn Received December 16, 2011

About a year ago, my eye was badly burned when a lid from a pot of boiling water popped up and hot steam shot out at my eye. Nothing like that had ever happened to me before. My eye hurt terribly. I ran it under cold water for an hour and prayed. When I was done, I looked in the mirror and saw the damage. The skin around my eye had red and purple blotches. It truly was an ugly sight - I wondered if those scars would ever heal. I put holy oil from St. John's lamp on the skin all around my eye and eyelid and prayed very hard. The next morning we got up to church and Glory to God my eye felt great and to my surprise there were only a few tiny purple dots on the skin around my eye. In a little over a week even that was gone. Glory to God!

Savina

Healing of infant

Received December 16, 2011

A miracle just took place this evening, Friday December 16, 2011. Our 4 week old son Savas John who has had many health problems since he was born, just developed an eye infection. I wiped his eye clean several times only to have more yellow discharge reappear in a matter of minutes. Finally, I anointed the area directly above, below, and to the sides of his eye and our family prayed to St. John and to the Theotokos for our son to be healed. Shortly after I anointed him, a small amount of clear discharge appeared in his eye. I didn't remove it, hoping that St. John would heal him - and he did! Little Savas John's eye now appears clear and healed. Glory to God! In addition to this, when Savas John was born he was in the NICU at the hospital, for several days due to a blood condition. We anointed him with St. John's oil every day, placed an icon of the Theotokos inside his crib, and through the intercessions of St. John, the Theotokos, Saint Savvas the Sanctified, St. Savvas of Kalymnos, and St. Savas the Prince of Serbia, glory to God, our son was healed. He still has some medical issues but we pray that he will soon recover completely.

Savina

Help in finding a job

Received November 1, 2011

Towards the end of 2008 my company was downsizing and I was laid off. I decided that I would start looking for a job after the Holidays, but decided to read the akathist to Saint Nicholas every Thursday or more often if possible. In the first two months of the new year I had some interviews, but didn't get a job. One night, I was browsing the internet, about a particular church. I don't remember how I formulated the internet search, but one of the first links that came up was about St. John, The Wonderworker of Shanghai and San Francisco. It was very interesting to read about his life and miracles. The next thing I found out was that driving to the Holy Virgin Cathedral "Joy of all who sorrow" would take me about a couple of hours. So, I picked a day and went there one morning in early March of 2009. I felt unworthy to approach the relics of Saint John and stood by the candles next to the shrine. I asked Saint John to help me get some job, so I could help my family pay the bills. I was hoping that it would be something that I could do, because I didn't want to disappoint co-workers. For a minute I thought about my dream job. I thought I would be very happy to get that, but it would be too much to ask Saint John for it. I know, one should not make promises, but I made a promise to improve my Christian life in a certain way. I knew it would be a very hard thing to do, but I had to give it a try and why not start right away. When driving home I was 100% confident that I will have a job soon. The next day I came across a job ad that was matching my skills very well and I sent my resume. Another day later I got a call from the hiring manager and eventually got the job. It was a temporary job with a very long term that was eventually extended beyond what would be normally expected. The job duties were very close to the dream job I had imagined for a second. I still can not say I have fully delivered on my promise, but I am trying. Let's just say I

feel happier when I give it my best effort.

Glory to God for all things!

Holy Father John, pray to God for us.

Evgenia

California

Help during delivery

Received September 23, 2011

My sister was induced to start labor on July 2nd, 2011. Her case was somewhat complicated since her OB/GYN did not notice how fluids left her body and she had no fluid around the baby for, at least, a day or so. Since it was the Feast of St. John I brought holy oil from the lampada that burns by his relics to the hospital and anointed my sister with it. She was in labor only for a few hours and delivery took less than 45 minutes. Baby was born absolutely healthy via natural delivery. My sister felt good after labor and delivery, as well. I know that if it was not for St. John's help, the outcome could have been different.

St. John, Pray to God for us, sinners!

Vera M. in PA

Grace from God's Mercy

Received on August 8, 2011

In April 2008, Holy Father John healed me by his prayers, through a dream, taking me to His sepulchre, and removing grief from my mind and heart.

Recently, I anointed my Mother, Eva, in hospital following a huge operation, for healing with Holy Oil sent from Fathers' lamp, and after 16 months of illness and prayer, the blessing finally came.

She began to regain strength and came out of mental illness for a few days, was "herself" talking and remembering, but following this, we were told we should prepare for the end. So, again with The Saint's Oil, and the prayer, I anointed her for separation of body and soul. The miracle is she had true peace, no fear, and was ready for departure when it came. She also was shining and said with wonder "God spoke to me, and said..." things which could only have been The Lord, giving her His peace and showing her Himself, and That Place where all His Saints repose.

She fell asleep after receiving peace from the torment and anguish she had suffered for 16 months.

I have since had a dream of her, walking away from me in a white dress with one word written on the top of one arm.

I was shouting to her and she kept on walking, then suddenly paused, just long enough to look over her shoulder, and pointing to the word, simply but directly told me "HOPE"; - then walked on, disappearing!

This word is read during the epistle for funerals in The Holy Orthodox Faith.

Glory To God!

Through the prayers of our holy Father, Saint John The Wonderworker, and of All Thy Saints, O Lord, continue Thy mercy, and grant us the hope we must place in Thee! Amen.

Katerina Bennett

**A daughter's headache
Received on October 20, 2011**

About a month before Easter this spring, our priest came to our house to talk with Dayna and to give her communion. After talking to her for a while, we all sat together and talked about Dayna's headaches. He suggested that we go to visit Ostrog Monestary in Montenegro that has been spiritually beneficial to many. But before we went there, we should go to venerate relics of St. John of Shanghai & San Francisco. His remains lie in state at the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco. This is another place where miracles are said to happen. Of course, all three of us went!

It was an experience that is very hard to explain. We planned our trip over Easter weekend. Being Orthodox, it is not unusual to spend the entire Easter weekend attending different services. We went to services on Great Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter. The service were in old Slavonic and Russian. But, somehow, it felt like home. We spent the weekend praying for our daughter.

At the end of services on Saturday, we introduced ourselves to one of the priests. Our priest told him we were coming there and why. As soon as he heard Dayna's name, he turned to her and asked how she was feeling. She seemed to be his focus, too. I was very touched by this. In all, it was a very moving experience. That Sunday, we had some time to sightsee. Dayna's headache was "in the background" that day.

By the time we got home the headaches were in full force again.

I am writing about this because just before this trip, I read a story on the internet about Dr. Ducic and peripheral nerve decompression surgery. We were looking for a miracle to happen in San Francisco. I really believe that because of our experience at the cathedral, we felt more at ease pursuing treatment with Dr. Ducic.

We got our miracle!

Teena Less

**Child healed of viral infection
Received on July 24, 2011**

We'd like to inform of a miraculous healing accomplished through the intercession of St. John. In the spring of 2008 our 1-year-old daughter Maria fell ill with a viral infection of the skin. There were many lesions on her skin, particularly on the face, and doctors said conservative treatment was very unlikely to be successful. There were also contraindication to surgery at the time, in addition we didn't want surgery because of scars. Several months passed, we tried conservative therapy, but there were no improvements.

In August 2008 I went on business to San Francisco and took holy oil from the lampada in the sepulchre of Archbishop John. We anointed affected skin, lesions began to disappear and in two weeks Maria got well, no scars at all!

Alexander and Irina Yakovlevs

Moscow, Russia

Help received with a baby delivery bill

Received on June 29, 2011

Saint John helped me 8 years ago with my home baby delivery bill. I had asked the priest to serve a moleben for us, I was reading the akafist to St. John and the whole bill was written off by the grace of God. It was not even reported in my credit history.

the servant of God,

Xenia

Mother with Terminal Cancer lives 5 additional years.

Received on June 5, 2011.

In December 2000, my mother Kathrin J. McFadden was told she had pneumonia because a large cell lung carcinoma had gone through her chest wall. Researching her prognosis from a lung oncology text, I found out that 98% of patients with this symptom die within six months of the pneumonia, and the other 2% within 12 months. Her doctor at UCDCM prescribed palliative chemotherapy and radiation to be administered at David Grant Hospital. The first treatment was in Mid-May, and the prognosis for her life expectancy remained the same.

Sunday, June 11, 2001, was Fr. Christopher Flesoras' first Sunday at St. Anna Greek Orthodox Church. He brought oil from the tomb of St. John Maximovitch. Following the Divine Liturgy, he anointed the congregation individually, and gave each family a q-tip with oil to take to our home altars. Our family left immediately following Liturgy and drove to my mother's home where I anointed her, and asked for St. John's intercession unto her salvation, and I continued to ask his intercession when I prayed daily. I also told St. John that I would tell everyone of how God has glorified him.

In the next five years, I accompanied my mother to many doctor visits during her treatment and subsequent follow up at David Grant Hospital. In my presence during the next five years, her oncologist and the nursing staff repeatedly said, "Mrs. McFadden we do not know why you are still alive."

In late 2005, she developed small cell lung cancer which subsequently spread in her body.

Katherin McFadden fell asleep in the Lord on July 12, 2006, five and half years after the pneumonia revealed the large cell carcinoma going through her chest wall.

I have no doubt that St. John's intercessions were responsible for my mother's survival beyond the prognosis for large cell lung cancer.

St. John Maximovitch intercede on our behalf! God glorifies His saints! Glory to God!

Margaret McFadden Mueller

Help received during pregnancy

Received on May 11, 2011.

We are a family from Iasi, Romania, married four years ago. For three years we expected, pray, cried to have a child. We went to every possible doctor to determine the cause of not having a child. Also I was pregnant in first and second year after we married and I lost both babies at 8 and 10 weeks. It was tragic for us. Last year I found out that I was pregnant and I was so happy but also very scared. I was lying in bed for 8 months taking drugs and wiped over my belly the oil from St. John. We pray to St. John to help us to have this child. I was sure I will see my baby for this time because of St. John. And it's true : we have the most beautiful girl in the world and sometimes I feel it is a dream and not the reality. I know for sure that every woman who has not yet had children and who truly believes in intercession of St. John to God can live the happiness that I and my husband live now.

Georgiana Zaharia

**Cancer sufferer in complete remission.
Received on April 5, 2011.**

Dear In Christ Brothers and Sisters of Saint John Cathedral,

We thank you very much for the Holy Oil from the reliquary of Saint John Wonderworker. My husband Alan (Andrew) was diagnosed with cancer stage IV, last year. A parishioner of our church, Sts Constantine & Elena, Indianapolis, MO, gave us holy oil from Saint John and I anointed my husband every day with fervent prayers to Saint John to intercede for us.

A miracle happened, my husband's cancer is in remission (complete remission). We believe that Saint John prayed for us along with other saints. We send the enclosed donation with our gratitude and thanks.

Michaela and Alan
Indianapolis, MO