

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA



SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA FATHERS' DAY June 17, 2012 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Martyrs Manuel, Sabel & Misael of Persia

Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle): but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel): And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

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Services & Activities:

Through June 29

SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST

Sunday, June 17

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA; FATHERS DAY

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Fathers' Day Breakfast

Tuesday, June 19

7:00 pm Next Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

3:00 pm Akathist

Saturday, June 23

5:00 pm Planning Meeting: Summer Vacation Church School

5:30 pm Confession

6:00 pm Great Vespers/Litiya

Sunday, June 24

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 28

7:00 pm Vespers/Litiya for Sts. Peter & Paul

Friday, June 29

9:00 am Divine Liturgy: Saints Peter & Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!

MANY YEARS TO ALL THE FATHERS IN OUR PARISH: HAPPY FATHERS' DAY: MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED PREPARE PIEROGIES THIS PAST MONDAY!!!!

All Saints Summer Vacation Church School: DATE COMING SOON.

BABY SHOWER FOR DONNA WITEK WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30 AT 12:00 NOON. DONNA IS REGISTERED AT BABIES 'R US.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE CANDLE STAND IF YOU ARE ATTENDING.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Barbara, Dorothy, George, Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina & Thomaida), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, and all the departed members and

family members and friends of All Saints, among them Joannie Schlasta, Theofan Koziar and the newly departed: (among them: Stephen Paulishak, Olga, Lawrence, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka. PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Brzuchalski & Hudanish families for today's coffee hour and to those preparing today's Father's Day Breakfast and to the Puthorosky & Specht families for next week's coffee hour.

ST. TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP: JULY 1-7 for information and registration: www.sttikhonscamp.org or call: (570) 493-0108

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH &

RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

COOKBOOKS: HANYA'S KITCHEN: THE ORTHODOX HERALD RECIPE

COLLECTION, FIFTY YEARS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING FEASTS & FASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH; PUBLISHED BY ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CENTURY ASSOCIATION. \$20.00 See Nancy Mazur to purchase a copy.

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.

PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30) in memory of Joanie Schlasta; Web-Site (\$25) & Shut-in mailings (\$25) by Linda Stuchlak. Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 6/10/12: \$1,066.00; Loose Collection: \$45.00; Tithe: \$50.00; Second Collection (Church Supplies): \$60.00; Donation to Pierogie costs by Mike Peregrim: \$50.00

REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.

APOSTLES FAST THROUGH THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, JUNE 29. Fasting from meat and dairy. Fish, Wine & oil generally permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday and on the feast June 29.

All Saints of North America St. John St. Herman St. Tikhon St. Innocent St. Alexis Toth



St. Raphael St. Jacob St. John Kochurov St. Alexander Hotovitzky St. Juvénaly St. Peter the Aleut

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day. Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians. Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ. On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. St Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, St Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism. Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were St Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and St Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow. As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive St Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy. St Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, St Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. St Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. St Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary. St Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at St Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, St Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to St Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. St Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915. In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Sts John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. St John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in St Petersburg. St Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937. In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

