

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS: OUR PATRONAL FEAST!

June 10, 2012 1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (4th c.).



Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle): who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented of

whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel): Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the

ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!

MANY YEARS TO ALL OF US WHO ARE CELEBRATING OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY TODAY ON THIS SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.

MANY YEARS, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS ON ALL OF OUR 2012 GRADUATES: ALEXIS BRZUCHALSKI, JUSTIN CUNNINGHAM, COREY VERESPY, FRANCESCA ROMANYSHYN, & KAYLYN KOVALCHIK.

PIEROGIES BEING PREPARED TOMORROW, THIS MONDAY, JUNE 11 AT 9:00 AM. PLEASE HELP!!!!

BABY SHOWER FOR DONNA WITEK WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20 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 Proskomedie.

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 Rucks, Chartoryky & Oakley families for today's coffee hour and to the Brzuchalski &Hudanish 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. 6/1/12 Friday 538 Dorothy Shorupka; 6/2/12 Saturday 555 Mary August.

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: \$1,093.61; Loose Collection: \$15.25; Tithe: \$550.00; Second Collection (Pierogies): \$55.00;

Donation to the church of \$1,000 in honor of Barbara Puhalla's birthday, May 28 by her sister Vera Sweda Wasacz.

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.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS: Honouring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honourable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers). In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen. (www.goarch.org)

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of Your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassion, grant peace to Your commonwealth, and to our souls, great mercy." Apolytikion

APOSTLES FAST BEGINS TOMORROW, MONDAY, JUNE 11 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.