

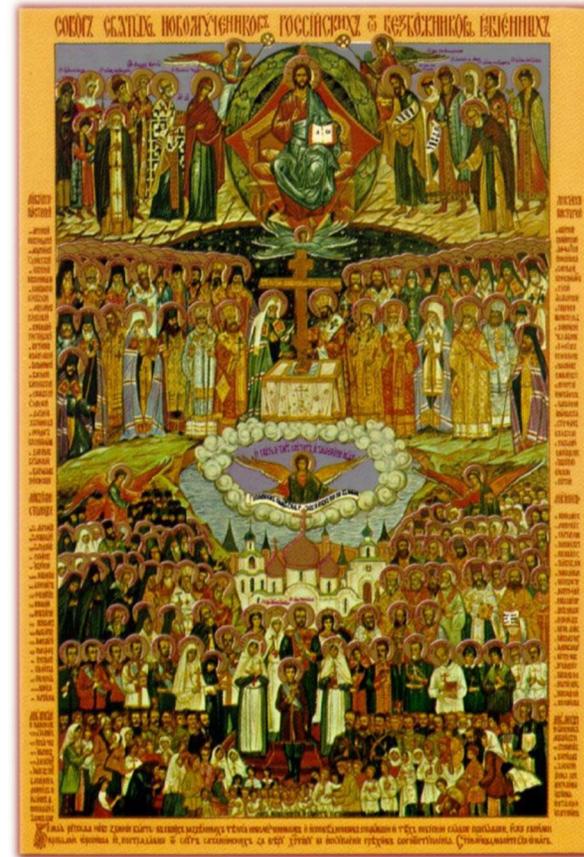
## Words of Saint Patriarch Tikhon

It is not a coincidence that the Church is likened to a ship, sailing amidst a ferocious, stormy sea that is ready to drown it in its waves. And the further the ship sails, the harder the waves slam against it, the fiercer they attack it! But the harder the waves hit the ship, the further they are thrown away and rejoin the abyss and disappear in it, and the ship continues its triumphant sailing as before. For “the foundation of God standeth sure” (2 Tim. 2.19), since the Church of Christ is built on an immovable rock, and “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16.18).

The Church of Christ is the kingdom not of this world. It does not possess any of the attractions of the earthly world. It is persecuted and slandered. Yet it not only avoids perishing in the world but grows and defeats the world! This happens everywhere, and here in our land as well.. We must share our spiritual richness, truth, light, and joy with others who do not have these blessings.

And this duty does not only lay upon the pastors and the missionaries but on the lay persons as well, since the Church of Christ, according to the wise comparison of the Holy Apostle Paul, is the body, and every member takes part in the life of the body. By means of all sorts of mutually binding bonds which are formed and strengthened through the action of every member according to his capacity, the great Church body receives an increase unto the edifying of itself (cf. Eph. 4.16). In the first centuries, it was not only the pastors who were tortured, but laypersons as well – men, women, and even children. And it was laypeople likewise who enlightened the heathen and fought heresies. And now, in the same way, the spreading of the Faith should be a matter that is personal, heartfelt, and dear to each one of us.

*“Let us Attend!”*



*“Holy New Martyrs and Confessors Pray unto God for Us...”*

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New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

**Bulletin, Sunday, 23 January 2022**

**31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.** Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). Ven. Gennádii of Kostromá (1565). Translation of the relics of St. Theóctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1786). Ven. Mausimas the Syrian (4th c.). Ven. Salamanēs the Silent of the Euphrates (ca. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola (431). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680–681).

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15–17

Gospel: Luke 18:35–43

*Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.*

**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday, 30 January 2022: 32<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost – Feast of the Three Hierarchs; Divine Liturgy, 9:30AM. Followed by Coffee Hour Agape.**

**Announcements** ~We warmly welcome to back to All Saints Fr. David Hester and Khouria Anne, and we and thank Father for serving and preaching this morning. God grant you many blessed years.

~ A warm welcome as well to all visitors. Please join us for coffee hour Agape fellowship downstairs following the Liturgy.

~ Father Nicholas Solak will be blessing homes. To have your home blessed either sign-up on the sheet at the candle desk, or set up a time with Father Nicholas (570.350.1482).

~ The Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania will be holding its annual assembly this Thursday Evening and Friday morning at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Paul Witek will represent the parish. We ask all parishioners for their prayers for the delegates to the assembly, that their deliberations be guided by the Holy Spirit.

~ Registration to the All American Council to be held in Baltimore 18–22 July 2022 was opened last week. Dr. Paul Witek will serve as the parish representative to the Council. If any member of the parish wishes to go to the Council as an observer from the parish, please see Dr. Paul for details.

~ A special thanks to those who contributed to the parish in the Christmas Offering. May the Lord richly bless all of you in bring part of your treasure to the feet of the Newborn Christ.

~ A thought that was shared in an Old Church Bulletin written over 45 years ago, but just as true today: “How often we neglect participation in the services of the Church or fail to engage in prayer because we think that we have no time. This year will contain 5,840 waking hours. If every day we pray but 10 minutes, and every Sunday we participate in the Liturgy, this will take up 156 of the whole year, and we shall have 5,684 hours left for our less important affairs. When I stand at the last day before Christ, shall I be able to say honestly: “I had no time”? As Great Lent approaches we can make the effort to pray more and draw near to Lord throughout the day, week, month and year.