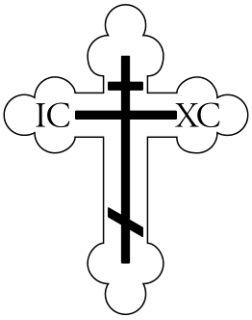
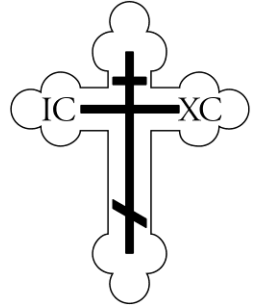


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**Please join us in the**  
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**Liturgy for coffee hour.**

## June 18, 2023

### All Saints of North America

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.

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. Saint 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, Saint 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 Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint 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 Saint 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.

Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), 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, Saint 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. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later.

Saint 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 Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint 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. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint 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.

Below is a list of all Saints who labored in North America, who have been canonized by the Church:

St. Herman of Alaska	St. Peter the Aleut
St. Tikhon	St. Basil Martysz
St. Innocent of Alaska	St. John Maximovitch
St. Raphael of Brooklyn	St. Nikolai of Zhicha
St. Alexis Toth	St. Alexei (Kabalyuk)
St. Jacob of Alaska	St. Mardarije of Libertyville
St. John of Chicago	St. Sebastian of Jackson, CA
St. Alexander Hotovitzky	St. Seraphim of Uglich
St. Juvenaly	St. Varnava the New Confessor

All Saints of North America,  
pray to God for us.

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## Tone 1 – Resurrectional Troparion

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior,  
granting life to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O You who love mankind!”

## Tone 8 – Troparion of All Saints of America

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,  
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who  
have shone in them.  
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

## Tone 1 – Resurrectional Kontakion

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs  
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.  
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

## Tone 8 – Kontakion of All Saints

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs  
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.  
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

## Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,  
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.  
Angels and bishops worship.  
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//  
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

## **Tone 1 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 32)**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us  
as we have set our hope on You!

## **Tone 7 – Prokeimenon for All Saints of America (Psalm 115)**

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints!

## **Epistle: Romans 2.10-16 (Sunday)**

Brethren: 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.

## **Hebrews 11.33 – 12.2 (All Saints of America)**

Brethren: Through faith, the Saints 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 receiving deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others were tried by mocking and scourging, yes, and by chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned; they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, 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, because God had provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also 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.

### **Gospel: Matthew 4.18-23 (Sunday)**

At that time, 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.

### **Matthew 4.25 – 5.12 (All Saints of America)**

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**New. Dep.** Anthony Vuckovich  
Richard Cain  
Joann Barsich  
**Ev.Mem.** George Cillo ('49)

Irene Odinsoff ('62)  
Anna Stazik ('69)  
John Svihra ('88)  
Margaret Stodola (2011)

<b>Health &amp; Salv.</b>	Jonathan	Klaudia
Archpr. Peter	Christine	Tom
Mat. Cynthia	Zoey	Diane
Archpr. John	Dominic	Brandi
Pr. Gregory	Declan	Joyce
Mat. Beverly	Hudson	Galina
Pr. Patrick	Ronald	Thomas
Dn. Nicholas	Mary Ann	Diane
Mat. Anne	Dara	Michael
Mat. Catherine	Jaroslava	Linda
Kevin	Andrew	Stephanie
Jon	Andrew	Nathan
Tanya	Vadim	Cindy
Jovan	Hanna	Nathaniel
Rollie	Viktor	Tamara
Nadia	Gerald	Dennis
Joseph	Christine	Maria
Linda	Olga	Elizabeth
Claudia	Janie	Jonah
Carol	Sharon	Jamie
Snezana	Tanya	Kyleigh
Ryan	Renee	Lauren
Nathan	Michael	Kyle
Kara	Chris	Susan
Djuro	Nina	Mark
Paula	Carissa	Christopher
Christopher	Duane	Betty
Karen	Elizabeth	William
Alexandra	Olga	Jack

\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

## **Special Petition at the Augmented Litany:**

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For **Bible Study** tomorrow, read.

The Diocese of the Midwest has released its own communications app called **Our Diocese**. It is safe, free of ads or other outside influence, and available at no cost. If you are interested in joining, ask Fr Jacob to send you an invite. More info at [our.domoca.org](http://our.domoca.org)

### **Mark your calendars:**

June 19: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

June 20: **Parish Council meeting @ 7pm**

June 23: **Festal Vespers for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist @ 6pm**

June 24: **Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist @ 10am**

June 25: **Parish Pool Party at Hobart Community Pool @ 6pm**

June 28: **Festal Vespers for the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul @ 6pm**

June 29: **Feast Day Divine Liturgy at Sts Peter and Paul in Burr Ridge, IL @ 9:30am**

July 30: **St. Clement Summer Picnic after Divine Liturgy**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$2,440**

# **Glory to God for all things!**