

Commemoration of the 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

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.

- St. **Herman of Alaska**, Wonderworker of All America
- St. **Tikhon of Moscow**, Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America
- St. **Innocent of Alaska**, Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of North America
- St. **Raphael**, Bishop of Brooklyn
- St. **Alexis Toth**, Confessor & Defender of Orthodoxy in America
- St. **Jacob**, Enlightener of the Native Peoples of Alaska
- St. **John Kochurov**, Missionary to America and First Hieromartyr under the Bolshevik Yoke
- St. **Alexander Hotovitzky**, New Hieromartyr of Russia and Missionary to America
- Saint **Juvenal of Alaska**, the Protomartyr of America
- Martyr **Peter the Aleut** of Alaska, America, and San Francisco

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 remember these saints, let us also remember that we too are called by God to a life of holiness.

*We magnify you, All Saints who have shone forth in North America,
and we honor your holy memory,
for you pray to Christ our God for us.*

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Saints of North America

Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

*Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America
now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.*

With them the angels glorify Him,

and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;

and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Kontakion, All Saints of North America -Tone 3

On this day the Church remembers:

2nd Sunday After Pentecost - All Saints of North America (All Saints of Russia) (All Saints of Georgia) • St. David of Thessalonica (ca. 540) • St. Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal' (1385) • Translation of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Lukhov (Kostromá- 1569) • St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.) • Monk Martyr David of Thessalonica • Appearance of the TIKHVIN Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1388) • The "SEDMIYEZERSKAYA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, (17th c.).

June 26, 2011

Tone 1 of the Octoechos.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

Alex, on his birthday, son of Fr Boris and Matushka Galina.

Readings:

- **Romans 2:10-16**
- **Matthew 4:18-23**
- Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)
- Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saints)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And 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, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Summer Sunday service:

Hours - 9:10 AM

Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

(General Confession on the first Sunday of each month)

Coffee hour after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- Congratulations to **Fr. Boris** on receiving a Gold Pectoral Cross Award from our diocesan hierarch, Bishop Michael, last weekend.
- Congratulations to **Charles Gallagher** who was tonsured as our Reader by Bishop Michael, last weekend.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the visit by Bishop Michael a success.
- Congratulations to **Elizabet Bogomolova** and **Elizabeth Zimmerman** for having the best attendance records in Church School this year. Also, congratulations to **Christopher Dawson** on his "graduation" from Church School, and thanks to him for his contributions over the past nine years. Church School will resume in September.
- The Sunday **Divine Liturgy service will begin a half hour earlier** now that Sunday school is on its summer break. The hours will be celebrated at 9:10 AM, and the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 AM. We will return to the normal service schedule the Sunday after Labor Day.

Special Announcements:

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- A **meeting of the Parish Council** will be held today, after coffee hour.