

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

Linda Jankowski, offered by her family.

Richard on Father's Day, husband of Linda Dantinne.

Gregory on his birthday, son-in-law of Andrew and Maribeth.

All living **Fathers, Stepfathers, Godfathers, and Grandfathers on Father's Day**

For the eternal Memory of:

All departed **Fathers, Stepfathers, Godfathers, and Grandfathers on Father's Day**

(Our parish is also praying for: Archpriest **Vincent**, Matushka **Patricia** and the child of God, **Kira**)

Readings:

- **Hebrews 11:33-12:2**
- **Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

Brethren, who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him 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 me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service.

See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room

(Church School has ended for the school year.)

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

Thank you

I would like to thank the Church of the Mother of God, the parish council, the sisterhood and everyone for their support regarding my upcoming trip to the "Children's Home of Hope" on the grounds of the Shen Vlash Monastery in Durres, Albania. I am truly grateful, as I would not have had this opportunity without your generous donations and prayers.

The time is drawing near and I am very excited and honored to be able to participate on this mission trip. I am looking forward to working with the children and the staff at the Children's Home of Hope and I look forward to sharing my experiences and pictures with you when I return from Albania.

Please keep the Albanian Mission Team: Fr. Dennis, Adeline, Angelika, Zoe, Oliver, Bethany, Jessica, Sara, and myself in your prayers.

In Christ, Reader Charles

Announcements:

- **"Church Vitality Workshop" led by Archpriest John Reeves.** On June 28, there will be a Conference on Parish Revitalization at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, NJ. It starts at 9:30 AM and free lunch is provided. (See information on Bulletin board).
- Please pray for the health and recovery of **Linda Jankowski**. She broke her femur and has had surgery. Linda is currently undergoing rehab at Betty Bacharach Rehabilitation Hospital.
- The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be Sunday, **June 29th**, after coffee hour.

St. Maximus says: "The three reasons for the love of money: Pleasure seeking, Vain glory, and Lack of Faith. The more serious than the other two is Lack of Faith. The hedonist loves money because he lives in luxury; the vain person because with it he can be praised; the person who lacks Faith, because he can hide it and keep it while in fear of hunger, or old age, or illness, or exile. He lays hope on the money rather than on God the maker and provider of the whole of Creation, even of the last and the least of living things."

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints:

Both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God, are remembered today. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet the same Holy Spirit perfected all. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "*be holy, for I am holy*" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him. St Peter of Damascus, in his "*Fourth Stage of Contemplation*," mentions five categories of saints: **Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints** (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology. St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the **Righteous** to St Peter's five categories. The list of St Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "*Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous....*" Some of the saints are described as **Confessors**, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death. Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "*Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men*" (LADDER, Step 26:31). The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "*in the world.*" Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, St Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

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All Saints

Glory to
Jesus ChristGlory
Forever

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the
world.

She cries to You, O Christ God:
Send down Your bounties on Your people,
Grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

Troparion

Today the Church remembers:**1st Sunday After Pentecost • All Saints •**

- Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.) • St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1461)
• Ven. Gregory and Cassian, Abbots of Avnezhk (Vologda—1392) • Martyrs Vitus,
Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. 303) • Martyr Dulas of Cilicia (4th c.)
• St. Dulas the Passionbearer, of Egypt • St. Jerome (Hieronimus) of Stridonium (420)
• Translation of the Relics of St. Theodore the Sykeote (ca. 9th c.) • Rt. Bly. Lazarus,
Prince of Serbia (1389) • St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Serbia (14th c.) • Bl. Augustine,
Bishop of Hippo (430) • The "MARIANICA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

June 15, 2014

All Saints
(Apostles Fast starts Monday)

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Tone 8 of the Octoechos