

Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:**Health of:**

Linda Dantine, my wonderful wife, mom, mom mom, and prospera maker
 “Babes” on her ** birthday, offered by her loving husband “Babes” of 59
 years!!

Naomi Searfoorce on her 8th birthday requested with love by her grandparents.

All the Fathers and Godfathers of our parish family.

Memory of:

Newly departed, **Richard** Dantine, Sr., offered with love by our parish family.

Andrew Koss requested with love by daughters Andrea, Julie and M. Barbara.

William Searfoorce requested with love by his family.

All departed Fathers and Godfathers of our parish family.

Our fathers, **Risley** and **David** on Father’s Day, offered by Linda (and Richard).

Grigorie (Gregory), from his granddaughter Iana.

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (*1st Sunday after Pentecost*)

Readings: **Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30** (*1st Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints*)

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, “Everyone 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.”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Sunday school meets every Sunday after Communion.**Announcements:**

- Sunday school **certificates** of achievement for the school year will be awarded today, **Sunday June 15th**.
- The next **meeting of the parish council** has been changed to **Sunday, June 22nd**, after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Synaxis of All Saints:

Today, the first Sunday after Holy Pentecost, is the Synaxis of All Saints. The doctrine of the Church comes alive in the lives of the true believers, the saints.

The saints are those who literally share the holiness of God. **“Be holy, for I your God am holy”** (Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:16). The lives of the saints bear witness to the authenticity and truth of the Christian gospel, the sure gift of God’s holiness to men.

In the Church there are different classifications of saints. In addition to the **holy fathers** who are quite specifically glorified for their teaching, there are a number of classifications of the various types of holy people according to the particular aspects of their holiness.

Thus, there are the **apostles** who are sent to proclaim the Christian faith, the **evangelists** who specifically announce and even write down the gospels, the **prophets** who are directly inspired to speak God’s word to men. There are the **confessors** who suffer for the faith and the **martyrs** who die for it. There are the so-called **“holy ones”**, the saints from among the monks and nuns; and the **“righteous”** those from among the lay people.

In addition, the church service books have a special title for saints from among the ordained clergy and another special title for the holy rulers and statesmen.

Also there is the strange classification of the **fools for Christ’s sake**. These are they who through their total disregard for the things that people consider so necessary—clothes, food, money, houses, security, public reputation, etc.—have been able to witness without compromise to the Christian Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. They take their name from the sentence Of the Apostle Paul: **“We are fools for Christ’s sake”** (1 Cor 4:10; 3:18).

*As the first fruits of nature offered to the Planter of all creation, O Lord,
the inhabited earth brings the God-bearing Martyrs.*

*By their supplications, and the intercession of the Theotokos,
preserve Your Church in profound peace, O greatly Merciful One.*

Kontakion — Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/06/15>

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Synaxis of All Saints

*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

*Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world,
as if clothed in purple and linen,
through them Your Church cries out to You, O Christ God:
“Bestow Your bounties upon Your people,
grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls.”*

Tone 4 — Troparion

June 15, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

All Saints • “Seven Arrows” • Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.) • St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1461). Martyrs Modestus, Crescentia, and Vitus, at Lucania (ca. 303) • Martyr Dulas of Cilicia (4th c.) • St. Dulas, Passionbearer of Egypt • St. Jerome (Hieronymus) of Stridon (420) • Translation of the Relics of St. Theodore the Sykeote (ca. 9th c.) • Right-believing Lazarus, Prince of Serbia (1389) • St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Serbia (14th c.) • Blessed Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430) • “Marianica” Icon of the Mother of God • St. Theophanes of the Roslavl Forests (Russia—1819)

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Apostles fast