

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:**The Health of:****All fathers and Godfathers of our parish.****The Memory of:**Our fathers, **Risley** and **David** on Father's Day, offered by Linda and Richard.**All departed fathers and Godfathers of our parish.**

Romans 2:10-16 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)[Hebrews 11:33-12:2](#) (Saints)**Readings:** **Matthew 4:18-23** (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)[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.

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 Fr Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**Unfortunately, we will not be able to have Coffee Hour today,****Sunday School has ended for the summer.**

Have a healthy and happy summer!

Announcements:

- Many thanks to Dn. Edward, his brother Bill , and Richard for dealing with the flooded basement this past week.
- The Sisterhood will be holding a food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Please see the listing downstairs of needed items. All donations will be welcomed!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.
- Prospora (bread) is again available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prospora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

Synaxis 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.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/06/18>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

Synaxis of the Saints of North
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.*

Troparion – Tone 8

June 18, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

All Saints of America • Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria (70-79) • Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) • Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite (1605) • “Bogolyubov” Icon of the Mother of God (1157)

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 1 of the Octoechos.