

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the Health of:**

All fathers of our parish, offered by the church council

For the Memory of:

Peter Taran on the occasion of his birthday, offered by the Dawson family

Adele Taran, offered by the Dawson family

Our fathers **Risley** and **David** on Father's Day, offered by the Dantine family.

All departed fathers of our parish, offered by the church council.

Readings:

[Hebrews 11:33-12:2](#) (*Saints of North America*)

Romans 2:10-16 (*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*)

[Matthew 4:25-5:12](#) (*Saints of North America*)

Matthew 4:18-23 (*2nd Sunday after Pentecost*)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone 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 service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.

Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)

Church School

Church School has ended for the school year.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills.

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

Reminders:

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer two weeks in advance so that we can get it into the bulletin.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

See us on the web at: ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin

See us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog

Email us at: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

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.

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

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 – Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/06/21>

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

and our website:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/>

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Synaxis of the Saints of North America

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*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

Today the Church remembers:

All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia) • Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.) • Hieromartyr Terence (Tertius), Bishop of Iconium (1st c.) • St. Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon (5th c.) • Martyrs Archil II (744) and Luarsab II (1622), Kings of Georgia

June 21, 2020

**2nd SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

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