Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:

For the health, of:

Peter Taran, brother of Holly Dawson, on his birthday, offered by Holly and family.

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

Readings:	•	Romans 2:10-16	٠	Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)
	٠	Matthew 4:18-23	٠	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.

<u>Saturday service:</u> 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				
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd 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.

Announcements:

- The Sunday School teachers would like to recognize Elizabeth Zimmerman for her many years of participation in Church School. Elizabeth is graduating from eighth grade this year and from our Sunday School program. Congratulations, Elizabeth.
- "Church Vitality Workshop" led by Archpriest John Reeves. This Saturday, 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. It is important that we continually strive to be better than we are and maintain a healthy outlook as we serve Christ in our community. Please let Trudy know if you can attend or need a ride. (See information on Bulletin board).
- **Reader Charles is now on a mission trip** at the "Children's Home of Hope" on the grounds of the Shen Vlash Monastery in Durres, Albania. Please keep the Albanian Mission Team: Fr. Dennis, Adeline, Angelika, Zoe, Oliver, Bethany, Jessica, Sara, and Reader Charles in your prayers.
- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** next Sunday, **June 29**th, after coffee hour.

St. Maximus says: "Purify your mind of anger, resentment, and shameful thoughts, and then you will be able to know the indwelling of Christ." This is very basic advice. If we try to look at the beauty of the Fall colors through dirty, clouded and obstructed windows, we will not see the beauty of God's creation. The same is true of our minds: if we cloud our thoughts with these negative feelings and emotions, and are distracted by things NOT of God, then we cannot even recognize Christ within us.

All 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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Glory to Jesus Christ



Glory Forever

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

Today the Church remembers: All Saints of America • (All Saints of Russia)

 Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380)
Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia (304)
Martyrs Galacteon, Juliana, and Saturninus, of Constantinople. St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (ca. 287)
Hieromartyr Nicetas of Remesiana (414-420)
Martyr Nicetas the Dacian (370-372)
St. Grigorie Dascalu, Metropolitan of Wallachia (Romania)

June 22, 2014 All Saints of North America (Apostles Fast) To

2nd Sunday after Pentecost Tone 1 of the Octoechos

Diocese of New York and New Jersey, of the Orthodox Church in America.