

Bulletin sponsor this week is for:**The memory of:**

Kathleen and Joseph Sheehan, parents of Maribeth, offered by the Romanofsky family.

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	

Mask wearing in church is optional for vaccinated persons. Those who are unvaccinated should continue to mask up. Thank you for caring about your fellow parishioners!

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.

Church School is presently on summer hiatus.

Thank you to the students and their parents on the completion of another successful year of Church school!

Announcements:

- There will be a meeting of the Parish Council today, June 26th after coffee hour.
- **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 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.

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.

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/2022/06/26>

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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

June 26, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia) • New Martyr David of St. Anne's Skete (1813) • St. David of Thessalonica (ca. 540) • St. Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal' (1385) • Translation of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Lukhov (Kostromá— 1569) • St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.) • Appearance of the TIKHVIN Icon of the Mother of God (1388) • The "SEDMIYEZERSKAYA" Icon of the Mother of God (17th c.)

2nd Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 1 of the Octoechos.

Apostles' Fast