

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****Health of:**

**Eli and Alfredo** Guedes in their travels, offered by the Guedes family

**Memory of:**

**Peter** Taran, brother of Holly, remembering his birthday, offered by the Dawson family

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

**Eduard Aleksashin** offered by his family (Pannikhida)

**Readings:**

**Hebrews 11:33-12:2** (*Saints*)

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

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (*Saints*)

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

**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.

**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.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours** - 9:40 AM

**Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM

(**Private Confession** – After Vespers by appointment.)

(**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)

**Church School has ended for the school year.**

**Have a safe and blessed summer!**

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

**Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** today, June 30<sup>th</sup>, after coffee hour.
- **Memorial Plaque:** The \$25.00 donation for the submission of names has been extended until September 1, 2019. (Then it will return to \$100 per name.) There is now a sheet at the candle stand to submit names.

**Special Announcements:**

- Parishioners who would like to donate items for use in the kitchen, can check the blackboard downstairs for what is needed.
- **Please note** – If you are bringing food for coffee hour because you had a Pannikhida, or other special event, please notify Lore Stefy at 609 625-1184 in advance.

**Reminders:**

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the sign-up sheet at the candle stand. **If using the sign-up sheet, please give two weeks' notice.**
- 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://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/6/30>

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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**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia)** • St. Peter, Prince of Ordinsk (Rostov—1290) • Translation of the Relics of St. Sophroný, Bishop of Irkutsk (1918) • **Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles:** Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphæus, Jude, the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (1st c.).

(Note: The service for the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles is transferred to July 1.)

**June 30, 2019**

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Tone 1** of the Octoechos