

SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44, I Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

...The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ, even unto death.

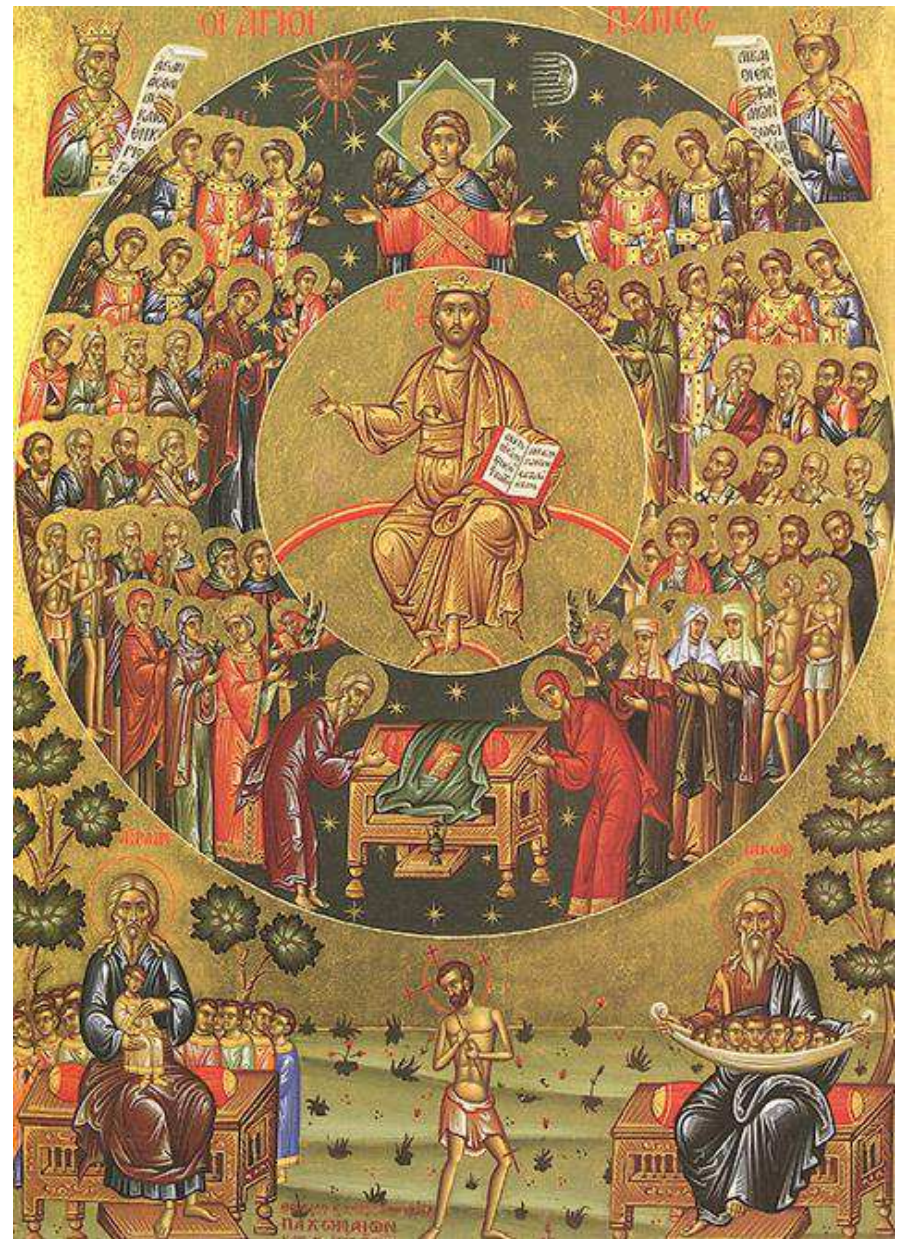
Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs, as Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons.

The Righteous are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world," such as Abraham and Sarah, Job, Sts. Joachim and Anna, St. Joseph the Betrothed.

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TONE 8

JUNE 11, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **ALL SAINTS**

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

*Ven. Varnava, Abbot of Vetluga; Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotorzhk;
Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mt. Athos,
And the revelation of the hymn, "It is truly meet..."
Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "IT IS TRULY MEET"*

"Let us praise the Baptist and Forerunner, with the Apostles, prophets, and martyrs; let us hymn the hierarchs and all the martyred clergy, the Christ-like and ascetic men and women, and all the just, together with the legions of angels. With hymns of praise, let us crown them as we should, seeking a share in their glory at the hands of Christ, the Savior."

Exapostilarion, Tone II

"The One who descended on you in fiery tongues cast out from your hearts all fear and hesitation, so that you openly professed your faith in Him who had called you. Your labors won for you fullness of life in the unity of all believers, and you were only too happy to give your lives for the word of God. O holy Apostles, Bartholomew and Barnabas, entreat Him now to save our souls."

Kondakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, June 17

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 12

Romans 2:28-3:18

Mathew 6:31-34; 7:9-11

(Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas)

Acts 11:19-26,29-30

Luke 10:16-21

Tuesday, June 13

Romans 4:4-12

Matthew 7:15-21

Wednesday, June 14

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 7:21-23

Thursday, June 15

Romans 5:10-16

Matthew 8:23-27

Friday, June 16

Romans 5:17-6:2

Matthew 9:14-17

Saturday, June 17

Romans 3:19-26

Matthew 7:1-8

TOMORROW IS THE BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES' FAST.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

- 12, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 23, Friday FOCUS Golf Outing at Hinckley Hills Golf Course
- 29, Thursday 7:00 p.m. Young Orthodox Christians outing

JULY:

- 10, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

In conjunction with the IOCC's 25th Anniversary, we will be holding a special collection to benefit the organization. A collection basket has been placed at the back of the church. Please mark your donation for IOCC; if donating by check, write checks to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.

SUMMER CAMP:

Camp season is around the corner! Our youngsters are fortunate to have a great Orthodox Camp in the area, which provides both an entertaining and inspiring experience. For information go to the website: stvladimirscampohio.com. This year's camping season will follow this schedule:

- Younger children (ages 7-11) - July 2-8
- Sports Week (grades 5-12) - July 9-15
- Older children (ages 12-17 - July 16-22

FLOWER DONOR SIGN UP:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to donate the weekly flowers that adorn the icon table; cost is \$10 and can be given to Mary Ann Schmidt.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Brenda Matveychik.

YOUNG ADULT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS:

Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to the get-together on Thursday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., at Melt Bar & Grilled, which is located at 6700 Rockside Rd. in Independence. Meet Metropolitan SAVAS of Pittsburgh, who will also be a guest. RSVP on Facebook or GoREALCleveland@gmail.com.

FOCUS GOLF OUTING:

Please support for the June 23 Golf Outing at Hinckley Hills to benefit St. Herman's House; golfers or sponsorships or program ads are needed. Last year FOCUS provided over 80,000 hot meals, sheltered 70 homeless men, and provided groceries and clothing to over 700 men and over 400 families. If you can help or need further information, please email the Chairperson: golfsthermans@focusna.org

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10. We will complete reading The Joy of the Holy (St. Seraphim), pages 57-89 and 110-122. Please join us.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Neil and Sue Haverly.

*"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time,
casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (I Peter 5:6-7)*

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JUNE 4	\$ 3277.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	115.00
BUILDING FUND	175.00
MORTGAGE FUND	195.00
CANDLES	131.00
PENTECOST	903.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	35.00
IOCC	25.00

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TREASURES FROM THE PENTECOSTARION - VI

FROM THE VIGIL OF THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

In unison of faith, let us spiritually celebrate the universal festival of all who have been pleasing unto God from ages past, even the venerable order of Patriarchs, the company of Prophets, the adornment of Apostles, the gathering of Martyrs, the boast of Ascetics, the memorial of All Saints; for they intercede unceasingly that peace be granted to the world, and great mercy to our souls.

Let us come together to the present festival, O faithful; for there is set before us a spiritual table and a mystical wine-bowl, filled with the sweet food of joy, even the virtues of the Martyrs. For these stout-hearted Saints, from the uttermost parts of the earth, offered to God, as a rational sacrifice, the torments that afflicted their bodily members with all diversity of sufferings, together with the very prime of their years. Some being beheaded, others deprived of their hands and sundered at every joint, all the Saints became sharers of the Passion of Christ. Wherefore, O Lord, Who gave them crowns as a reward for their torments, count us worthy to walk in their footsteps, since You are the Friend of man.

When You were lifted on the Tree, O Master, You did draw to knowledge of You the whole lot and portion of the nations and You made them shine brightly with the light of the All-holy Trinity, at Your holy Apostles' hands, driving off, through them, all deceit and guile.

O Christ, Your glorious Apostles, hearkening to Your laws with right pious faith forsook all things earthly, and they made the whole inhabited earth shine resplendently with the light of divine grace, as they with mighty voice preached of You, bringing the good tidings to every land.

Your noble Martyrs, with exceeding gladness taking up Your Cross on themselves, unbending and dauntless, imitated Your august and saving Passion for our sakes; and they feared not the threats of the tyrants, scourging, fire, or sword, neither famine nor dreaded death itself.

Beholding the assembly of Your Saints shining today with Your brightness and the unquenchable lamps of grace, O Savior, we unceasingly praise Your divine riches and bounty of good things. As they now enjoy divine delight, dancing in gladness and singing praise, we also proclaim: Have mercy on us, O Friend of mankind.

The Holy Saints that have borne witness in all the earth and have transferred their dwelling to the Heavens, who have imitated Christ's Passion and thereby take away our passions, are assembled here today, showing that the Church of the Firstborn figuratively displays the Church above. With them we cry to Christ: You are our God, preserve us through the pure Theotokos, O You Who are greatly merciful.