

## SYNAXIS OF THE SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

...The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

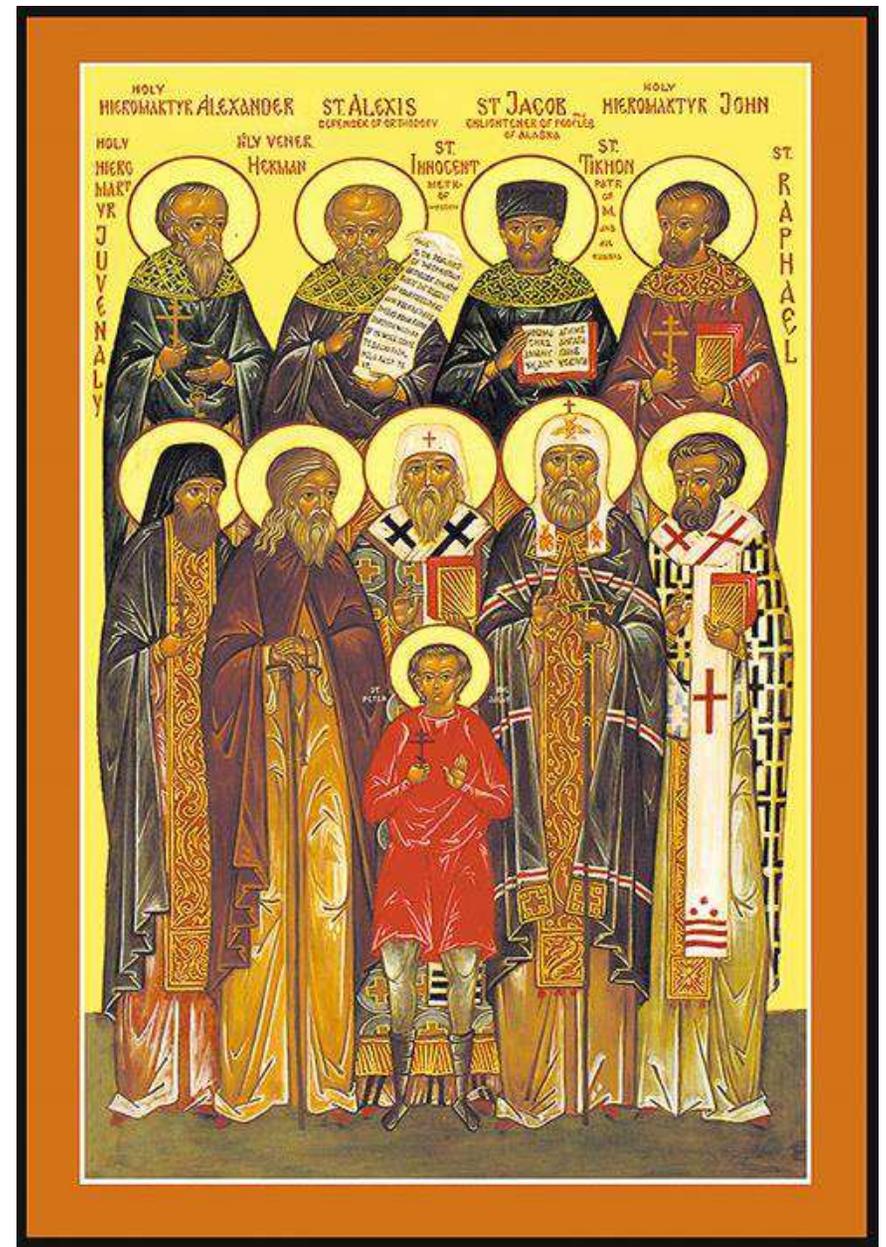
On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph.

The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, St. Peter the Aleut was killed by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the 19th century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were St. Innocent Veniaminov and St. Jacob Netsvetov, who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

On March 25, 1881, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive St. Alexis Toth and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church; this was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

St. Tikhon came to America as bishop of the diocese of Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, he traveled extensively throughout North America to minister to his flock. He realized the church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church and focused on giving the American Church a structure which would help it mature and grow....



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JUNE 18, 2017

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*All Saints of America*

*All Saints of Russia*

*Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria;*

*Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves;*

*Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite;*

*The "BOGOLIUBSKAYA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos*

"You turned the treachery of the tyrant tormentors into their disgrace, and you showed the unbelieving Greeks the nonsense of idol worship, while to us, you pointed out the piety that leads to wisdom. Filled with a longing for that kingdom you already enjoy, we honor your memory while asking your prayers, O blessed martyrs."

Kondakion to Leontius and his companions, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 2:10-16  
HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:18-23  
MATTHEW 4:25-5:12

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Friday, June 23	6:00 p.m. Vespers
Saturday, June 24	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Nativity of Holy Forerunner and Baptist John</b> 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, June 19 (Apostle Jude)	Romans 7:1-13 Jude 1:1-10	Mathew 9:36-10:8 John 14:21-24
Tuesday, June 20	Romans 7:14-8:2	Matthew 10:9-15
Wednesday, June 21	Romans 8:2-13	Matthew 10:16-22
Thursday, June 22	Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
Friday, June 23	Romans 9:6-19 Romans 3:28-4:3	Matthew 10:32-36 11:1 Matthew 7:24-8:4
Saturday, June 24	Romans 13:11-14:4	Luke 1:1-25,57-68,76,80

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND GODFATHERS  
TODAY ON FATHER'S DAY AND ALWAYS!**

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**JUNE:**

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 Carol Bohurjak in memory of Tom Bohurjak.

**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 Janene and Steve Hatch.

*"Bear in your heart continually the words  
'Christ is Love'*

*And endeavor to love all, sacrificing for the sake of love,  
Not only your possessions, but even your self."*

*St. John of Kronstadt*

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, JUNE 11	\$ 2955.00
BUILDING FUND	85.00
MORTGAGE FUND	127.00
CANDLES	103.00
ORTHODOX CHARITIES	96.00
IOCC	210.00

**LIVES OF SAINTS**

*We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses”  
(Hebrews 12:1)*

The Gospel is a call to action, to an introspective ascent to truth.  
Until the day that all struggles end, until that final breath, we will climb  
Mountains, initiated to a higher calling, not forsaking to face each other,  
We accept the “free gift of righteousness” and learn daily how to forgive.

Christ’s reassurance that we can escape the pit is found in reading  
The lives of saints; after Scripture, before evening prayers, or at lunchtime  
When bells ring somewhere or in the memory of innocent adulthood,  
Read and weep too, because much innocence has been squandered.

Saints are men and women, like us, and they remain, like us, in consideration,  
Broken hearted, confused, reasonable, sacrificial and expired,  
But they are what they are because we need to be them, growing more  
In knowledge and understanding, in patience, courage and humility.

They are heroes and heroines, hard men and soft women, young children,  
Kings and queens, princes, princesses, generals, warriors, combatants, victims,  
Clothed and unclothed, hairy and hairless, bearded and bald, quiet and loud,  
Distinguished and disfigured, confident and confused, courageous and bewildered.

Some are liberal, others conservative, some hot and cool, others smart and cold,  
Some are funny and sad at the same time, some beautiful – a pleasure to behold,  
Others are such that looking on them you shudder; they are priests and plumbers,  
Farmers and lawyers, doctors and doubters, debutantes and dilettantes.

You find them in hovels and on hilltops, in jails, barns and on columns,  
In caves and ditches, as brothers and sisters, with families that loved and  
Parents that abused, with friends and enemies, as afflicted, despised and sick,  
They were hated and loved, they were slaves and prisoners, and the most free.

Laws of physics do not apply to sanctity, but attention to and mindfulness  
Of form, music, drama and dance can lead to appreciation of the “good.”  
Saints show us how the strength of goodness makes humanity flourish by  
Necessary application of common sense and conscience in everyday life.

What they have together is what we share, you and I, the feelings and  
Experiences of life’s joys and miseries as blessings in tandem, hopes  
That mistakes, mine, yours, ours, all those ever made, will not impede  
Continuation of the exquisite wonder: the remembrance of Creation.

What we learn about saints we may forget, as we forget the Biblical destiny,  
As we lose ourselves in palaces of self-praise, in mindless material devotion,  
We even forget we are alive, but be ready for surprise, as day surprises night,  
Receive a saint’s sustaining faith as an unrestricted gift of love and logic.

*Father Alexander Garklaus*