

June 10, 2018

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

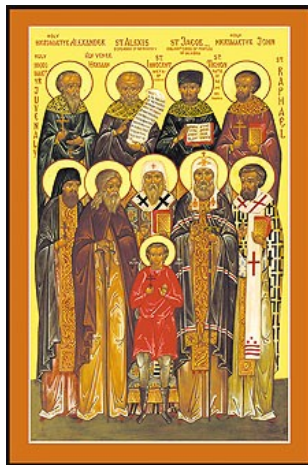
Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) 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 I. 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. Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Continue reading at ...

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The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

**MARTYR ALEXANDER AND VIRGIN-MARTYR ANTONINA AT
CONSTANTINOPLE;**

**VENERABLE THEOPHANES THE MONK AND PANSEMNE
THE FORMER HARLOT OF ANTIOCH;**

**JOHN THE WONDERWORKER, METROPOLITAN OF TOBOLSK
AND ALL SIBERIA**

Tone 1 - Eothinon 2

Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Student Recognition, 11:30 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School & Teens, 11:45 am

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (June 17):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Tadesse	---
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Justin	Greg Howanetz
ALTAR CANDLES:	Victoria Psomiadis	Tinjala
GREETERS:	Greg & Jennifer H.	Justin & Kate G.
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge & Alex	Olena, Carol, & Tadesse
COFFEE HOUR:	Alemash & Mele	Women of St. Philip

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.



Mark Your Calendar:

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

Ss. Peter & Paul
June 28/29

Vacation Church School
July 30 - Aug 3

Dormition Fast
Aug 1 - Aug 15

Feast of the Transfiguration
August 6

International Food Festival
September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined child	Zafer
Abraham	Alexandra
Baby Simeon	George
Paul (H)	
Paul (M)	
James E	
Vladimir R	
Christine S	
Angela G	
Mary K.	
R Maxime	
John D	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	<u>St. Nina's List</u>
Elizabeth D	Catechumens
Gloria	Expectant
Mat. Linda D	Mothers
Mark L	
Stephanie	Couples prepar-
R Herman E	ing for marriage
M. Emiliani	
Mebrat	Joseph G.
Barbara M	Faith
Thomas, Elizabeth &	Mary
all Missionaries	Michael
Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	

SAINT PHILIP'S is a place of prayer and repentance and a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

"So far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (Rom 12:18)

This Week:

APOSTLES' FAST JUN 4-29

Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving

- Monday, June 11:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Tuesday, June 12:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Wed, June 13:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
- Thurs, June 14:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Philokalia Reading Group, 12:30 pm
- Friday, June 15:** SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Men's Fellowship (at Kovalenko's), 8 pm
- Saturday, June 16:** Bible Study: Sacrifice in Scripture, 4:30 pm
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 p.m.
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 17:** **ORTHROS 8:15 a.m., Divine LITURGY 9:30 a.m.**
Departure for AV Kids camp.
Coffee Hour & Teens, 11:30 am

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Bath & Shower Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: "Let me get back to you on that."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on June 2: 54 Divine Services on June 3: 208
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$249.25. Collections, \$648. Youth, \$24. Book Shelf, \$47. Camping Fund, \$510. One-time Gift, \$500. Stewardship, \$3,957. Total received: \$5,935.25.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!