

Venerable Martha, mother of Venerable Simeon Stylites the Younger (July 4)

Saint Martha, mother of Saint Simeon of Wonderful Mountain (May 24), lived during the sixth century and was a native of Antioch. From her early years she yearned for monasticism, but her parents persuaded her to marry. Her husband, John, soon died, and righteous Martha with all her strength devoted herself to the raising of her son. She was an example of high Christian temperament for her son. She often visited the temple of God, she attended church services attentively and with piety, and frequently received the Holy Mysteries of Christ.



Saint Martha rose up to pray each night, and her prayers were offered with heartfelt warmth and tears. She particularly venerated Saint John the Forerunner, who was for her a protector, frequently appearing to her in visions. Saint Martha was charitable towards the poor, she fed and clothed them, she visited the convalescent and she attended to the sick, she buried the dead, and for those preparing to receive holy Baptism she made the baptismal garments with her own hands.

Saint Martha was reserved, and no one heard from her a frivolous, false or vain word, no one saw her angry, nor fighting with anyone nor bitter. She was a model of chaste and pious life and by her example she guided many on the pathway to salvation. When her son, Saint Simeon, had become a renowned ascetic, she urged him not to exalt himself for his own efforts, but to thank God for everything.

The time of her death was revealed to Saint Martha. She beheld angels with candles saying that they would come for her in another year's time. The saint was also granted visions of Paradise, and the All-Pure Virgin Herself showed to her the heavenly habitations prepared for the righteous.

Saint Martha's death was peaceful, and her body was buried on Wonderful Mountain, at the place of the ascetic deeds of her son, Saint Simeon the Stylite.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/03/28/100919-venerable-hilarion-the-new-abbot-of-pelekete>)



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July 4, 2021

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

COMMEMORATIONS:

SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
ANDREW, ARCHBISHOP OF CRETE, AUTHOR OF THE
GREAT CANON
MARTYRS THEODORE OF CYRENE AND LUCIA
VENERABLE ANDREI RUBLEV
MARTHA, MOTHER OF ST. SYMEON STYLITES THE
YOUNGER
ASCLEPIAS THE WONDERWORKER
HOLY ROYAL MARTYRS OF RUSSIA, MICHAEL
CHONIATES, METROPOLITAN OF ATHENS

Tone 1 - Eothion 2

Orthros 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!

Troparion for All Saints of North America - Tone 8 - 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.

Kontakion for All Saints of North America - Tone 3 - 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.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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 (July 11):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Carolyn Kaminsky
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Sdn. John & Rdr. Nick Muz.	Steve K. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex & Sarah Kaminsky	Nathan & Rebecca J, and Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Zach; Dale	Sze; Sh. Hannah; Gabe

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which, God willing, we will be starting as a Classical Co-op this fall. Ask Mindi, Denise Y, or Frank for more details. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Iconography Workshop
July 25-30 – 9-12 yr-olds
August 8-13 – Adults & Teens

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis
Holy Unction, Aug 7, 4 pm

Transfiguration
August 5-6

Vacation Church School
August 9-13

International Food Festival
September 17-18

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Newly-Illumined Matthew;	
Sara; Barry	(July Parish Diptychs)
Suzanne (H) Maria	+Asma
AP Gregory	+Albert
HM Sylvester	+Dorothea
P Sergius	+Irene
Doris	+Dorothy
John	+Stavros
James	+Ressom
Lasha B	+Iwan
Otari B	+Theresa
Daniel H	+Fuad
Peter	+Helen
Anesia	+Christine
Pulcheria	
Anna	
George K.	
Dn. Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u> Michael, Shaun, Tina, Ryan, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$339.65. Collections, \$70. Youth, \$1. Bookshelf Ministry, \$25. Building Fund, \$100. Classical School Fund, \$50. Mission Chapel (COF), \$1,000. Needy Fund, \$1,200. St. Emmelia, \$97.50. VCS, \$100. Stewardship, \$3,767.50. Total received: \$6,750.65.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

Monday, July 5: OFFICE CLOSED – July 4th

Tuesday, July 6: Church open
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

Wed, July 7: Church open
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 8: Church open

Friday, July 9: Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 10: Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 11: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.

Liturgy, 9 a.m., at Fort Washington Mission

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy.

OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Oral Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.