

## Venerable Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (June 11)

Saint Barnabas of Vetluga was born in Great Ustiug. Before going off into the wilderness he was a priest in one of the city churches. In 1417 the monk settled at one of the banks of the River Vetluga at Red Hill, where he labored in solitude for 28 years, “toiling for God in psalmody and prayer, he subsisted on grass and acorns.” In the words of the author of his Life, there came also to Saint Barnabas “wild animals, and many bears lived near his cell. He, however, walked among them, as though among cattle, watching after them and delighting with them; rejoicing in the great God that these beasts had become tame for him.”



There was not a single human habitation in the area of Red Hill as far off as 50 versts. Occasionally wilderness people would visit “for a blessing,” and he would predict to them that after his repose on the banks of the River Vetluga “God would multiply the human habitation, and upon the place of his dwelling monks would live.”

According to Tradition, in 1439, before he settled at the River Unzha, Saint Macarius (July 25) came there for instruction and guidance. Saint Barnabas died in old age on June 11, 1445. After the death of the ascetic, at the place of his efforts many monks came to dwell “from various lands” and “after them farmers” and “many people did spread all along this river all the way to the great River Volga.” At Red Hill the monks built two churches, one in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, and the other, over the grave of the monk, dedicated to Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. They founded a cenobitic monastery, which received as its name “the Varnavinsk wilderness-monastery.” The Life of Saint Barnabas was written in 1639 by a monk of the Varnavinsk monastery, “the most venerable hieromonk Joseph (Dyadkin), who later, in the imperial city of Moscow, was in charge of the directory of book printing.” For the authentication and verification of the miracles, which occurred at the grave of the monk, in that same year of 1639 there was an uncovering of the holy relics under the direction of Patriarch Joasaph.

With the passing of time at the place of the Varnavinsk monastery there arose the district town Varnavin, and the chief church of the monastery became the cathedral church dedicated to the Holy Apostle Barnabas.

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**June 11, 2023**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST and  
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



**Tone 8**

Eothinon 1 - St. Matt 28:16-20

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:33-12:2  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 10:32-33,  
37-38, 19:27-30

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 8 - From the heights thou didst descend, O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou mightest deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to thee!

**TROPARION FOR ALL SAINTS** - Tone 4 - Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying: Turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city, and to our souls the great mercy.

**TODAY:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*  
Orthros 8:45 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy

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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 18):
COFFEE HOUR      Chebeleu	Women of St. Philip
PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabriela P.; Gabi & Catalin	Rachel C.; Gabi & Catalin
ALTAR CANDLES:    Kyriakos – Emily's bday	The Sawickis – 15th anniv.
USHERS:            Todd M. & Bill H.	Sdn John & Radu C.
CLEANING TEAM:    Moodys; Natalia M.; Jocey J.	Moores; Kim B.; Monica C.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Chris H; Mariya; Laura; Eric	Calvin; Dale; Childs; Daniel

\* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul**  
*June 12-29*

**PLC Conference 2023:**  
**"A Vision for an Orthodox America"**  
*June 28-July 2*

**VCS 2023**  
*July 31-Aug 4*

**Dormition Fast - August 1-14**  
Daily Paraklesis

**Transfiguration**  
*August 5-6*

**Dormition**  
*August 15*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 15-16*

**JUNE OUTREACH COLLECTION:**  
**Bath & Shower Products**

**CHALLENGE FOR 2023:**  
**"You are the Salt of the Earth"**

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
N.I. Zachary, Brandy, Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei, & Otto, N.I. Taylor & Bethany	+Lucy +George
N.I. Denis Infant Timothy Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas +Maria +Marion Betty +Victoria
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners Archpriest Mark	+Anna +Gail +Sophia +Mat. Linda
Kh. Joyce George Jonathan Ephrem Nicole Raymond	<b><u>Catechumens</u></b> Lucretia Ryan Christina Alina & Elsa Kate Nicholas, Rachel, Luka, & Leo Michael Evan Tiffany Caden Keith, Maggie, & Eli Andrew Daniel Kassandra Michael
Patrick Doris John John James James Lasha B Otari B Helen Wadieh Anesia Mary Mary Sophia Elias Victoria Alexandra Steve	

Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries

New & Expectant Mothers & their children

For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity

The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends –George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

### **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:

**APOSTLES' FAST JUNE 12-28**

*Prayer – Fasting – Almsgiving*

- Monday, June 12:** Church open  
**Confessions 6 p.m.**  
**Akathist to the Holy Spirit 6:30 p.m.**
- Tues, June 13:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, June 14:** Church open  
**Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.**
- Thurs, June 15:** ----
- Friday, June 16:** Church open  
**Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.**
- Sat, June 17:** **Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**  
**Confession 7:30 p.m.**
- Sunday, June 18:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour after Liturgy  
Parish Council

**ATTENDANCE:** Vespers for June 3: 84    Divine Services June 4: 272  
**OFFERINGS 6/4:** Candles, \$337. Collections, \$434.52. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$20. Classical School Fund, \$100. Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$6,749.95. Total received: \$7,864.99.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

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