

Synaxis of All Saints (June 15)

The Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints—those known to us and those known only to God. Saints have arisen in every era and land: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, all sanctified by the same Holy Spirit.



With the Descent of the Holy Spirit, humanity is empowered to rise from its fallen state and pursue sainthood, fulfilling God's call to "be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44; 1 Peter 1:16). Thus, it is fitting to honor all saints on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

This commemoration may have originated as a feast for all martyrs and was later extended to include all who bore witness to Christ through virtuous lives, even without martyrdom. Saint Peter of Damascus identifies five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastics (Philokalia, Vol. 3, p. 131), quoting from the Octoechos. Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain adds a sixth: the Righteous (Fourteen Epistles of St. Paul, Venice 1819, p. 384). Similarly, the hymns for the feast list: Apostles, Prophets, Martyrs, Hierarchs, Monastics, and the Righteous. Some saints are called Confessors—those who, like the Martyrs, confessed Christ with boldness but were not executed. Saint Maximus the Confessor (Jan. 21) is a notable example.

The saints are listed in an order reflecting their importance: Apostles first, as the first to spread the Gospel; then Martyrs, for their witness in suffering; followed by the Prophets, who foresaw Christ in shadows; then Hierarchs, the shepherds of the Church; Monastics, who live in spiritual warfare and unceasing prayer; and lastly, the Righteous, sanctified in the world, such as Abraham, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, and Saint Joseph the Betrothed.

The feast gained prominence during the reign of Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886–911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (Dec. 16), lived in holiness amid the world—generous to the poor and monastics, a mother to the sorrowful. After her death in 893 or 894, Leo built a church intending to dedicate it to her, but she forbade this. Instead, he dedicated it to All Saints, ensuring her memory would be honored with all who were righteous in Christ.

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June 15, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST and
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Tone 8

Eothinon 1 - St. Matthew 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: Orthros 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:30 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 22):
COFFEE HOUR:	Women of St. Philip (Father's Day)	- - -
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Macrina Layton	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	- - -	Sidorochev-Alexandra's Name Day
USHERS:	Nick M. & Bill H.	Todd Moody & Radu C.
CLEANING TEAM:	Catechumens	Todd & Kristi, Kim B.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra, Mark, Morgan	Eric M. & Zach W.

Ministry Need: We are in need of new members for the Church Cleaning Team. Please speak with Todd Moore of Jake Kurtz. Thank You!

Mark Your Calendar:

2025 Parish Life Conference
June 25-28, 2025

VCS 2025
July 28-Aug 1

Dormition Fast
Begins August 1

Holy Transfiguration
August 6

Dormition of the Theotokos
August 15

Beheading of the Forerunner
Strict Fast Day
August 29

International Food Festival
September 19-20

JUNE OUTREACH
COLLECTION:

Bath & Shower
Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine N.I. Matthew, Catherine, and Rose N.C. Julian and Laura and John and Brenna Child Timothy-Gabriel Archpriest Joel Nun Sergeia John Doris James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Elias Mary Alexander Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries Dn Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians Those searching for housing, jobs and spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies Those in mourning The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Newly Departed +Jaroslav +Gehrman (June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas +Maria +Marion Betty +Victoria +Anna +Gail +Sophia +Mat. Linda +John <u>Catechumens</u> Ryan Kassandra Jasper Matthew Mary Martin Photini John Steven Robert Liara Asher Sarah Andrew Carolyn Martin James Anthony Slawomir Gabriella Nevada Josiah Casie Ray

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:

Mon, June 16:	Apostles' Fast Begins (June 16) Divine Liturgy 7:00 a.m. PC Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tues, June 17:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
Wed, June 18:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Akathist, 6:30 p.m. Patristic Reading 7:00 p.m. FOCUS Philadelphia (Norristown), 7:00 pm
Thurs, June 19:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. FOCUS Philadelphia (Aviator), 8:00 p.m.
Fri, June 20:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Sat, June 21:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Q & A w/ Fr. Noah, 5:00 p.m. Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m. Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, June 22:	ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m. Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for June 7: 94 Divine Services June 8: 245
OFFERINGS 6/8: Candles, \$371. Collections, \$648.78. Book Shelf Ministry, \$64.
 Building Fund, \$5,850. Mission Chapel, \$150. Choir Fund, \$250. SJA, \$50.
 Vestments, \$100. Teen Fund, \$500. Stewardship, \$3,608.02. Total received:
 \$10,907.88.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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