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All 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.



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### Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## *Prayer Requests*

### **Departed:**

Janet Franks

### **Ill-afflicted:**

Archpriest Pavel Soucek

Deacon Peter Homik

Helen Baldner

Mary Marhefka

Eva Dudich

John Clements

John Conrad

Alex Dobay

Eileen Eschuk

Gayle & Joyce Franks

Henry & Julia Grabowski

Mary Ann Mishko

John & Ann Shuleva

Jan Tkacz

Jeanne Twitchell

Alexander Kuzminec

Billy J Spurlock

James Sheehan

Julia Zimmerman

**Michelle & Kiplan** Frampton  
& **Unborn Child**

## *Upcoming Events*

 *August 20, 2006 - Parish Picnic*

 *September 9-10, 2006 St. Theodosius Feast Day and 110th  
Parish Anniversary Banquet on September 10, 2006*

### **Merrick House Luncheon**

On Sunday, June 25, 1-2 PM, we will again have a light luncheon for folks from Merrick House. Hopefully we will see a better turnout, but we could still use a few exLR440169tra helping hands for just an hour. Please see Daniel Morris if you can help serve. Thank you.

### **Deanery-Wide Golf Outing**

**Saturday July 22, 2006 - 1:00 PM**


**18 Holes \$50**

**9 Hole "Best Ball" \$35**

**Contact Leon Sheean**

**216 371 1173**

### **Parish Council News**

 The next Parish Council Meeting is 6:00 PM this Thursday, June 29, 2006 @ Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

### **Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules**

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts:**

6/4 Mat. Cindy & Mat. Jeanne

6/11 Patti Sankovic/Natalia Pricinovskis

6/18 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind

6/25 Joyce Tabelaing

7/2

7/9

#### **Greeters:**

P. Ginlesberger/L. Smotzer

Paul Pangrace

Steve & Eileen Bondor

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Debbie Pinta

Paul Pangrace

### **2006 Dues**

**\$250.00 per**

**Adult member**

**(18 and older)**

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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. St Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. 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 put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were St Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and St Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetov died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive St Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

St Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, St Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

St Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. St Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary.

St Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at St Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, St Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to St Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. St Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

The first All American Council took place March 5-7, 1907 at Mayfield, PA, and the main topic was "How to expand the mission." Guidelines and directions for missionary activity, and statutes for the administrative structure of parishes were also set forth.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Sts John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. St John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in St Petersburg. St Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

# Weekly Schedule

## Sunday June 25, All Saints of North America

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## Monday June 26

## Tuesday June 27

## Wednesday June 28

## Thursday June 29, Ss. Peter & Paul

9:00 Divine Liturgy @ Lakewood or Lorain

## Friday June 30

## Saturday July 1

6:00 PM Great Vespers

## Sunday July 2

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania,  
Leap for joy, O waters of the **Great** Lakes,  
Rise up, O fertile plains of **Canada**,  
for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are **glorified**,  
men and women who left their homes for a **new** land.  
With faith, hope and patience as their **armor**,  
they courageously **fought** the good fight.  
Comforted by the beauty of the **Orthodox** Faith,  
they labored in mines and mills, they **tilled** the land,  
they braved the challenges of the great **cities**,  
enduring many hardships and **sufferings**.  
Never failing to worship God in **spirit** and truth,  
and unyielding in devotion to His most pure **Mother**,  
They erected many temples to His **glory**.  
Come, O assembly of the **Orthodox**,  
and with love let us praise the holy women, men and  
**children**,  
those known to us and those known **only** to God,  
and let us cry **out** to them:  
Rejoice, All Saints of North America,  
and pray to **God** for us.  
*From the Vespers of All Saints of North America*



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