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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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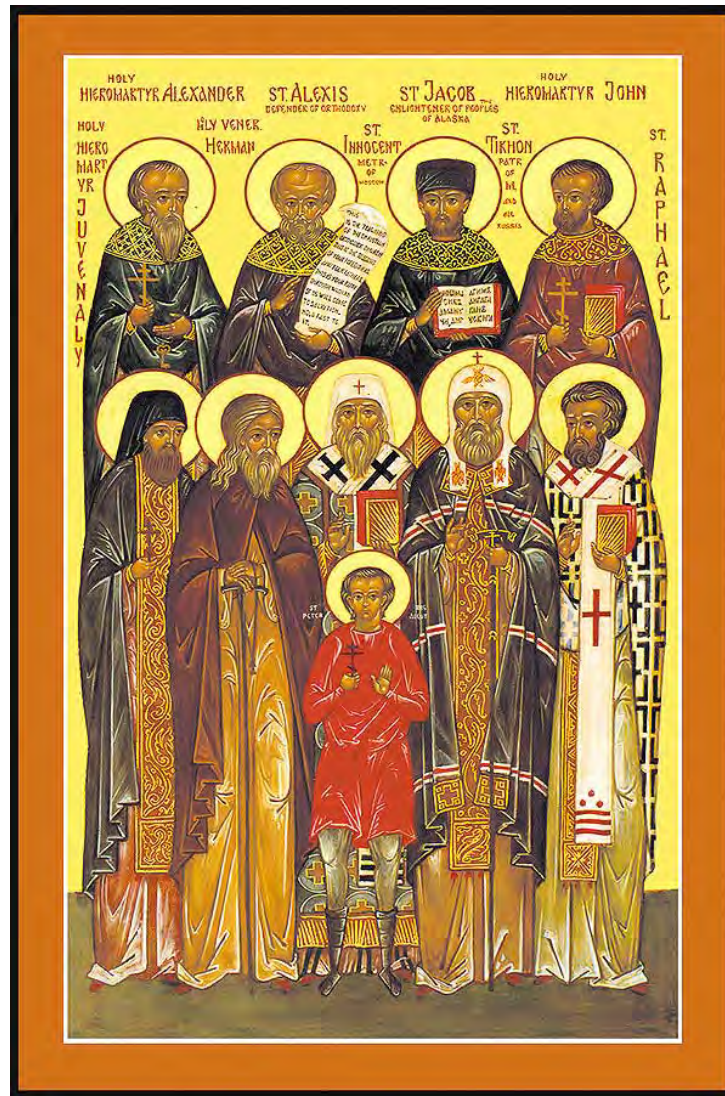
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JUNE 18, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SYNAXIS OF ALL
SAINTS OF 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 be-sets 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.

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, Saint 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 Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev 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 Saint 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.

Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), 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, Saint 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.

Saint 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. Saint 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.

Saint 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 Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint 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. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint 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.

Return of the **Parish Picnic!**

July 30th, 2023 following Divine Liturgy at St. Theodosius Parish Hall in Tremont. Meat and Beverages provided, Bring sides and deserts (and a change of clothes). Sing up sheet is in the Vestibule and Parish Hall.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Reminder: The Apostles' Fast begins Monday, June 12th, and ends on Thursday, June 29th.

FOCUS—ST. HERMAN HOUSE 10TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION

The 10th Annual Golf Classic & Auction is on June 26th, 2023, registration and lunch is at 10:00 AM at Tanglewood Club. A printable tri-fold pamphlet with all the information will accompany this Ambo, being attached to the same email. For questions, please email: golfsthermans@focusna.org or call Kirk at 216-973-9391

Landscaping Ministry

Spring is here!

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church.

Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187**



St. Matthew the Evangelist
Orthodox Church

August 18 & 19, 2023

Father Sergius Bowyer
Abbot of St. Tikhon's Monastery

Friday, August 18

6:00 – Prayer service with icon of St Anna

7:00-8:30 – First Session

Saturday, August 19

9:30 – Registration, Continental Breakfast

10:30-12:00 – Second Session

12:00 – 1:00 – Lunch Provided

1:00-2:00 – Personal prayer

2:00-3:30 – Third Session

4:30 – Vespers



The miraculous icon of St. Anna,
the Mother of the Holy Virgin Mary
will be at St. Matthew's for
veneration.

***Fr. Bowyer will speak on his book
Acquiring the Mind of Christ:
Embracing the Vision of the Orthodox Church***

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Free Will Offering Will Be Accepted

FALL SCHEUDLE

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*Locations for Socials TBD**

Cook

Sep. 2 @ 4 CLE

Social

Sep. 16 @ 5 Akron

Cook

Oct. 7 @ 4 Akron

Social

Oct. 28 @ 5 Akron

Cook

Nov. 4 @ 4 CLE

Social

Nov. 18 @ 5 Akron

Cook

Dec. 2 @ 4 Akron

Social

Dec. 16 @ 5 Akron

*Cook=St. Kyranna's Cooking Class**

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 6/18/2023

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Igor Gajewsky

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child**

Mark

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Elena Rich (*Daughter of Jerry*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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Christ is in Our Midst!

Thank you to all of you for your continued prayers for me as I 'officially' begin my reign as Director at St. Herman House. As you probably know, Paul has officially moved to Memphis as of last week. We're are doing our best to walk on our own two feet!

Additionally, I would like to thank everyone that has supported this year's Golf Classic. We are well on our way to have another successful event. As I mentioned in previous emails, we also run an auction leading up to and through the Golf Classic event. This year's auction will go live this Sunday, June 18th at 8:00 a.m. and will end on June 26th at 9:30 p.m. We are asking that you include this information in your weekly reminders/bulletin and also mention the auction at the end of liturgy the next two Sundays, if possible. The link for the auction is: <https://www.32auctions.com/SaintHermans2023>. I have also attached a QR Code in this email that provides a link to the auction site.



Finally, if your parish isn't following St. Herman House on Facebook and Instagram, we ask that you please do that. If and when you feel appropriate, please share our posts.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for all of your help over the next couple of weeks.

Your Servant in Christ,
Kirk D. Ries, Director

Sunday, June 18

2nd Sunday of Pentecost
All Saints of America
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, June 19

Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord (ca. 80)

Tuesday, June 20

Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patar (312)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 21

Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, June 22

Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380)

Friday, June 23

Martyr Agrippina of Rome (253-260)

Saturday, June 24

Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 25

3rd Sunday of Pentecost
Saint Theólēptos, Metropolitan of Philadelphia (1325)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour