



Protection of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

Our Sunday Bulletin

Sunday May 30, 2010

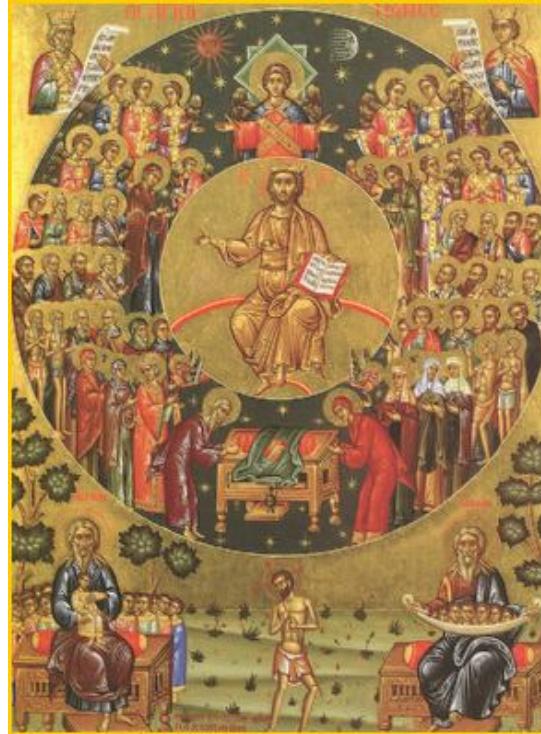


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Great Vespers
Saturday - 4 PM
Feast Days - 7 PM
Divine Liturgy
Sunday - 9:45 AM
Feast Days - 9 AM
Sunday Adult class 9Am
Children's classes after liturgy
Fr. Peter Bodnar, Rector
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Today's
commemorated
feasts and saints...

**1st SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST —
Tone 8. All Saints.**

Ven. Isaac, Founder
of the Dalmatian
Monastery at
Constantinople (383).

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from
our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (*from the Pentecostarion*)
As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's
blood shed through-
out all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
"Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to
our souls!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (*from the Pentecostarion*)
The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation,
in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)
Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our
God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)
*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in
Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (*Saints*)
God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.
(*Ps 67/68:35*)

Tone 4
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
*v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them
and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps
33/34:18)*
*v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the
Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps
33/34:20)*
37-38; 19:27-30

Communion Hymns
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in
the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise
befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)

33who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

36Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

37They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-

38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

39And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

40God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

1Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 (Gospel)

32Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

33But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

37He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

27Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"

28So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

30But many who are first will be last, and the last

Commemorated on May 30

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

St Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to St Peter's five categories. The list of St Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as **Confessors**, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly **confessed Christ** and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, St Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY....May 30th 2010.

SUNDAY	30	9am Adult class, 9:45 3rd Hr 10:00 Divine Liturgy Church School ,Sodality Mtg
MONDAY	31	10am Panahida and blessing our Cemetery
TUESDAY	1	6pm Prayer Service
SATURDAY	5	Golf Outing and Dinner

Who was Barnabas?
A A Preacher who often accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys A
B The author of the Acts of the apostles
C The thief who was freed in place of Jesus
D All of the above



This Saturday June 5th

Ok, This is Really Really Really Crunch Time

This coming Saturday is our Golf Outing Yeah !!!!!!!

**Ok, We have many Golfers but we could always
squeeze in one or two more**

See Lara Richards to book a slot

To help with the food, see Mira Lucas

To donate a prize see Rich or Linda Svihra

To help with decorating, see Becky McFadden

You may want to give visitors a tour of the your church

Perhaps you just want to buy a dinner ticket and hang out

Maybe you would like to bring a friend or neighbor who has no church?

The ladies are asking for donations of appetizers and desserts for the golf outing

Thank you to everyone who brought dishes and helped at last week's PTC End of the Year Potluck. God bless you all for your support and prayers for our youth all year long.

Looking forward a few months, we will be holding Vacation Church School again this year for children ages 2 through 12 from Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, August 6, from 10 AM -12:30 PM. Our theme will be "God's Wonderful Creation" with lots of fun and learning all week long. Please contact Mat. Cheryl (Matrona) if you have questions.

**Thanks and have a great week!
m. Cheryl**



Thank You

What is the Orthodox Church ?

The Orthodox Church is evangelical, but not Protestant. It is orthodox, but not Jewish. It is catholic, but not Roman. It isn't non-denominational - it is pre-denominational. It has believed, taught, preserved, defended and died for the Faith of the Apostles since the Day of Pentecost 2000 years ago.

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