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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday of All Saints

THE VOICE

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2024 Parish Council

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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, June 30 - Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, July 7 - Daniel Slife
Sunday, July 14 - Reader Aaron Gray
Sunday, July 21 - Mary Beth Gray

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, June 29 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, June 30

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli
9:30 am Typica Service with the Presanctified Gifts
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 1
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Saturday, July 6

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 7

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Daniel Slife
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Daniel Slife
Epistle: Romans 16:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 2
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers First Six Ecumenical Councils

Saturday, July 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Subdeacon Aaron Gray
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Subdeacon Aaron Gray
Epistle: Romans 5:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked
righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths
of lions, **34** quenched 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. **35** Women received their dead raised to life
again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that
they might obtain a better resurrection. **36** Still others
had trials of mocking and scourging, yes, and of chains
and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were
sawn in two, [a]were tempted, were slain with the
sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and
goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— **38** of
whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in
deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony
through faith, did not receive the promise, **40** God
having provided something better for us, that they
should not be made perfect apart from us.

The Race of Faith

12 Therefore 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, **2** looking unto Jesus, the [b]author and [c]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.

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

Confess Christ Before Men

10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33** But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves a son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38** And he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.

19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore, what shall we have?"

28 So 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. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother [a]or wife or children or [b]lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. **30** But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.

Synaxis of All Saints

Commemorated on June 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 always been saints, 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.).

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...." 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 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, Saint 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, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

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NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, July 7, in SUPPORTIVE OUTREACH to St. Nicholas Cathedral, a special collection will be taken to help in the restoration of their Temple.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Archbishop Alexander
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Florence Lambo
Martin Vronick
Pani Dolores Zuder
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Louis Hakim
Mary Elizabeth Marcin
Carl Nickoloff
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)