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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- ALL SAINTS

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers – 2026

Sunday, June 7 - Bud Graham
Sunday, June 14 – Sandy Graham
Sunday, June 21 – Sue Ellen Turscak

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY AFER PENTECOST – Tone 8
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 7

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Bud Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham
Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2
, Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Troparion of All Saints

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout 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"[i]

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Saturday, June 13

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Mark16:1-8

Sunday, June 14

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideo and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 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. Women received their dead raised to life again.

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They 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— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

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

The Race of Faith

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 [c]with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the [1]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.

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

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

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

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

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. And 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. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS

Commemorated on June 7

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.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

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. Saint 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, 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, patroness of our Parish Sisterhood.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco
Kristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Theodosy of the Ukraine
Metropolitan Arseny of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie
Florence Lambo
Michele Lambo
Marc Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Sofia Wsevolodov
Gary and Patricia Thompson

Coming THIS WEEK - **Friday evening, June 12, at 6:30 pm**. A FREE SCREENING of ***'American Orthodox.'***
The film is approximately 50 minutes and additional time for Q&A and discussion. It explores the living presence of Orthodoxy in America through saints, sacred places, and personal stories of faith. ***All ages are welcome!***

OUR STEWARDSHIP: May 31, 2026

Candles	**89.00**
Tithely Offering:	**631.50**
Sunday Tray Offering:	**842.00**
TOTAL:	**$1,562.50**

GRASS-CUTTING HELP NEEDED

Please look for the sign-up sheet on the counter in the Church narthex and choose any date that you would be able to assist with cutting the grass using our Parish riding-mower. Please see Subdeacon Terrence Bilas if you have any further questions.