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# THE IMAGE...

(Jn 12:45 & 14:9; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15)

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 2  
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

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**Welcome!**

...to all who have gathered to follow Jesus Christ & manifest the Kingdom of God in the Liturgy of His Church. If this is your first time with us, give us a chance to get to know you and fill out a visitor card.

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### **A Word from the Holy Fathers**

Scripture says, "For the joy that he possessed he endured the cross."

It is the same with all the saints: when they become perfected, they attain this accomplishment by imitating God in the outpouring of their love and compassion upon all humanity.

The saints seek for themselves this sign of likeness to God—to be perfected in the love of their neighbor

*St. Isaac of Syria*

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## Parish Life

### Church School Volunteers Needed

Our existing church school teachers need support and help. Please consider volunteering as a teacher or helper for our church school classes next year. See Bill Moision or Fr Michael if you are interested.



### Please Sign-up for Fellowship Hour

There are a number of Sundays that have openings for people to help with our Fellowship Meal after Liturgy.

We encourage groups of 4 to alleviate the cost of trying to feed our growing parish.

Simple meals are welcome!

If you have any questions speak with Linda Kedroff.



### Dates for 2023

#### **FASTS**

Apostles Fast	June 12-28
Dormition Fast	August 1-14
Nativity Fast/Advent	Nov 15-Dec 24

#### **FAST-FREE WEEKS**

After Christmas	Dec 25-Jan 4
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### Fathers' Day Brunch TODAY

In gratitude to God and celebration for all our fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, stepfathers & foster fathers we will have a brunch after services today.

Please plan on joining us!



### Monthly Collections

As we continue to restore many of the beloved practices of our parish we are reinstating our monthly Sunday collections:

- 2nd Sunday of the Month—Seminararian at St Herman's Seminary in Alaska
- 3rd Sunday of the Month—Charities (local needs, IOCC, Project Mexico, etc.)

The basket will be placed out for the veneration of the cross at the end of Liturgy. Please plan on contributing as you can.



### Purchase Gift Cards Through Our Scrip Coordinator & Help our Parish

Scrip gift cards raise money for St. John's Auxiliary. When you buy Scrip cards, the store makes a donation with NO extra expense. Use the cards for your regular monthly purchases or gifts for loved ones and support our parish's ministry. Cards are available for gas, groceries, Amazon, restaurants and many other stores.

See Carmen Brown after Liturgy for more information or to purchase your cards.

## Today's Worship — Hymns

### TROPARIA

#### Resurrection—Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,  
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure  
body,  
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life  
to the world.  
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O  
Giver of Life:  
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!  
Glory to Your Kingdom!  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

#### All Saints of North America—Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of  
salvation,  
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord,  
all the saints who have shone in them.  
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in  
abiding peace  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

### KONTAKIA

#### Resurrection—Tone 1

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,  
raising the world with Yourself.  
Human nature praises You as God, for death  
has vanished.  
Adam exults, O Master!  
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and  
cries to You:  
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O  
Christ!”

#### All Saints of North America—Tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to  
God in the lands of North America  
now stands before us in the Church and invisibly  
prays to God for us.  
With them the Angels glorify Him,  
and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep  
festival with them;  
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-  
eternal God.

#### Steadfast Protectress—Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,  
Constant advocate before the Creator:  
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,  
But in your goodness, come speedily to help us  
who call on you in faith.  
Hasten to hear our petitions and to intercede for  
us, O Theotokos,  
For you always protect those who honor you!

### PROKEIMENA

**Tone 1** (*Resurrection*) — Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on  
You! (*Ps 32/33:22*)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Tone 7** (*All Saints of North America*) — Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His  
saints. (*Ps 115/116:15*)

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Epistle — Romans 2:10-16

<sup>10</sup> But glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>11</sup> For there is no partiality with God.

<sup>12</sup> For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law <sup>13</sup> (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; <sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### Epistle — Hebrews 11:33-12:2

<sup>33</sup> Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> 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— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup> God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> looking 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.

### ALLELUIA

**Tone 1** — V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

**Tone 1** — V. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (Ps. 31:11a)

## Today's Worship — Scripture Readings

### Gospel — Matthew 4:18-23

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

### Gospel — Matthew 4:25-5:12

<sup>25</sup> Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

<sup>1</sup> And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

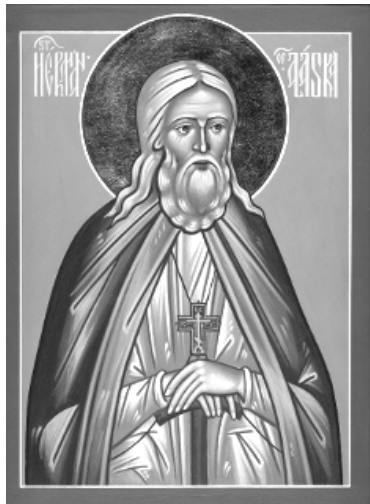
<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Our Life in Christ

### THE SUNDAY OF ALL NORTH AMERICAN SAINTS



*St Herman of Alaska*

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.

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.

## Our Life in Christ

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. **St John Kochurov** (October 31) and **St 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.

Source: [oca.org/saints](http://oca.org/saints)





## LOOKING AHEAD

*The following are services & parish events **IN ADDITION** to the usual weekend services (Sat 6pm & Sun 8:30am).*

**June 12-28**  
Apostles Fast

**Sunday June 18**  
After Divine Liturgy—Father's Day Brunch

**Tuesday June 20**  
11:00am — Diamond Circle (Lunch at Ocean)

**Sat June 24—Nativity of St John the Baptist**  
9:00am — Divine Liturgy

**June 25**  
After Divine Liturgy — Monthly Memorial Service

**June 26**  
6:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101

**June 28**  
6:00pm — Great Vespers & Litya for Ss Peter & Paul

**June 29 Apostles Peter & Paul**  
8:30am — 3rd Hour & Festal Divine Liturgy

**July 3**  
6:00pm — Orthodox Christianity 101

**July 18**  
Diamond Circle Meeting

**For more dates & links please visit our website: [www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar](http://www.stjohnofdamascus.org/calendar)**

*Confessions are held on Saturdays after Great Vespers or by appointment with Fr Michael.*

### Many Years!

All of our Fathers, Godfathers, Grandfathers, Step-fathers & Foster Fathers!

*Birthdays*  
Kathrine Minakov 6/23

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