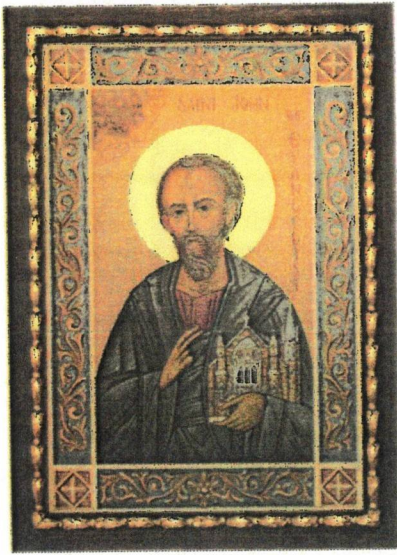




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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

Tone 8 / Eothion 1

First Sunday after Pentecost & First Sunday of Matthew
Sunday of All Saints

Prophet Amos; Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fortunatos of the Seventy

During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

(**The original melody**)

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will 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 Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On June 15 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Prophet Amos; and the Apostles Achaikos, Stephen and Fortunatos of the Seventy.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

*Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.*

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

On this All Saints Sunday we need to hear the words of Saint John of Kronstadt: God's Saints are great for their spiritual disposition, through their faith, their firm trust in God, and their burning love for God, for whose sake they deceased all earthly things...Oh how alike we are to them! How deeply we must venerate them! With what reference we must ask their prayers for us!

JUNE/JULY SERVICES

**ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS
(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturdays Away)**

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June 15th Sunday - SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy

**** FATHER'S DAY****

June 16th Monday - Beginning of St. Peter & Paul Fast

Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs on Wednesday

Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs, fish, olive oil, wine on Friday

June 21st Saturday - Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM

June 22nd Sunday - ALL SAINTS OF ANTIOCH

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

June 29th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE NEW MARTYRS

THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL

****The Parish Life Conference is being held at Antiochian Village from Wednesday 6/25 thru Sunday 6/29. There is no coverage for our Divine Liturgy for this Sunday. Let Fr. Seraphim know if you plan to visit the monastery.**

July 6th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:.

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet,
Sassic Family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray,
Marlene, Julianna, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

**For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy
servants who have fallen asleep especially:**

Prayers are offered in memory of...

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WISHING ALL FATHERS

HAPPINESS,

GOOD HEALTH

AND

LOADS OF LOVE ON

YOUR SPECIAL DAY

AND ALWAYS!

SAINTHOOD IS WITHIN OUR GRASP!

Would you like to be a saint? "I would love to," we would say, "but it's impossible." All of us tend to view saints as being people with god-like characteristics and super-human spiritual qualities. In reality, EVERY ONE of God's saints was EXACTLY like us! They were "mere mortals" dealing with the same doubts, fears and temptations that we all must face as we travel down life's rugged road.

Throughout the centuries, countless individuals have distinguished themselves spiritually to such a degree that they will be forever remembered and eternally commemorated by the Church as "SAINTS." The Church, however, wisely realizes that there are scores of others, whose names are known but to God, who are equally deserving of recognition and praise. For this reason, our Church annually sets aside the Sunday after Pentecost and designates it as the SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.

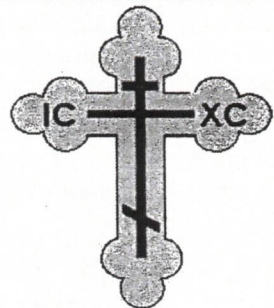
The liturgical readings prescribed for this Sunday are a written testimony of what some of the prerequisites for sainthood are. St. Paul speaks to the Hebrews about the inner strength and resolve that the saints possessed, which enabled them to endure "... trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment." Truly the sufferings of Christians continue to be the foundation of the Church to this present day! In today's Gospel lesson, our Lord reminds us that "... everyone who has left houses or brother's 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."

There, then, are our guidelines for achieving sainthood! All we have to do is be willing to sacrifice ALL for the sake of Christ, and be willing to remain faithful and loyal to Him AT ALL COST! Certainly, this is no simple matter, but it is far from being impossible.

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