

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



June 7, 2026



***ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
AND**

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**HIS GRACE BISHOP THOMAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON, OAKLAND, AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FR. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

***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 worshiping with us.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Dan Volitich, Joann Rossman or leave a message on 724-847-1111.

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping 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 07, 2026

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST &

FIRST SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

**Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastiana
the wonderworker**

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.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

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."

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

THE SYNAXARION

On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; and Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker.

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.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The goal of human freedom is not in freedom itself, nor is it in man, but in God. By giving man freedom, God has yielded to man a piece of His divine authority, but with the intention that man himself would voluntarily bring it as a sacrifice to God, a most perfect offering.

ST. THEOPHAN the Recluse

JUNE SERVICES

***(NO VESPER SERVICES FROM
MAY 1ST. THROUGH AUGUST 31ST.)***

**JUNE 7TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JUNE 14TH SUNDAY — ALL SAINTS OF ANTIOCH
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON**

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JUNE 20TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30 AM

**JUNE 21ST SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE NEW MARTYRS
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JUNE 28TH SUNDAY — FINDING OF THE RELICS OF CYRUS & JOHN
THE UNMERCENARIES
DIVINE LITURGY ?????**

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**Peter and Paul Fast starts on Monday June 8th thru
June 28th. Feast Day for The Holy Apostles Peter &
Paul is June 29th.**

**Fr. Chris Davis will be celebrating Divine Liturgy with us
for the next 2 Sundays.**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Joni, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew, Yvonne Rosemary and Patti..

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of..... Fr. Seraphim Moslener

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MEMORY ETERNAL FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

Father Seraphim Moslener was born August 23, 1947. He reposed on Monday, May 25th 2026. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the hand of Bishop John on September 9, 2012 and to the Holy Priesthood on November 15, 2017 at the hand of Bishop Thomas in the Antiochian Christian Orthodox Archdiocese. Father Seraphim also served as Deacon and Priest at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Beaver Falls PA from 2012 until 2019 with Fr. Christopher Davis. Following the service in his home parish he was blessed to assist his God-father, Father Peter Jon Gillquist for two years at All Saints Parish in Bloomington, Indiana. He especially loved to see people grow which is why he enjoyed being a pastor, therapist, and teacher. His greatest love was for God who gives the growth. His great love beyond that was for each of his children and grandchildren but especially for his wife who was his spiritual guide, moral compass and best friend since they married on May 5, 1973. As a pastor he was always grateful for support of lay persons. As a priest he was enriched by his peers, especially in the Clergy Peer Learning Support Group which he facilitated in 2016. He worked beside wonderful volunteers in FOCUS, the Beaver County Orthodox Christian Ministry, and in the Hill District of Pittsburgh at St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church. He was always blessed to serve at the Monastery of the Transfiguration.

SAINTHOOD IS WITHIN OUR GRASP!

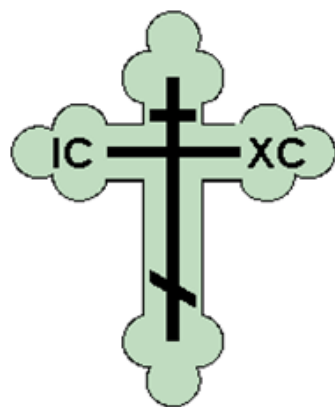
Would you like to be a saint? "I would love to," we would say, "but it's impossible." All of us tend to view saints as being people with god-like characteristics and super-human spiritual qualities. In reality, **EVERY ONE** of God's saints was **EXACTLY** like us! They were "mere mortals" dealing with 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 Christmas 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 hundred-fold, 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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