

June 15th, 2025
1st Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8
All Saints

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle)

...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. 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, 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.

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

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.

Many Years!

fathers day

Dads here and departed

anniversaries

3rd - Scott & Robin Mikita
 5th - Jason & Rachel Britton
 5th - Mylee & Hunter Ratzlaff
 8th - LD & Lyndi Meier
 12th - Garth & LeAnn Perry
 26th - Michael & Debby Hlatki

birthdays

1st - Archbishop Benjamin
 1st - Chad Burnside
 6th - Dale Drew
 8th - Evan Dean John Guy
 9th - Korbyn Meier
 9th - Helen Sakala
 15th - Shonda Robinson
 22nd - Jeb Billmire
 23rd - Leilah Tunink
 23rd - Mat. Elaine Lowell
 23rd - Rainlee Dawson
 24th - Jenny Dumler
 25th - Muriel Eurich
 26th - Tristan Nelson
 26th - Rachel Britton
 27th - Gary Glover
 27th - Moses Sisneros
 28th - Mylee Ratzlaff
 30th - Chandler Glover

Service Schedule

June 22nd Sunday Liturgy
 — Fr. Constantine Blizzard

June 22nd Youth Miniature Liturgy
 — Details on next page!

Fathers Day by Archpriest George Shalhoub

As we honor our fathers today, let's remember their calling comes from God's purpose in creation. If mothers show love and compassion, fathers are a source of security and stability.

A dad is shaped by learning from his own father, and by growing in marriage, humility, and faith. Society's images of fatherhood often confuse us, but true fatherhood is about prayer, honor, and being a role model—reflecting Christ's love and sacrifice. The Church teaches that parenthood is a holy calling: we shape our children by example, not just words.

My father's respect for my mother, his courage, and humility taught me lifelong values. The stories others shared about him revealed his faith and selfless love. Fathers should teach their children not just about God, but how to be godly men, and show—by how they treat their wives—what love and respect really mean.

Let's keep family stories positive, forgive what's past, and focus on hope, faith, and love—the greatest gifts a father can give. Encourage growth, don't judge failure.

As Metropolitan GEORGE Khader once said, "I can see God's face on the face of my dad."

The Orthodox wedding service reminds us that father who leads his family in faith will guide them in generosity, truth, and forgiveness: "How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, Who walks in His ways... Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table... for thus shall the man be blessed Who fears the Lord." (Psalm 128:1-4)

We bless all fathers today—and thank those who have gone before us.

"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live." (1 Corinthians 8:6)

Synaxis of All Saints

The Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints—those known and unknown—who, throughout history and from all places, have been perfected by the Holy Spirit. Their example shows us that the Holy Spirit enables anyone to pursue holiness and sainthood, fulfilling God's call to "be holy, for I am holy." This is why the Church commemorates All Saints on this day.

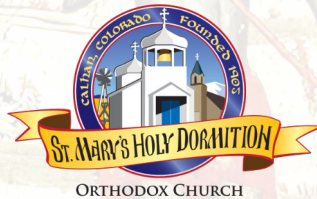
The Feast of All Saints became especially significant in the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Leo VI the Wise, who established the Sunday after Pentecost as its date. Inspired by his wife, the holy Empress Theophano—known for her piety and compassion—Leo VI dedicated a church to all saints rather than to her personally, honoring her humility and holiness. By instituting this feast, he ensured that all the righteous, including Theophano, would be remembered together.

Troparion | tone 8

Adorned in the blood of Your Martyrs throughout all the world, as if clothed in purple and linen, through them Your Church cries out to You, O Christ God: "Bestow Your bounties upon Your people, grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls."

Kontakion | tone 4

As the first fruits of nature offered to the Planter of all creation, O Lord, the inhabited earth brings the God-bearing Martyrs. By their supplications, and the intercession of the Theotokos, preserve Your Church in profound peace, O greatly Merciful One.



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Prayer List

living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Archim. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

departed

Fr. Thomas, Milt, Dave, Lonnie, Paul, infant Dorthy, Vladimir, James, Larry, Vontae, Carol

Youth

miniature golf

Calling all youth! Join us for an epic afternoon of mini golf and batting cages!

Let's see who can hit a home run or sink the craziest putt—bragging rights included.

See you on the green (and in the cages)!

Date: June 22nd immediately after liturgy

Cost: Free for parish youth

See Carrie Guy for more information.

Mobile Food Pantry

What: Care and Share, food truck - farmers market on wheels! All families in the community are invited. Receive a variety of staple pantry items, produce, dairy, protein, and snacks. Please bring two bags per family to fill up.

Where: Calhan School Parking Lot

When: June 24, 2025 2pm - 3pm

Coffee Hour

A warm thank you to the Guy family for hosting last week's Coffee Hour in celebration of Evan's birthday—many years!

To allow families who wish to treat Dad to lunch or dinner, this week's Coffee Hour will simply feature coffee and cake.

If you've considered hosting a Coffee Hour, next Sunday, June 22nd is available—reserve your spot! The signup sheet is in the parish hall.