

June 22nd, 2025
2nd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 1
All Saints of America

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 4:25-5:12 (Gospel)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Many Years!

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 Youth Activity
Miniature Golf - Following liturgy, See Carrie Guy for details.

June 29th Sunday Liturgy
 — Fr. George Khristich

Synaxis of All Saints

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, the Orthodox Church in America honors all saints, known and unknown, who have shone in North America. These saints, fulfilling God's promise to redeem humanity, inspire 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). Their lives guide us in living faithfully as Christians.

Though young, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all categories: Apostles, Martyrs, Hierarchs, Monastic Saints, and the Righteous. The first Divine Liturgy in American territory was celebrated on July 20, 1741, aboard the ship Peter under Vitus Bering's command, with Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and priest Ignatius Kozirevsky officiating. In 1794, monks from Valaam, led by Archimandrite Joasaph, arrived on Kodiak Island, Alaska, after a 7,327-mile, 293-day journey—the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history. The mission included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, Athanasius, Hierodeacons Nectarius, Stephen, and monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska (d. 1837) was the last survivor.

Martyrdom has marked the Church's history. Saint Juvenal, killed in 1799 near Lake Iliamna, was the first Orthodox Christian to die for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was executed by Spanish missionaries in California for refusing to convert to Roman Catholicism. In the nineteenth century, Saints Innocent Veniaminov and Jacob Netsvetov translated Orthodox services into native languages. Father Jacob died in Sitka in 1864, while Father John Veniaminov, after becoming a monk named Innocent, died in 1879 as Metropolitan of Moscow.

On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir received Saint Alexis Toth and 361 parishioners into Orthodoxy in Minneapolis, initiating the return of many Uniates. Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska from 1898, traveled widely to serve his diverse flock. He established a diocesan structure to help the American Church grow independently, later becoming Patriarch of Moscow (d. 1925). His grave was found in 1992 after a fire at the Don Monastery.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, consecrated in 1904 by Bishops Tikhon and Innocent in New York, was the first Orthodox bishop consecrated in North America. He served as Tikhon's assistant until his death in 1915. The first All-American Council in 1907 in Mayfield, PA, set guidelines for missionary work and parish organization.



After the Russian Revolution, Saints John Kochurov and Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America, were martyred in Russia in 1917 and 1937, respectively. Alongside these known saints, we honor those known only to God, whose lives call us to holiness.

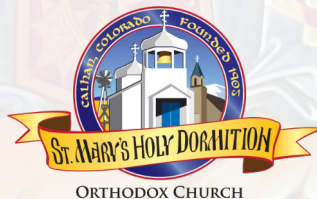
(Icon at left) Saint Olga of Alaska, is North America's newest saint. Canonized in 2023, she was a Yup'ik midwife and priest's wife from Kwethluk. Known for her compassion, she aided abused women and was glorified June 19-22, 2025. Her feast day is celebrated October 27.

Troparion | 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.

Kontakion | 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.



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

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

Kids Food Program

Remnant Summer Food Program. For all children ages 18 or younger - no income requirements and open to all families. Must register to participate.

www.kidseat.org

Prosphora

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Polly Mikita for her steadfast and prayerful service to our parish, lovingly preparing the prosphora for every Sunday Service. Your devotion warms our hearts, Polly—thank you and may God grant you many years!

Coffee Hour

Lori Meier will be hosting today's coffee hour, after liturgy in the parish hall across the street. All are welcome to attend. Thank you Lori —many years!

If you've considered hosting a Coffee Hour, next Sunday, June 29th is available—reserve your spot! The signup sheet is in the parish hall.