



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

JUNE 7, 2026 | 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | TONE 8

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREWS 11:33–12:2 | EPISTLE (330)

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 (38)

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!

ANNIVERSARIES

3RD – Scott & Robin Mikita
5TH – Jason & Rachel Britton
5TH – Mylee & Hunter Ratzlaff
8TH – LD & Lyndi Meier
12TH – Garth & LeAnn Perry
26TH – Michael & Debby Hlatik

BIRTHDAYS

1 ST – Abp. Benjamin	23 RD – Rainlee
1 ST – Chad	24 TH – Jenny
6 TH – Dale	25 TH – Muriel
8 TH – Evan	26 TH – Rachel
9 TH – Helen	26 TH – Tristan
9 TH – Korbyn	27 TH – Gary
15 TH – Shonda	27 TH – Moses
22 ND – Jeb	28 TH – Mylee
23 RD – Leilah	30 TH – Chandler
23 RD – Mat. Elaine	

CALENDAR

JUN 6TH – SATURDAY
Readers Vespers, 6:30 pm
Fr. George out of town. Catechism class also canceled.

JUN 7TH – SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
- coffee hour to follow in hall -
Fellowship Team 6 serving

JUN 10TH – WEDNESDAY
Moleben, 6:30 pm

JUN 10TH – WEDNESDAY
Adult Study, 7:00 pm

JUN 13TH – SATURDAY
Catechism Class, 5:30 pm

JUN 13TH – SATURDAY
Great Vespers, 6:30 pm

JUN 14TH – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
- coffee hour to follow in hall -
Fellowship Team 11 • Apostles Fast begins June 15

JUN 14–20 — ORTHODOX LIFE SCHOOL 2026
Monastery of St. John, Manton, CA • Ages 18–35

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THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates one of her most comprehensive and joyful feasts: the Sunday of All Saints. Coming immediately after the descent of the Holy Spirit, this feast reveals the purpose of Pentecost. The Spirit did not descend merely as a theological event to be recorded in history—He descended to dwell within human persons and transform them into saints. All Saints Sunday is, in the truest sense, the fruit of Pentecost.

The Church honors on this day every man and woman throughout all ages who has been transfigured by grace—those whose names fill her calendar, and the countless multitudes known only to God. As the Kontakion of the day proclaims, the universe offers to God its “God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation.” The saints are not simply admirable figures from history. They are the Church’s gift back to God: human beings who, receiving the Holy Spirit, allowed that Spirit to reshape their entire existence into conformity with Christ.

Today’s Epistle rehearses the deeds of the faithful—those who subdued kingdoms and stopped the mouths of lions, but also those who were sawn in two and wandered destitute in sheepskins. Triumph and suffering alike. What unites them is not outcome but orientation: faith. The Gospel then intensifies the call. Christ speaks plainly: whoever loves father or mother more than Him is not worthy; whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy. Every saint arrived at holiness through exactly this ordered love—God first, all else in its proper place beneath Him.

Peter’s question captures the disciples’ bewilderment: “We have left all and followed You—what shall we have?” Christ promises thrones, abundance, and eternal life. The saints are not consoled—they are glorified. The Holy Spirit who descended at Pentecost draws human beings upward into a dignity no earthly loss can diminish.

The feast also carries a missionary dimension. The Troparion speaks of the Church adorned with “martyrs’ blood shed throughout all the world.” The saints emerge from every nation and station; grace falls where it will and transfigures what it touches. That great cloud of witnesses surrounds us even now. We do not run our race alone.

TROPARIA & KONTAKION

TROPARION — TONE 8 (RESURRECTION)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION — TONE 4 (ALL SAINTS)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs’ blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: “Send down Thy bounties on Thy people,// grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!”

KONTAKION — TONE 8 (ALL SAINTS)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace// through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

PRAYER LIST

LIVING

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Mother Cassiana, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. Tikhon & Family, Dcn. Herman & Family, *Mother Magdalena, Mka. Lindsey*, Muriel, Victoria, Ebelin, *Rahab*

DEPARTED

Betty, Sam, Art, Blaine, Nicholas

WITH CHILD

Kelsey

CATECHUMENS

John

CONFINED

Basil, Hannah, Theodore

INFANTS

Lawrence, Dominic, AdaLynn, Gus, *Stephen III*, Ezekiel

TRAVELING

Trevor

COMMEMORATIONS

Holy Pentecost; Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Ancyra; Holy Martyr Marcellinus, Pope of Rome, and Martyrs Claudius, Cyrinus and Antoninus; Virgin-Martyr Potamiaena, and Martyrs Plutarch, Serenus, Heraclides, Heron, Herais, Marcella, and Basilides, of Alexandria; Martyr Zenaida of Caesarea in Palestine; Martyrs Aesia and Susanna

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RMOYC 2026 — Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp, July 6–9 at Buckhorn Camp in Bellvue, CO. Registration closes June 21. Details and sign-up at rmoyc.org. Questions: director@rmoyc.org.

Catechism Classes — Meeting Saturdays at 5:30 PM before Vespers through August. New inquirers always welcome — speak with Fr. George after Liturgy.

Pan-Orthodox Youth: Elitch Gardens — Thursday, June 25 with St. Luke’s parish. Tickets approx. \$45. Contact Mka. Mary J. for details.

Pan-Orthodox Youth: Paddleboarding — Sunday, July 12 following Liturgy and the fellowship meal, with St. Luke’s and other parishes. Contact Mka. Mary J.

Pan-Orthodox Youth: Rockies Game — Sunday, August 23. Begins with Divine Liturgy at Transfiguration parish, then Coors Field. More details to come.