



ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

JUNE 18, 2023

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Martyr Leontius

Synaxis of the Saints of North America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day. Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages 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).

The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians. Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska, the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism. Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most

prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov and Saint Jacob Netsvetov, who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy. Saint Tikhon (Bellavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow, came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. Saint Raphael of Brooklyn was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saints John Kochurov and Alexander Hotovitzky both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937. In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Daniel, Dovie, Daniel, Brian, Don, Bobbi, Yuri, David, our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers

NEWBORN: Felix Bomadevar

BIRTHDAYS: Irina Class, Sophia Shoffner

NAMEDAYS: John Rusinko

DEPARTED: Bernard, our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH PICNIC: Blessed patronal feast! Join us today immediately after Divine Liturgy for the parish picnic.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choirs members, please note the dates of the choir rehearsals over the next few months: July 15, August 12, September 16, and October 14.

ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon is inviting deacons, subdeacons, and servers to an archdiocesan training on July 8 at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda. Speak to Fr. Alessandro for more information.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

June 18, Sun	
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM	Picnic
June 24, Sat	
5:00 PM	Great Vespers
June 25, Sun	
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Parish Picnic

Reader - Barr

Assisting the Treasurer - Barr & Childs

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment