



# 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.

**JULY 2, 2023**

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 3

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Mother of God at Blachernæ Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

THE PLACING OF THE GIRDLE (ROBE) OF THE  
ALL-HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD IN THE CHURCH OF  
BLACHERNAE IN CONSTANTINOPLE

In the time of Emperor Leo the Great (457-474 A.D.) and Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, were traveling in the Holy Land to venerate the holy places.

They stopped in Nazareth for a while, at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the robe of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing of their sufferings through prayer and by touching the robe.

Galibus and Candidus brought this holy object to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The robe was solemnly placed in the Church of Blachernae. (This church had been built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet, and was called Blachernae after Blacheran, a commander from Scetis, who had been slain there.)

This feast was instituted in remembrance of the placing of the robe of the All-Holy Birth-giver of God in the Church of Blachernae.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Daniel, Dovie, Daniel, Brian, Bobbi, Yuri

NEWBORN: Felix Bomadevar

NAMEDAYS: Wesley (John) Smith

DEPARTED: Bernard, Barbara

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

July 2, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 5, Thu 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 8, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
July 9, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 12, Thu 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

### **MINISTRY ROTATIONS**

*Coffee Hour* - Class

*Reader* - Childs

*Assisting the Treasurer* - Class & Childs

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