

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

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3130 Franconia Rd Alexandria, VA 22310 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 23, 2023

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 6

Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna

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HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIS, BISHOP OF RAVENNA

Apollinarius was a disciple of the Apostle Peter who took him from Antioch to Rome, where he consecrated him bishop of Ravenna. In Ravenna Apollinarius entered the home of the soldier Ireneaus, whose son he healed of blindness. By this miracle, he converted the entire household to Christ. He likewise cured the wife of the military commander of Ravenna of a terrible malady and baptized their entire household. Apollinarius remained with this household at the military commander's request. He formed a small house church there and remained with them for twelve years, preaching the Good News and baptizing unbelievers. On many occasions he was cruelly tortured by the pagan elders, but the all-powerful right hand of the Lord sustained and saved him.

He was finally sentenced to exile in Illyria, in the Balkans. The boat in which Apollinarius was being transported was broken up in a storm and sank, and only St. Apollinarius, three of his clerics, and two soldiers were saved. The soldiers, having been saved miraculously, believed in the power of Apollinarius's God and were baptized.

Apollinarius then went to preach the Holy Gospel throughout the Balkans, descending as far as the Danube River. After this, he set out for Thrace where, against much opposition, he also spread the Gospel of the Lord. After three years of labor in the Balkans, he was banished back to Italy. He returned to Ravenna, where the faithful rejoiced exceedingly at his return. Hearing of this, a pagan elder wrote to Emperor Vespasian about Apollinarius, accusing the saint of being a magician. He also asked the emperor if they should kill Apollinarius as an enemy of their gods. The emperor replied that they should not kill him, but require him to offer sacrifice to the gods or banish him from the city. In spite of this imperial decree, the pagans attacked Apollinarius and stabbed him with knives. This servant of God died of his severe wounds and was received into the Kingdom of God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Daniel, Priest Silouan, Dovie,

Daniel, Brian, Bobbi, Yuri

NAMEDAYS: Lory Ann Easton

ANNIVERSARIES: Gary & Anita Childs

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF CARS: As it happens in several Orthodox parishes on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Elijah (July 20), this coming Sunday, at the end of Divine Liturgy, Fr. Alessandro will go to the parking lot to bless our parishioners' cars.

BULLETIN: Please note that the bulletin and the weekly reminders will not be emailed out for the next three weeks.

METROPOLITAN TIKHON'S VISIT: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will visit at our parish and preside at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 27. On that day, Vladyka will elevate All Saints from mission to parish status and will gift the parish community relics of American Saints. On the same day, His Beatitude will elevate Fr. Alessandro to the rank of Archpriest. Please mark your calendar for this joyous day!

FR. ALESSANDRO'S SCHEDULE: Please note that Fr. Alessandro will be away starting July 24 and for the first two weeks of August. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph Woodill who will be serving in his place. For any emergency, Fr. Alessandro will be available via email and phone.

PANIKHIDA FOR FR. MICHAEL: On Saturday, August 19 at 4:30p, we will serve a Panikhida for the anniversary of the falling asleep of Archpriest Michael Koblosh, beloved founding pastor of our parish.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will resume on Sunday, September 10. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

July 23, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 29, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
July 30, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
August 5, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
August 6, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
August 12, Sat 5:00 PM 5:45 PM	Great Vespers Choir Rehearsal
August 13, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
August 14, Mon 6:00 PM	Great Vespers
August 15, Tue 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	July 23	July 30
Coffee Hour:	Childs	Barr
Reader:	Class	Childs
Assist. the Treasurer:	Garber & Barr	Childs & Easton
	Aug 6	Aug 13

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Coffee Hour:	Garber	Garber
Reader:	Barr	Woodill
Assist. the Treasurer:	Garber & Class	Barr & Easton