



ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA MISSION

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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.

JANUARY 22, 2023

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

New Martyrs and Confessors of
Russia

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy

NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth.

Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history. It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity.

The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Don, Ingrid, Hilary, Evangelos, Bobbi, Yuri, David

DEPARTED: Kristen, Jonathan, Ricky, Elizabeth

BIRTHDAYS: Alexa Edwards

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOME BLESSINGS: If you would like to have your house blessed, please let Fr. Alessandro know. Home blessings will be scheduled until February 24, right before the beginning of Great Lent. To prepare for Father's visit, make a list of the names of those family members you want to pray for. On your dining room table or at your icon corner, lay out a white cloth if you have it, and set on it a candle that can be carried around the house and your prayer list. (No need to prepare a bowl with water). A member of the family will lead the priest around the house with the candle.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: Our Annual Parish Assembly is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, following Divine Liturgy. We will hear reports, approve the 2023 Budget, discuss property search, and elect a new Parish Council. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important gathering of our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL: The slate of candidates for the Parish Council positions are as follows:

Lay Chair - Bob Easton; Secretary - Marijana Barr; Treasurer - Lisa Mikhalevsky; Trustees - James Class, Andy Garber, Gary Childs.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Please note that the next choir rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday, January 28, and Saturday, February 25 after Vespers.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Jan 22, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM

Annual Parish Meeting

Jan 25, Wed

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Jan 28, Sat

4:00 PM

Bible Study (2 Thess 2)

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

5:45 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Jan 29, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Margheritino

Reader - Childs

Assisting the Treasurer - Easton & Hecth

Fr. Alessandro is available to hear confessions after Vespers or by appointment during the week