



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 7, 2024

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Ven. Thomas of Mount Maleos

Ven. Acacius of Sinai

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.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles 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. 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 (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26). As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) 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 (April 7, October 9),

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 (February 27) 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. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

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 Matthew, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Julia Bomadevar, Andra Schmitt, Ruth Sysak

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr. Alessandro & Matushka Anna

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH FEAST DAY: Today, the Sunday of All Saints of America, marks the patronal feast of our parish. We are blessed to have His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon come and preside at the Divine Liturgy. Immediately following the Liturgy, we will enjoy a picnic outside in celebration of our feast day. We will have a bounce house for the kids.

The Church will provide catered food but we ask parishioners, as they are able, to bring drinks and/or dessert.

CHURCH SCHOOL PRESENTATION: At the end of Divine Liturgy, our Church School students will offer a presentation recounting the life of our patron saints and singing their troparia.

BOOK ON FR. MICHEAL'S WRITINGS: A book which includes homilies and writings of Fr. Michael Koblosh of blessed memory has been recently published. You can purchase a copy on Amazon: "He in Us and We in Him: A New Creation." This book was prepared and edited by Fr. Michael and Matushka Lydia Westerberg.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Please note that the next choir rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday, July 20 after Great Vespers.

2025 SINGLES' RETREAT: The retreat is scheduled for February 20-23 for age 30+ Registration fills up quickly.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

July 6, Sat

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

Panikhida

Great Vespers

July 7, Sun

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

11:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Church School Presentation

Parish Picnic

July 13, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

July 14, Sun

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

July 7

July 14

Coffee Hour:

Feast Day

Barr

Reader:

Hughes

N. Barr

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