HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Sunday, June 11, 2023
Sunday of All Saints
The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)
Mode of the Week: First/Πρώτος

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

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Upcoming Schedule

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Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (6/18) Presvytera Stacey Ehmer; (6/25) Aleca Hortman; (7/2) Amanda Lord

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
Epistle Reading

Verse: Bless God in the churches. (Psalm 67)

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever deniers me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

• Sunday of All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet David says, “As a friend of God, I will confess our friends, O Lord.”

The divine Apostle, reviewing the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles to virtue, says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of “martyr” in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require a shedding of their blood.

Thereupon, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God’s commandments, shining examples of virtuous and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common glorification be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy:

• Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Εἰς ἑώρακαν, Plagal 4th Mode):
  You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You! (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

• Hymn of All Saints (Σωσώντες, 1st Mode):
  Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of “martyr” in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require a shedding of their blood.

• Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσων τῷ Χριστῷ, 4th Mode):
  Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as being in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy.”

• The Kontakion of All Saints (Δεῦτε αὐτοῖς τὸ φόρος, Plagal 4th Mode):
  Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

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• The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (+11th Century)

• Synaxis of the Archangel Michael in Aidein on the Holy Mountain and the Revelation of the Holy Apostle John the Divine on Mount Athos (+10th Century)

• The New Hiero-Martyr Lake the Surgeon of Sinemorets and Crimea (+1661)

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Tuesday (6/13—Fish, Wine, Oil): Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21
Thursday (6/15—Fish, Wine, Oil): Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 8:2-27
Friday (6/16—Strict Fast): Romans 5:17-21, 6:1-2; Matthew 9:14-17
Saturday (6/17—Fish, Wine, Oil): Romans 3:39-24; Matthew 7:1-8

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexis, Fr. Symeon (mission support to the Diocese of Patras in Patras, Greece), Michael, Eva Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Sedky, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Marla, Laurie, Lindsay, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christian, Alexie, Foster, Andrew, Nazario, Nathan, Robert, Chad, Anthony, Kyle

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 3)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Samaris (+July 27), Heaven (+May 26)

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Luke, Sarah Soto, Braiden Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Nate, Chad, James and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Gregory Palamas (+1359) on the beauty and importance of humility:
“Whereas humility is the virtue of the good angels, and defeats any human evil that comes upon fallen mankind. Humility is the chariot by which we ascend to God, like those clouds which are to carry up to God those who would dwell for endless ages with Him, as foretold by the apostle: “We shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:17). Humility is the same as such a cloud. It is formed by repentance, releases streams of tears; brings about the worthy from among the unworthy and leads them up to unite with God, justified by His free gift for the gratitude of their free disposition.”

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Day—Christos Polius, Many Years! All Saints: Isabelle Saratsiotis

Birthdays—Happy Birthday! June 12: Matthew Deskins June 16: Henry Goss June 17: Chrissy Holland

Anniversaries—Congratulations! June 11: Jennifer and Adam Kangas June 12: Elizabeth and Tony Zoumberis

If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!

Announcements:

• Shut-In: If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

• YOUTH: We will recognize our graduates today at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We sincerely thank Kathy Patras for hosting our 2nd day Vacation Church Camp Out in her yard this weekend! Movie matinee and lunch coming up in July.

• For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes online by Zoom meeting every other week. The next meeting is next Saturday, June 17 at 3:00pm. Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

• The Apostles Fast begins tomorrow (the eighth day after Pentecost) and lasts until the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29). As the ancient canons say—“And you after celebrating Pentecost, feast one week, then start fasting, because it is necessary that we rejoice with the gift granted to us from God (the Holy Spirit), to fast after rejoicing.

• The new Philoptochos Board will be sworn in at the end of the Divine Liturgy today. Our new President: Sarah Drakopoulos, First Vice President: Cleo Benette, Second Vice President: Emily Dermatas, Treasurer: Maria Brozelos, Secretary: Beth Zoumberis. Corresponding Secretary: Rodica Cazacu, Member at Large: Denna Bradford. May God bless their faithful service and this very important ministry!

• The first 60+ Group Get-Together (a game night) will be this coming Thursday, June 15 at 7:00pm at Kathy Patras’s House. RSVP with Kathy!