

THE SAINTS ARE OUR HEROES

One of our tasks on Memorial Day was to remember those who have gone before and appreciate their contribution to life. While that civil holiday was initiated in remembrance of the war dead, it has since been expanded to the point that most families use that day as one of remembrance for their deceased families and relatives.

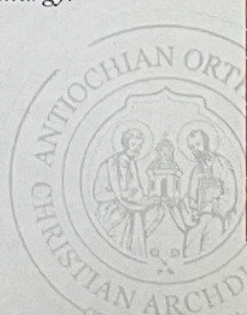
On ALL SAINTS DAY, the first Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost, we have a somewhat similar obligation. We look back to remember those “who have fought the good fight, finished their course, kept the faith,” and received their “crown of righteousness.”

It is necessary for us to remember this “cloud of witness” as we live out our Christian lives. We are the inheritors of a rich religious heritage. We have been baptized and reared in God’s Church. But this heritage is ours because others have preserved it and fought for it down through the centuries.

Not only do we remember our “church heroes” on this day, we also rededicate ourselves to the task that lies with us. There are generations still to come. Will they inherit a rich religious heritage, will they be baptized and nurtured in our Church? To some extent, it depends upon us. We are involved in the long chain of believers that stretches from our times back to Christ and the Apostles. So one of our tasks is to pass on the faith, intact.

Let us, therefore, go forth to our daily tasks renewed in faith, inspired to follow Christ, to love Him and serve Him until our final breath. This is the purpose of All Saint’s Day.

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Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 07, 2026

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FIRST SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

*(**The original melody**)*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

We Celebrate Today

On June 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the **Hieromartyr Theodotos**, bishop of Ancyra; and **Venerable Sebastiana** the wonderworker.

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

Verses

Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;

And let any to come, with them all be numbered

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them

as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Fr. Paul Yerger. Dea. Terry. Kh. Janet Henderson. Joy Logue. Dolores Nasser. Rick Collins. George Michael Nasif. Lynne Abraham. Pam Smith. Irene Tzotzolas. Michael Farris. Athena. Georgia. Andrea Simon. Chuck Abraham. Carla Leese. Rex Whiteaker. Drew Anderton.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries, June, Jeff & Lori West, (2), Melba Mitchell, Angela Wright Lovins, Walt Andrews, Bill & Aly White (3), Donna Hardy, Jimmy & Susie Angelo (4), Hannah Hull Bonelli (5), Kahlil Logue, Jori West Whitley (9). Lester & Lori Tzotzolas (10). Lori Tzotzolas (16), Rickey & Melba Mitchell (20), Gloria Dornbusch, Steve Angelo (22), Irene Tzotzolas, John & Misty Jabour (23), Gregory & Nancy Thomas, Christian Thomas (26), Thomas Henry Antwine (27), Brian West (28), Jaime Thomas (30).

+Keep in your prayers. Our Catechumens, Cole Gary, & John Morgan Mcright. Who are preparing themselves for the Holy Sacrament of Chrismation.

+The Apostles Lent starts on Monday June 08 till Sunday June 28. During this lent we observe the traditional fasting discipline, with katalysis (permission) for seafoods, and wine on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

+Parish Council Meeting June 16th. @ 6 pm.

+Diocese OF Miami & The Southeast 2026 PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE (PLC) *hosted by St. Nicholas Church of Springdale, Arkansas* **June 10 - 13, 2026** If you would like to register or have any questions about PLC, please get in touch with miamiplc@antiochianevents.com

The Church Fathers Teach

"Regarding the manner in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, *Saint Symeon the New Theologian* makes a remark that is most helpful for properly understanding this event. He says that this mode of acting of the Holy Spirit - by means of a loud noise as of a rushing mighty wind, and with tongues of fire - was something unique. The Holy Spirit, he observes, comes very calmly, in the form of spiritual light, and evokes joy. The passage in which he touches upon this point is this:

The power of the Holy Spirit, which is bestowed upon him who loves God and keeps His commandments, does not appear visibly in the form of fire, nor does it come with a loud sound like a violent wind - for this happened only in the time of the Apostles for the sake of the unbelievers. Instead, it is seen spiritually in the form of spiritual light, and comes with all calm and joy."

Guide to Byzantine Iconography, Vol 1, by Constantine Cavarnos

DIVINE LITURGY JUNE 07, 2026

“DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM”

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THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

The GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

(10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny 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 Thee. 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 everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”