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1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. All Saints. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Synaxis of the “Axion Estin” Icon of the Mother of God (10th c.). Saint Luke of Crimea, the Blessed Surgeon.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for June

Birthdays: Patti Jones (6/8); David Jadick (6/17)

Nameday:

Anniversary: Fr Michael & Emilia Shepherd (6/3)

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule:

Counting:

Visitors: PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS For an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape me to replenish our supplies.

"If you want to rejoice with ineffable joy, then endure those sorrows which are sent to you from God, and you will not regret it." St Anatoly, p. 162 *Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina*. Translated by Archimandrite George Schaefer. Jordanville, NY: Holy Trinity Publications, 2005.

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

WEEK 12-18June

SAT, June 17th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers /Confession

SUN, June 18th: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1.
All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

UP COMING

SAT, June 24th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers /Confession

SUN, June 25th: Hours @ 9:20 Hours, 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Baptismal
Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM The Hart Family will be received in the Church

WED, June 28th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Litya

THURS, June 29th: Hours @ 9:00 Ss Peter & Paul (Ss Peter & Paul Fast 12-28June)



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Summer's coming and the grass is growing faster! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds. Please coordinate with Fr for a list of To-Do items.

Proshora Baking - 14June

Catechumen Class: Summer Break

Heavenly Host Program: We need a coordinator.

Parish Council Meeting: Today, all are invited!

Changing the Colors today to red for Ss Peter & Paul Fast. Please stay and help.

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

June Deposits

5th: \$8,727

June Expenditures: \$1,660.53

Bank Balance: \$29,142.68

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Fr Theodore Orzolek

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Margaret Pregmon, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch, Nadia Macheska, John Pritchky, Paulette Ezbiansky, Andrew Lutzick, Daniel Jones, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Matushka Paula Soucek; Al Horek; Abigail; David Lezinsky

Servants of God Barbara Sevensky, Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmann, Walter Pritchky, Michael & Euphemia (Mia) (Keklak); Amaya Jackson; Robert Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Peter Kesklosky, Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina (Shepherd)

Catechumens - Preparing of Illumination: Jason, Emily, Judah, Nadia, & Silas

NEWLY DEPARTED: Alexander Pritchky (5/18); Marie Ann Buranich (5/25)

DEPARTED: Irene Pritchky (6/5); George Krenitsky (6/7); Mary Peregrim (6/10); Maxie Wozniak Sr. (6/14);

Our prayer list will start rotating names off on a monthly basis. Please speak with Fr to add names to the list for special/specific needs.

“Only then can we discover holy peace, when the mind and heart plunge into the humility of Christ, and His meekness, having learned it from the New Testament. These two virtues restore order in the features of our image of ourselves, distressed by embarrassment, which cohabits relentlessly inside each person, beset by passions. The indication of order is a sacred calm. Then over the corrected features one may apply holy pigments, which bring consolation to the spiritual appearance: goodness; mercy; purity of mind, heart, and body; a living faith; no care for all that is vain.”

St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov), Bishop of the Caucasus and the Black Sea Harbor for Our Hope: On Acquiring Peace Amidst Suffering p.146



Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

From the Saints & Teachers

11:32–40 Time Would Fail Me

They Accomplished All by Faith. St John Chrysostom: “And what shall I more say? For time would fail me to tell.” After this St Paul no longer puts down the names, but, having ended with a harlot and put them to shame by the quality of the person, he no longer enlarges on the histories, lest he should be thought tedious. However, he does not set them aside but runs over them, doing both very judiciously, avoiding satiety without spoiling the closeness of the argument. He was neither altogether silent, nor did he speak so as to annoy, for he effected both points. For when a person is contending vehemently in argument, if he persists in contending, he wears out the hearer, annoying him when he is already persuaded and gaining the reputation of vain ambitiousness. For he ought to accommodate himself to what is expedient. “And what more do I say?” he says. “For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets.”

Some find fault with Paul because he puts Barak, Samson and Jephthah in these places. What do you say? After having introduced the harlot, shall he not introduce these? For do not tell me of the rest of their life but only whether they did not believe and shine in faith. “And the prophets,” he says, “who through faith conquered kingdoms.” Do you see that he does not here testify to their life as being illustrious, for this was not the point in question; the inquiry thus far was about their faith. For tell me whether they did not accomplish all by faith?

“By faith,” he says, “they conquered kingdoms”—those with Gideon. “Enforced justice.” Who? The same. Plainly, he here means kindness. I think it is of David that he says “they received promises.” But of what sort were these? Those in which the Lord said that his “sons shall sit upon” his “throne.”

“Stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword.” See how they were in death itself, Daniel encompassed by the lions, the three children abiding in the furnace, the Israelites, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, in diverse temptations; and yet not even so did they despair. For this is faith. When things are turning out adversely, then we ought to believe that nothing adverse is done but all things in due order.

“Escaped the edge of the sword.” I think that he is again speaking of the three children.

“Won strength out of weakness.” Here he alludes to what took place at their return from Babylon. For “out of weakness” is out of captivity. When the condition of the Jews had now become desperate, when they were no better than dead bones, who could have expected that they would return from Babylon, and not return only but also “become mighty” and “put foreign armies to flight”? “But to us,” someone says, “no such thing has happened.” But these are figures of “the things to come.”

“Women received their dead by resurrection.” He here speaks of what occurred in regard to the prophets Elisha and Elijah, for they raised the dead. **On the Epistle to the Hebrews 27.4.**