

From the Divine Office for the Sunday of All Saints

With sacred hymns, let us celebrate the holy ones from all over the earth, as is right: Apostles, martyrs, hierarchs and holy women. For men and women united to the heavenly spirits, thanks to Christ, have received immortality in exchange for their sufferings. Like stars, they radiantly enlighten us, and now they intercede for our souls. (Vespers)

Those who have borne witness throughout the world have become citizens of heaven. Having imitated the Passion of Christ, they free us from the passions. United today in the Kingdom, they show how the Church of the first-born bears the sign of the assembly in heaven. They say to Christ, "You are my God. Through the intercession of the one who bore You, protect me, O You who alone are most merciful." (Orthros)



SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

MAY 31, 2021



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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us shout with joy to God our Savior.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

2: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving and let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

Khallisna Ya-Bnallah, Ya Man qama min baynil-amwaat, nahnu muranneemeena Laka.

Haleloueya.

3: For God is a great Lord and a great King over all the earth.

O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

Resurrection Troparion (Tone 8) pg. 42

You descended from on high O compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days that You might free us from suffering. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to You.!

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4)

O Christ God, Your church clothed with the blood of Your martyrs all over the world, as with purple and fine linen, cries out to You: send Your mercy upon Your people, grant peace to Your fold and extend Your great compassion upon our souls.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1) pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion (Tone 2) pg. 16

O never-failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever-present Intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you

Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$ 905
Candles	\$ 50
Donations	\$ 100
Stole	\$ 150
Total	\$1,205

Thank you for your continued generosity that provides for the needs of the parish!



PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to form a Parish Council this fall. It is an important part of parish life. For a parish of our size, I think nine people will be enough, at least to begin. We will elect six members and I will appoint three. Currently, we have both a Finance & Building committee. Each of these committees will have a representative on the Council.

We will have an election this Fall. If you are interested in serving on the Council or want to nominate someone, please let me know. The election will take place in late September.

Please remember that the Parish Council, like all of the councils, is an advisory body. It's purpose is to advise the pastor on elements of church life, not to set policy for the parish. It is not a governing body. Problems often arise when that distinction is not understood by all, including the pastor.

Summer Liturgical Schedule

Wed June 23, 6PM - Vespers for the Nativity of the Forerunner

Mon June 28, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul

Mon July 19, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of St. Elias followed by blessing of cars

Thur Aug 5, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Fri Aug 6, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by blessing of grapes

Sun Aug 15, 10AM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today +**Rev. Theophan Leonarczyk**. Requested by Tom Syseskey
June 27 +**Nicholas & Theodora Barouk**. Requested by Michael & Virginia Mischitelli and Antonio & Karen Solitro

Today's flowers were donated by Joe and Lorraine Lian in memory of Edmund Kouri, Paul Kouri, and Glay Abdow

Thank you to Marilyn and Zenon Tencza who donated the peace lilies in the from of the iconostasis.

WELCOME BACK!

As you know, the mask requirement has been changed by both the CDC and the Commonwealth of MA. Those who are **fully** vaccinated (which means that your final vaccination shot was at least **two weeks ago**), are no longer required to wear a mask in most settings. I am not going to make you prove your vaccination status, but please, if you are not fully vaccinated, keep your mask on for your safety and that of your parish family.

As of yesterday, (**May 29**), the Commonwealth lifted most of the remaining covid-19 restrictions. That allows us to have 100% capacity in the church. The ropes on the pews have been removed. We can also begin to have a coffee hour. That will start on **June 6**. Please see the announcement about cleaning the hall.

If you are comfortable taking off your mask, do so. If you aren't, feel free to keep it on. If you haven't been to the church during this time, please come and join us for the Divine Liturgy and coffee. You have been missed! Fellowship is an important part of our Christian life! I hope to be able to start home visits again soon. Even though we couldn't do home blessings at Theophany, I am happy to come bless your home now. It gives us a chance to sit and talk in a more intimate setting. Please call or email if you would like to have me bless your home.

In Christ,

Fr. Bryan

The Universal Church Glorifies the Company of all the Saints

The Venerable Bede (+735 A.D.)

Today, beloved brethren, we celebrate in one joyful solemnity the feast day of all the saints. In their society Heaven exults, in their protection earth rejoices, in their triumphs the holy Church is crowned. The more endurance they showed in giving witness, the brighter is the glory of that witness; for, as the battle was fiercer, the glory of the fighters was greater. The many kinds of suffering enhance the triumph of martyrdom; and the greater the torments, the greater also the reward. Our Mother the Catholic Church, spread far and wide over the whole earth, was taught in Jesus Christ her Head to fear neither insults, crosses, nor death. Grown stronger and stronger, not by resisting but by enduring, She breathed the will to victory into all those whose containment in this earthly prison forms them into an opposing army, that they may be inspired to fight the good fight with no less ardent courage than these who have gone before.

O truly blessed Mother Church, basking in the glow of God's favor, adorned with the glorious blood of the victorious martyrs and clothed in the virginal white of an untarnished Orthodoxy! Her garland lacks neither the rose nor the lily. We should then strive, dear brothers, to gain the great dignity of these two honors, either the white crowns of virginity or the red of suffering. In the Heavenly camps, both peace and war have their garlands with which to crown the soldiers of Christ.

For the unutterable and immense goodness of God has seen to it that the time of labor and struggle should be neither prolonged nor long-drawn-out nor endless, but that it should rather be brief and, as we might say, momentary. For the struggles and the labors belong to this short and hard life, but the crowns and rewards of merit to that which is eternal. The labors, then, will be ended quickly, but the rewards of merit will continue without end. And after the darkness of this world, we are to see the most radiant light and to receive a blessedness greater than the bitterness of all sufferings, as the Apostle testifies when he says, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us." Amen.

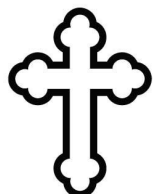


RETURN OF THE COFFEE HOUR

Next Sunday, **June 6**, we will begin having a coffee hour once again. In preparation for that, we need to clean the hall. It has not been used in about a year and a half. Please join us on **Saturday, June 5 at 10AM** to clean the hall and kitchen. The more hands we have, the quicker the cleaning will go.

When coffee hour begins, we also need your help with setting up before and cleaning up after.

Thank you in advance for your help with this!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to start religious education this fall for adults and children. We will use diocesan resources for the children. For the adults, we will discuss different aspects of our Faith. If there is anything you want to know more about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I believe that our Byzantine music is also part of religious education, so I plan to have regular music sessions so that those who want to become more familiar with our music have that opportunity. We will begin with the music for the Divine Liturgy and then move on to feast day and other music. I hope you will be able to join us!

There will be more to come during the summer.

Prokimenon

Reader: Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

People: Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

Verse: In the churches, bless God, the Lord out of Israel's wellspring.

People: Awesome in His saints is God, the God of Israel.

Reader: Awesome in His saints is God,

People: The God of Israel.

Epistle: Heb 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Alleluia Verses

The just cried out, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their trials.

Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but out of them all, the Lord will save them.

Gospel: Mt 10:32-38; 19:27-30, Sunday of All Saints

Kinonikon

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia.

