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SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017

Feast of All Saints of North America
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Romans 2:10-16
Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel Readings

Matthew 4:18-23
Matthew 4:25-5:12

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for North American Saints: As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. By their prayers, keep the Church and our land in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Kontakion: Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.

“Rejoice, All Saints of North America and pray to God for us!”

As the brightest sun, as the brilliance of the Morning Star,
the precious feast of the Saints of North America has dawned for us,
to illumine us and to set our hearts on fire,
to imitate their godly lives,
and to follow their example of zeal for God.

~ From the Stichera

Memory Eternal

O Lord, grant rest eternal in blessed repose to our departed fathers, grandfathers and godfathers on this Father’s Day. Memory eternal, Večnaja pamjat +

Welcome to Our Guests

We warmly welcome today’s guests, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. You are invited to join us for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about our parish and the Orthodox Faith.

The Apostles Fast

The Apostles Fast continues until the Feast of SS Peter and Paul on July 12.

Father’s Day Tribute

- Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to our fathers, grandfathers and godfathers. Keep them and preserve them for Many Years! Mnogaja ljeta!
- We will celebrate with all fathers at a special luncheon today. Thank you to Fr. Deacon Pat and Matushka Anne for preparing the main course and to the members of the Sisterhood for contributing side dishes and dessert.
- “The Importance of Fatherhood in the Orthodox Church” at www.myocn.net

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, June 21

The Wednesday Vespers begins at 7PM followed by a study of the Epistle to the Hebrews based on writings by Abp. Dmitri Royster and Fr. Lawrence Farley.

Volunteers Needed: FOCUS Summer Feeding Program – June 26 - August 4

FOCUS North America is sponsoring a program again this summer to help hungry children in Washington, DC. Volunteers are needed weekdays from June 26 to August 4, 9:30AM to 1:30PM to prepare meals at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20007 and then transport meals to serve. Children are welcome to volunteer but must be supervised by an adult. Sign up at www.focusnorthamerica.org/washingtondc or 1-866-267-3083x716.

St Mark’s Vacation Church School – July 10 - 13

St. Mark’s in Bethesda, MD welcomes students ages 4-11 from nearby parishes to VCS on July 10 to 13 from 11AM to 2PM. The theme is “Saints and the Animals that Served Them” with classes, prayers, games, music, crafts and a nutritious lunch. Adults or students 12 and over may volunteer: rachaelatch@gmail.com.

Interested in a Gift Shop purchase? Please see Helene Watts for help.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Fr. John and Popadija Kitty on their 47th wedding anniversary!