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## ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
Romans 2:10-16

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 4:18-23

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

**Troparion** (All Saints of North America)

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** (All Saints of North America)

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.

**Kontakion** (Resurrection)

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You: “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Apostles Fast and Feastday**

The Apostles Fast continues until the SS Peter & Paul Feastday on Tuesday, July 12. See Fr. John with questions on Fasting and to schedule a time for Confession.

**“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 of the Feast



**Welcome** to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. You are invited to join us afterwards for refreshments. Come meet Fr. John and get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, we would be delighted to talk with you. Please come again.

**Relic of Saint Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zicha and South Canaan** *Pray for us, St. Nikolai!*

It is now ten years since His Eminence, Metropolitan Jonah graciously granted us his relic of St. Nikolai for veneration in our parish. The spiritual presence of this divinely inspired teacher, theologian and suffering servant is indeed a most blessed grace for each one of us.

**Alaskan Delegates to the All-American Council**

- God bless everyone who donated to the June appeal to fund AAC delegates in their 4,000-mile flight from Alaska to Baltimore this July. Our Sisterhood pledged \$1000 plus \$500 in matching funds. Parishioners' donations totaled \$583 giving us a total of \$2083!
- Fr. John: “This is wonderful. A GIANT thanks to the Sisterhood and to our parishioners for their generosity and to Dn. Stefan for encouraging the parish in these activities. I think this is a wonderful way to show our love and care for our Alaskan brothers and sisters.”

**Summer Coffee Hour**

Potluck-style Coffee Hour continues through the summer. Many thanks for bringing food to share and for helping hands in setting the buffet table and clean up. See Rada Carmichael with thoughts on resuming Host/Hostess Coffee Hour or establishing a team approach.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, June 29 at 7PM on Zoom**

Everyone is welcome to join the online study group this Wednesday evening. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his discussion points on the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10.

**“First Saturday of the Month” Great Vespers – July 2 at 5PM**

Great Vespers will be served at 5PM this Saturday. Come and participate in the evening prayers and scripture readings in preparation for Sunday’s Liturgy.

**“First Sunday of the Month” Food for the Needy – July 3**

All donations of canned and boxed foods will go to NVFS for hungry low-income families.