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JUNE 30, 2024
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel Reading

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

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's blood shed through-out all the world. She cries to You, O Christ God: "Send down Your bounties on Your people, grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Memory Eternal ~ Večnaja Pamjat ~ Mengiste Semayat Yawareselen

We offer prayers in memory of Reader David's mother Daisy Lumovich, his cousin Gregory, Joyce Warner and Senait Taye's aunt Asnakech on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants.

Apostles Fast and Feastday

The Apostles Fast is Monday, July 1 to the SS Peter and Paul Feastday on Friday, July 12. Fr. John is available to hear Confessions after Vespers on July 6 and by appointment.

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

His Eminence, Metropolitan Jonah graciously granted his relic of St. Nikolai to us in 2012 for veneration in our parish. The spiritual presence of this divinely inspired teacher, theologian and suffering servant is indeed a blessing for each one of us.

Welcome

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan. We look forward to seeing you again for worship, study, and fellowship.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, July 3 on Zoom at 7PM, "To leave, to come."

The study on Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's classic "For the Life of the World" continues this week. Fr. John will email his notes and the Zoom link. Here is an excerpt, pp 35-37:

"The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey (that) begins when Christians leave their homes and beds. They leave, indeed, their lives in this present and concrete world, and whether they have to drive fifteen miles or walk a few blocks, a sacramental act is already taking place ... For they are now on their way to ... be transformed into the Church of God ... To leave, to come. This is the *beginning*, the starting point of the sacrament, the condition of its transforming power and reality."

Prayer for USA Independence Day – 4th of July

By your prayers, O Theotokos, pour out on this land a burning love for God and our neighbor, and fill every heart with zeal for justice and holiness. Preserve us from all our foes, whether visible or hidden from our sight, and obtain for us as for the people everywhere peace and Great Mercy.

First Saturday of the Month – July 6

- 9AM - Men of all ages are invited to the Men's Prayer Breakfast for food and fellowship.
- 5PM - Great Vespers; Come join in the Scripture readings, hymns and evening prayers.

First Sunday of the Month – July 7

- **Potluck Coffee Hour:** Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert to share.
- **Food for the Needy:** Next Sunday, we remember the homeless and families in poverty by bringing canned and boxed foods for the C-CAP Food Pantry. Help is especially needed in the summer while children are home and not receiving school meals.

Icon Talk at Coffee Hour – Sunday, July 7

Next Sunday, Diana Donalson from St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church in Potomac, MD will offer a presentation about the new icon school she is starting in this area. She is especially encouraging beginner/"wannabe" icon painters to learn about her program.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

- Fr. John began his priestly ministry in our St. Luke parish on July 1, 2009. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to him and Popadija Kitty for their spiritual guidance and loving care.
- God bless Karla Glomazic on her 5th birthday, Daniel Costello on his 15th birthday, Reader David Lumovich and Valerie Klaassen on their birthdays. Mnogaja ljeta!