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JULY 7, 2024
NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Romans 2:10-16
Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel Readings

Matthew 4:18-23
Luke 1:5-15, 57-68, 76, 80

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!"

Troparion (St. John)

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise thee worthily, we honor thee in love at thy nativity, for by it thou hast ended thy father's silence and thy mother's barrenness, proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

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 (St. John)

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner, who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; for in the Jordan, when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets, he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

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.

Welcome

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. 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. Please come again.

Memory Eternal † Večnaja Pamjat †

We pray for newly departed Zora Camp who attended our parish many years ago. Grant rest eternal in blessed repose, O Lord, to Zora and make her memory to be eternal.

Apostles Fast and Feastday

The Apostles Fast continues until the SS Peter and Paul Feastday this Friday, July 12. We will not have a Divine Liturgy because Fr. John will be on travel. St. Tikhon's Monastery Vigil for the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul from June 28 (New Calendar) is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8Q0gh1jrxM>.

A Personal Prayer for Us from Fr. John

On this Sunday of All Saints of North America, we can consider how we might imitate the saints in our own lives. Here is a prayer in which we ask God to help us be holy:

Christ my Lord, You came among Your disciples after the resurrection and granted them peace. You also poured upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Bestow upon me at this hour Your grace and make me worthy to enter Your presence.

Teach me how to pray.

Show me the path on which I should walk.

Guide my life in all things that I may not be deceived by worldly pursuits but rather seek the treasures in heaven.

Lord, let Your Holy Spirit lead me in the way of Your teachings and in the remembrance of Your glorious coming kingdom.

Blessed and praised is Your name among Your Saints, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. (My Orthodox Prayer Book, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Kindle Loc. 678-683)

Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change – Class will not meet this Wed., July 10

From the Archive: July 6, 2014 Bulletin - St. Luke Quarterly Meeting Outcome

On behalf of Fr. John and the Board of Trustees, President Ron Kecman thanks the parishioners who attended last Sunday's Quarterly Meeting. The thoughtful questions and comments concluded with overwhelming support for feasibility studies to go forward on options for church building and parish development. St. Luke faithful are asked to pray that the Lord's will be done in all future decisions.

2024: We offer our gratitude to God for the progress being made daily on our new Church.