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**BULLETIN OF JUNE 22, 2008**

**SUNDAY/JUNE 22nd**

**Sunday of All Saints (Tone 8)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Question/Answer Period

**Ss. Peter & Paul Lent: June 23-28**

Is of 6 days duration this year. The later Pascha is, the shorter the lent. A fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine & oil

**MONDAY/JUNE 23rd**

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

**TUESDAY/JUNE 24th**

**Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Adult Study Class "On Spiritual Life in the Church – The Encyclical of the Holy Synod of the OCA

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25th**

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to  
**Tikhvin Icon of Theotokos (June 26th)**  
Confession

**THURSDAY/JUNE 26th**

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to  
**Elders of Optina (June 27th)**  
Confession

**SATURDAY/JUNE 28th**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

**SUNDAY/JUNE 29th**

**All Saints of America (Tone 1)**

**Ss. Peter & Paul Day**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
& Procession with Feastal Meal



**TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS**

All you Apostles and Martyrs, you prophets — hierarchs with the holy men and women of all times — valiantly have you fought, persevering in the faith. For this the Lord is sure to hear your prayer. Remind Him of His loving-kindness, and beg Him to save our souls.

**Contemplation – the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles**

How they converted the rich and the poor to the Christian Faith by their words, lives and miracles alone.

How the Holy Spirit led the Apostles through all sorrows and tribulations, filling their hearts with consolation and joy.

How the Holy Spirit made those seeds of the Gospel that the Apostles sowed throughout the world grow and flourish, even where they seemed to have been scattered in vain.

How, by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles perceived mysteries in the hearts of men.

How the Holy Spirit miraculously guided the feet of the Apostles to distant lands.

### **Vacation Planning – Orthodox Churches**

An online directory of churches in North America on the site: [Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.org) On Sundays, even while on vacation we should keep holy the Lord's Day.

### **Parish Picnic Date – Sunday, July 20th**

At the Picnic Grounds in New Brunswick. Please mark the date on your calendar. More information will be forth-coming. Be sure to invite family members and former parishioners.

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. John the Baptist/June 24<sup>th</sup>: John Zahodnick; Many Blessed Years!

### **Memory Eternal!**

To the newly-departed Julia Yadlowsky (age 100) of Manville. Julia reposed on June 12<sup>th</sup> and her funeral was held on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy is expressed to her son, Jerry.

### **One of the Four Lents of the Year**

The Ss. Peter & Paul Lent while only 6 days this year - is for that short period of time, one of fasting and repentance. 'Lenten times are given to us to re-align ourselves to live more exactly according to the Way of our Lord.

Each of the "Four Lents" are most appropriate times for the faithful to avail themselves of the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion.

### **Offerings for the week of June 22nd**

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia; in memory of Joan; in memory of Michael; for the health of Vaschen; in memory of John.

Wine – for the health of Justina; for health, forgiveness of sins, salvation of soul of Kathleen and Elena-Heli.

### **OCA & Diocesan Assessment of \$180**

All adult parishioners are asked to pay their assessment in full by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The first six months of the year provide special envelopes for you in your bi-monthly packet. To be credited, you must use the envelope or mark your envelope or check "assessment."

### **Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!**

July 21<sup>st</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Day Julia Yadlowsky  
June 22, 1926 Anna Padla  
June 22, 1968 Andrew Klimovich  
June 22, 1979 Alexander Naruta  
June 22, 1999 Helen Patson  
June 23, 1929 Helen Brutsky  
June 25, 1975 John Felice  
June 26, 1966 Mary Max  
June 26, 1984 Jacob Grenther  
June 26, 1997 Pauline Zorella  
June 26, 1999 Alex Putyrsk  
June 27, 1950 Metropolitan Theophilus  
June 28, 1935 Joachim Seminuk  
June 28, 1953 Trophim Lachtuk  
June 28, 1968 Alex Lasik  
June 28, 1973 Nicholas Dzurich  
June 28, 2003 Peter Zeban



### **A Hand-Painted Icon of All Saints of America has been commissioned**

This Icon being written by Austin Kachek will have all 12 Saints of the America depicted. It will be a beautiful large icon to honor our saints.

The feast day of the American Saints this year is June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Contributions are sought, mark an envelope "American Saints Icon." It would be wonderful if all of our parishioners offered something. The cost of the icon is \$1,250. Offerings of \$200, \$200, \$100, \$100, \$60, and \$50 have been received.

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Day – Sunday, June 29th**

On our patronal feast day a luncheon will be held. If you wish to bring some food dish, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

### **Church Cleaning this June Month**

After Pascha, wax on the pews and carpeting needs to be removed and hanging lampadki cleaned. Please offer to help, speak with Protodeacon Paul or Peter Bakaletz.

### **Parish Website: [www.ssppoc.org](http://www.ssppoc.org)**

Has posted the weekly Sunday Bulletin and parish news. Be sure to read your Bulletin on line or the printed version.



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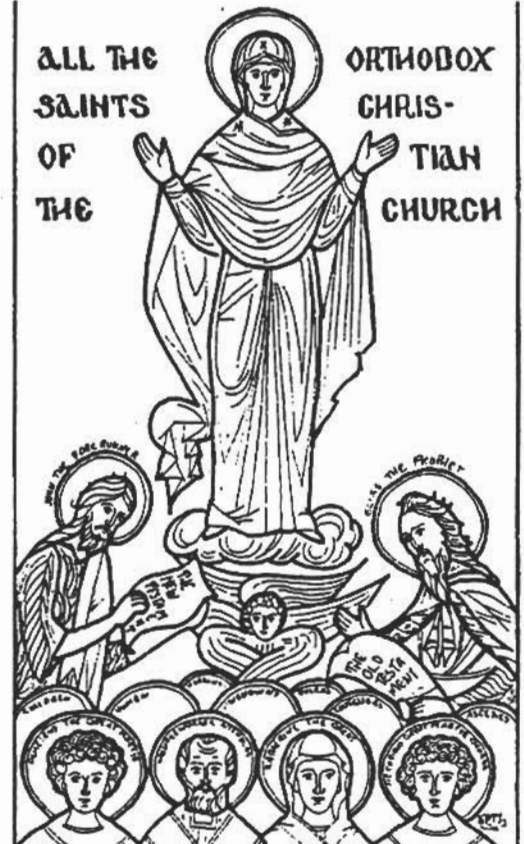
### The Universal Church Glorifies the Company Of All the Saints

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 has 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 garlands lack neither the rose nor the lily. We should each 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 the 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."



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## **Scraps by Archpriest Vsevolod Chaplin.**

*"Scraps" are deputy head of Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations Father Vsevolod Chaplin's sketches on various subjects beginning from church life to international politics. The Interfax-Religion continues publishing some of them.*

Today many Christians including the Orthodox are enthusiastic about the idea of "tolerance" and often use this term. I would not see anything bad in it, if it meant just observing normal rules of the human community: toleration, mutual respect, ban on insulting words and actions.

However, "tolerance" is often considered a prohibition to have any definite ideas about truth and lie. My acquaintance and an official of the Council of European even said from the scaffold that any dialogue with believers was meaningless till they abandoned their "exclusive" truth claims. When they try to inject "tolerance" under the brainpan or set it up to the altar, when it becomes a symbol of relativism and indifference, Orthodox Christians shouldn't keep silent or echo it. It is the matter of world outlook directly opposed to the Gospel of Christ.

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Liberal Protestant Churches such as the Lutheran Church and the Reformed Church like to instruct us that the faith cannot be implanted by the power of state. However, they exist in Europe and have abundant property there because once they were established by kings, princes and electors. They would have vanished without such support like many other confessions. Thus if they accuse Orthodoxy of firming up thanks to special relations with authorities and social preferences, let them first give up all the buildings obtained and constructed in compliance with the principle "the one who enjoys power, sets up the faith."

No doubt, this principle is deeply defective. It is not Christian to enforce faith violently. Though no Christian nation was created without persistent education and preaching, without implanting faith through social mechanisms of self-organization. It is not by chance that the new religion of deifying a man is so freely inculcated by means of law, politics, education and propaganda.

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Today many airports have prayer rooms of various religions and confessions. Brussels is probably the most politically correct. There are three churches-chapels: Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant, a mosque, a synagogue and... a cabinet of "humanistic consultant." All "cult" establishments are open night and day. Only the glass door of "an atheistic priest" is usually locked and one can see only a table piled with books and magazines. The most notable item on it is a full ash tray. I've been a frequent guest in the airport, but only once I saw "the consultant" there, it was a bored bearded man of unattractive appearance, who was sitting at the table. He noticed me and made a welcoming gesture. But I didn't feel like going to "an atheistic confession"...

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One Lutheran pastor said at a conference: "Let's drop the word "God" from the Gospel and it will become a stand for the dialogue with atheists." Perhaps, we'd better drop the very Gospel? There are so many things "impeding the dialogue" in it... Let's keep the story about the left cheek and add something about ecology and democracy.