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SUNDAY/JUNE 6

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

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

12:00 to 2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

MONDAY/JUNE 7

7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 9

6:30p.m. Compline with Akathist to
New-Martyrs of China

7:15p.m. Adult Study:

THURSDAY/JUNE 10

7:00p.m. Georgian Service & Adult Study

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 13

**3rd Sunday of Pentecost (Tone 2)
New-Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy &
Recognition of Spring Graduates;
Church School & Teen Class
Coffee Hour

11:45a.m. Movie: *Acts of the Apostles, Chapters
10-20*

12-2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

St. John of Chicago St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre St. Nikolai of Zieha St. Alexander of New York
St. Jovenal of Alaska St. Raphael of Brooklyn St. Barnabas of Indians St. Jacob of Alaska St. Peter the Aleut
St. Herman of Alaska St. John of San Francisco St. Innocent Apostle to America St. Tikhon Enlightener of America



Bright Lights of Orthodoxy in America

There are so many men and women who accomplished Christ's work in our midst that they appear like burning and shining lamps.

The saints and saintly people in America are remarkably different from one another. They vary greatly in nationality, heritage, education, social class, and spiritual style. Diversity is the glory of the Church. It reflects the glory of God's original creation.

A sure sign of our maturity as Orthodox Christians, and as the Orthodox Church in North America as a whole, is our joyful acceptance and affirmation of diversity and variety in God's creation, and in the life of His new creation, Christ's Holy Church.



Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Eutyches Gumenuk	June 06, 1938
Charles Fetchko Jr.	June 06, 1961
Helen Kulina	June 07, 2004
Nadezhda Soroka	June 08, 1976
Nazar Skwarla	June 10, 1953
Chariton Mishalenko	June 11, 1953
Nadezhda Lebedz	June 12, 1979

Offerings for the week of June 6

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Mark (birthday); for the health of Nicholkes (8th birthday).

Wine – for the health of Gregory; for the health of Jacob Henry on completion of Deaconate Training Program; for the health of Elizabeth Stanton (birthday).

Door-Keeper Ministry – June Month

Door-Keepers are sought for the Sundays of June between 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Sign-up sheet may be found on the vestibule stand.

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent or the Apostles Fast: May 31st to June 29th

This is one of the “four Lenten seasons of the year.” Unlike the other 3 Lents, the duration of this fast is dictated by the Feast of Pascha. The earlier Pascha is, the longer the Lent. The Lent always begins on Monday after the Sunday of All Saints and ends on the feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul. The length of the fast this year of 2010 is 29 days (for those on the old calendar the fast is 42 days – since the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul is July 12).

As always, a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil products. Your parish wall calendar indicates days when the fast is mitigated and allows for fish, wine or oil.

Those of the faithful that are regular communicants and receive the Holy Gifts every Sunday are reminded to approach Holy Confession in this month of June so as to continue to receive Holy Communion after the time of the Fast (June 29).

On the Calendar

- *Blessing of Graduates/June 13* At the end of the Divine Liturgy a prayer and blessing will be bestowed on those graduating this Spring. Please submit names and schools to Fr. James no later than June 9.
- *Adult Study Classes/ June 9, 16* Wednesdays, 7-8:30p.m.
- *June Movie/ June 13 & 15* “The Acts of the Apostles: Chapters 10-19”
- *Ss. Peter & Paul Day/June 29* The Patronal Feast Day of our Parish.
- *Bus Pilgrimage from our Parish/July 10, Saturday.* To the Monastery of St.Tikhon. More information to follow. Reserve the date.
- *Annual Parish Picnic/July 25, Sunday.* At the usual location in New Brunswick.

Remember In Prayer

Jerry Yadlowsky, John Chabra, Donna Shafer and Inga Gamsakhurdashvili.

Vacation Planning & Sunday Divine Liturgy

A listing of all Orthodox Churches in the USA may be found on the site Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.com. If you plan to receive Holy Communion, be sure to notify the priest prior to your visit.

June Movie Presentations – Sunday 13th and Tuesday, 15th

The film this month is on *The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 10-20*. In these chapters we will see the mission of the Apostles in bringing the Gospel to Antioch, Thessalonica, Ephesus and other locations. By word and work we will experience the Hand of God working in His Church.

Sympathy Is Expressed

To Valentine Gorbunov, on the repose of his brother Peter (+25 May, 2010). Memory Eternal!



Orthodox Saints in America

St. John of San Francisco & Shanghai - July 2

St. John was born in Russia in 1896. As a child he was very sick. Later he finished his schooling and even a Law Degree. With his family he moved to Serbia where he studied theology. In 1934 he was consecrated a bishop for China. There he opened an orphanage and helped 1500 children. In 1949 he and other Russians were forced to leave China. In the Philippines his faithful were spared destruction by typhoons through his intervention, for when they finally left, the island was destroyed. In 1962 he was sent to San Francisco where he supervised the completion of the cathedral. St. John was very ascetical and a worker of miracles. He died in 1966.



hut and taught the natives to be carpenters, blacksmiths, and bricklayers. In return they helped him build a church. He traveled to remote areas by canoe, dog sled and even reindeer. He learned six native languages and translated the Scriptures into them. After 14 years, he returned to Russia for support and money. But his wife died and the church elected him as a bishop. He returned to Alaska, continuing to build churches, guide priests and bring the Gospel to the native Alaskan people. He was transferred to Moscow and died there in 1879.

St. Tikhon, Enlightener of America - April 7

St. Tikhon was born in Russia in 1865. His father was a priest. As a young boy he loved the church and helping others. After



graduating from the Seminary he became a teacher, then a monk. Finally he was consecrated a bishop and was sent to Alaska. He traveled through the Alaskan wilderness to visit his flock using dogsleds and kayaks. He encouraged the people to develop mission parishes, which increased parishes from 15 to 70. He was a gentle man who believed it was important to help immigrants to adjust to life in America. He moved to New York to help those arriving from Europe and build the St. Nicholas Cathedral. In 1905 he blessed the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk in So. Canaan, PA. Returning to Russia he was elected as the First Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia. He died on April 7, 1925.

St. Innocent, Apostle to America - March 31

St. Innocent was born in Russia in 1707. When he was six he was orphaned. He was



later sent to a Seminary, where through hard work he completed his studies. He married and was ordained. He served as a parish priest for two years in Irkutsk and then volunteered to go to Alaska for missionary work. When he was 26 he and his family traveled over 2,000 miles to Alaska. There he lived in a



St. Juvenaly first martyr of Alaska - July 2

St. Juvenaly was born in Siberia in 1761. He worked as an engineer in the mines, but after his wife died, he entered a monastery where he was tonsured a monk and later made a priest. He went to Alaska as a missionary. After traveling 8,000 miles across Asia, Siberia and northern Pacific Ocean, he with others that included St. Herman, arrived on Kodiak Island. Within two years, the missionary group converted more than 12,000 Alaskans to Orthodox Christianity. He traveled often in boats made of animal skins. One day he came to the mouth of a river. Some native Eskimo hunters, who were not Christian, saw him. They did not understand his gestures in making the sign of the cross. They killed him with arrows and spears. He became the first martyr in America in 1796.

St. Raphael Hawaweeny of Brooklyn - Feb 27

St. Raphael was born in Damascus, Syria. He was a good student in elementary school and received a scholarship to study Theology in the Ecumenical Patriarch's School at Halki. After further studies in the Ukraine, he went to Brooklyn. As a priest, he traveled across the US, visiting people, talking about God and performing the sacraments of the church as needed. He started thirty Syrian Orthodox parishes. In 1904, St. Raphael became the very first Or-



thodox bishop to be consecrated in North American soil. Both Archbishop Tikhon of Moscow and Bishop Innocent performed the consecration in New York. St. Raphael thought it was important for children to learn about the church and he set up evening schools. He supported the use of English in the church services. He started the church magazine "The Word" which is still published by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese. He died in 1915. His glorification services as a saint were held at St. Tikhon's Monastery in So. Canaan.

S t . Barnabas Confessor of Indiana - Nov 12

St. Barnabas was born in 1914 in Gary, Indiana. As a child he read the epistle in St. Sava's



Church and recited long poems in children's programs. In elementary school, he learned about democracy first hand in his community of 67 cultures and languages, where people got along. He returned to Serbia with his family, when he was nine years old. After completing his seminary studies, he was ordained a priest and later consecrated a bishop in 1947. After the war, he spoke out against the new communist government. He spoke of freedom of conscience and freedom to worship. He was arrested and tried and sentenced to eleven years of hard labor. In a train wreck he was injured and soon let out of prison. When his family and friends in America heard, they collected money to buy him a car, to make his life easier. Though St. Barnabas was grateful for the gift, he didn't use it for himself. He took the gift and offered it to



God. He used the car to drive sick priests to the doctor and visit people everywhere, encouraging them not to give up, but to believe and hope. He made his car an instrument of salvation for many. He was a good steward with the gift that he received. He died in 1964



St. Jacob of Alaska - July 26

St. Jacob was born on an Aleutian Island in Alaska in 1802. When he was quite young, his parents moved to

Siberia in Russia. As a child Jacob wanted to learn more about the church, so he enrolled in the Seminary. He was married and then ordained a priest. He then returned to Alaska with his wife and father. He loved his flock and spoke two languages. He would hold services in a tent since there were no churches. Finally he build a church dedicated to St. Nicholas and a school. He helped translate Holy Scriptures. He died in 1864.

St. Peter the Aleut - September 24

Born on Kodiak Island, St. Peter was given the name by the monks from St. Herman's missionary party.



St. Peter was a fur-hunter. When Peter's hunting party neared Fort Ross, California by ship, they were captured by Spanish sailors and taken to San Francisco for a mock trial. He was asked to leave the

Orthodox faith. He refused. He was tortured. He was asked again to deny his faith and again he refused. Finally the torture led to his death. He became the third martyr for the Orthodox Faith in America. This happened in 1815.



St. John of Chicago - Oct 31

St. John was born in Russia. His father was a priest and inspired John to attend Seminary. He always wanted to be a missionary

priest in the US. He became parish priest at St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Chicago. St. John hired an architect, and the church, known today as Holy Trinity Cathedral and a historic landmark, was built and consecrated. St. John established other churches in the Chicagoland area. He worked with St. Alexis Toth. In 1907 he went back to Russia where he taught religious education. Many wars were being fought inside Russia between those who wanted church services and those who didn't. St. John was killed in 1917.

St. Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre - May 7

St. Alexis was born in 1854 in Austria-Hungary. People from the Carpathian mountains were originally Orthodox, but coerced by the Roman Catholic state church there to come under the Pope of Rome. St. Alexis as a young man was very poor but he



always helped people in need of food, clothing or shelter. He received a degree in Theology from the University of Prague. After marriage and ordination he traveled to Minneapolis in the US. Once there he found little acceptance by the local Catholic Church, who did not understand the Eastern rite. St. Alexis reacted by deciding to return to the Orthodox fold and to bring his people with him. He later built St. Mary's Church. Finally St. Alexis and his parishioners were accepted into the Orthodox Church. He was the first Uniate Catholic priest in America to lead his people to reunion with the Orthodox Church. He was then sent to Wilkes-Barre. Through his efforts many other parishes were received back into the Orthodox fold. He died in 1909 as a defender of Orthodoxy in America.

**St. Nicholas of Ochrid
- March 18**

St. Nikolai or Bishop Nicholai as he is affectionately called was born in Serbia in 1880. As an excellent



student, he studied in Belgrade and then in Switzerland receiving many degrees. He was ordained a priest and not only taught in the Seminary but was invited to England where he preached about Orthodoxy to the Protestant world. He was consecrated a bishop and was sent to the US. His sermons were so powerful that he became known as the Serbian Golden-mouthed. He returned to Serbia and became Bishop of Ochrid and then of Zicha. There he would serve the people during the day and at night he would write. Volumes and volumes of his letters, articles and sermons were gathered. His daily "Lives of the Saints" are a treasury to all those who seek to

know God. During World War II he was arrested and held captive by the Nazis. After the war he returned to America and taught at St. Tikhon's Seminary. He died in 1956.



**S t . .
Alexander of
New York -
Dec 4**

St. Alexander was born in Russia in 1872. His father was a priest and dean of a seminary. After he graduated from seminary, he began missionary work in New York City. There he married and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood. He loved the people he served, but his work was very dangerous. At times he was beaten and jailed because of his love for God, the Church, and for teaching young children religion. He eventually returned to Russia, during the revolution. St. Alexander helped the poor and saved the religious items that were confiscated by the government. Finally he was arrested because of his belief in God and he died in 1937.

