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BULLETIN OF JUNE 18, 2017

APOSTLES FAST: June 12-38

In this, one of the "Four Lenten" Seasons, we fast from meat, dairy, fish wine and oil. Some days allow for fish, wine and oil, consult your wall calendar.

SUNDAY/JUNE 18

All Saints of North America

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 21

6:30p.m. Compline
7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *"Transmission of Spiritual Illnesses in Fallen Humanity"*

FRIDAY/JUNE 23

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

SATURDAY/JUNE 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:00p.m. Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 25

Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

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



Offerings Week of June 18

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Mary and Anastasia; for safe travel; for the health of Liam (graduation); in memory of Gabriela, Floarea, GGheorghe, Alexandru, Sasinca, Elena, Petre, Maria-Valeria, Anicuta, Mihail, Aurelia, Ilie, Elena, Maria, Grigore, Alexandru, Anastasia, Elena, Toma, Rosalia, Andrei and Ivan.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

July 11 (40th day) Xenia Bodenchuk
June 18, 2002 Irene Marmarinos
June 19, 1926 John Makovsky
June 19, 1929 Anna Vozny
June 19, 1939 Maria Kosovan
June 19, 1939 Michael Kosovan
June 20, 1954 Peter Kulina
June 21, 1960 Chariton Cimpko
June 21, 1975 Jerome Wilhousky
June 22, 1926 Anna Padla
June 22, 1968 Andrew Klimovitch
June 22, 1977 Joseph Holovach
June 22, 1979 Alexander Naruta
June 22, 1999 Helen Patson
June 23, 1929 Helen Brutsy
June 25, 1975 John Felice

Coffee Hour Schedule

June 18 (Fasting Foods) Wypych,
Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda
& Sue
June 25 (Fasting Foods) Peterson, Bakaletz,
Mattei, Erkman & Stone
July 02 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrissi,
& Kachek

Counters Schedule

June 18 Irina S. & Lisa K.
June 25 Larissa M. & Paulina N.
July 02 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.

Ushers Schedule

June 18 Dennis F. & Robert E.
June 25 Edward S. & Khaka K.
July 02 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Sunday Readers Schedule

June 18 – Ciprian C. / June 25 – Daniel T.

The St. George Gazebo

Is a great place to sit, talk, read, pray or rest. It is NOT a place for eating. Parents please advise your children.

The Holy Fire From Jerusalem

The Holy Fire is available after any service. Ask.

Patronal Feast Day – June 28/29

On this the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul.

Try to take June 29th off to observe the feast.

Ordination to the Deaconate of Reader Samuel

On Saturday, July 1st, Reader Samuel will be ordained at 10:00a.m. at the Mission of St. Simon of Cyrene in new Brunswick by Archbishop Michael. You are all invited.

Vacation Planning – Be Mindful Of

- Finding the location of an Orthodox Church of Sunday Liturgy;
- If you are prepared to receive Holy Communion, you must make contact with the priest by phone, e-mail, in person in a reasonable amount of time before the Liturgy, if possible before the day of Liturgy. It is bad manners to approach the Chalice and the priest has to question who you are.
- Request a Prayer for Travelers before you make your journey;
- Bring a small icon and prayer book;
- Make your offerings to your parish church before you go.

Names Day Greetings

St. John the Baptist/June 24: John Zahodnick &
Adrian Ioan Chirnoaga
Many Blessed Years!

Ss. Peter & Paul Day Annual Offering

This year's offering is dedicated to the cost of upgrading our small Bell (Archangel Salaphiel). The Lord bless your offering.



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 monas-

tery 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 gesures 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 el-



ementary 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. Nicholai 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.

