



**St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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All Saints Sunday

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! /
Thou didst accept the three day burial / to free us
from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrec-
tion, glory to thee!

Tone 4 Troparion (*from the Pentecostarion*)

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

Tone 8 Kontakion (*from the Pentecostarion*)

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

Sunday of All Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Savior" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxastikon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor on this day, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 (Gospel)

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Come, let us praise the heroes of our faith: Apostles, martyrs, holy priests, and noble women! They fought for the faith in every part of the earth. Though born of earth, they were united with the heavenly hosts. Through their sufferings, they triumphed over evil by the grace of Christ. As unfading lights, they illumine our hearts, and with boldness they pray for our souls. (Vespers of All Saints)

Calendar of Events – June 3

Sunday	6/03	9:10am - Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy All Saints Sunday
Monday	6/04	Apostle Fast Begins
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6/06	1pm Office Hours
Thursday	6/07	5:30 Choir practice
Friday		
Saturday	6/09	6:00pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday	6/10	9:10am - Hours 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers
during the week.**

For good health and healing:

Sub Deacon John, Abram, Debrutu, Denise, Tony, Dragosh, Sonya, Joseph, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Issa, Basil, Rania and the child to be born of her, Ghaleb, Majdlin, Jacob, Collette.

For a new Job:

Mario, Jason, Marie, Janice.

Memory Eternal:

Arch Priest Vadim, Daniel.

Weekly announcements:

- ◆ Office Hours are Wednesday 1-4pm church office.
- ◆ This Monday begins the Apostle Fast
- ◆ This Thursday the 7th, There will be Choir practice at Fr and Matushka's house at 5:30pm.
- ◆ On June 17th, there will be a meeting of all ladies of the parish interested in starting up the ladies group again. We will meet in the Church School room after Liturgy. Our first order of business is to choose a patron saint and decide how we are going to assist the parish.