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## **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA, UKRAINE, & MOUNT ATHOS APOSTLES' FAST**

**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Metropolitan Theodosius [OCA], Archbishop Jovan, Bishop Robert, Father George & Pani Lillian Hnatko, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Adam Yonitch, Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Father George Livanos, Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Mary Pelino, Yvonne Christy, Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Loretta, Nancy, Carol, & Michael Sheliga, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Helen Bozo, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Howard Simpson, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Virginia Catherine Pynch, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Nancy Heinbaugh, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski,

Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Stella McKeag, Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Sarah Dorning, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Cindy M., Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Bill Boretsky, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Stella McKeag, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well, and be SAFE!!! God Bless!**

*Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and all American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!*

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 279-5640.**

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 15     APOSTLES' FAST-SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST BEGINS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21                    OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!                    10:30 AM**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA, UKRAINE, AND MOUNT ATHOS; GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES; SAINT EPHRAIM-PATRIARCH OF ANTIOCH; SIANT ZOSIMAS-MONK OF**

**PHOENICIA; SAINT THEODORE-BISHOP OF SUZDAL; FINDING OF THE RELICS  
OF SAINTS BASIL & CONSTANTINE-PRINCES OF YAROSLAVL**

*Tone 1*

Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 14:18-23; Matthew 4:25-5:12

*Litany in Blessed Memory of All Departed Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles,  
Brothers, etc.—Fr. Bob*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**                      **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!**                      **10:30 AM**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HALYCH SAINTS; ODESSA SAINTS; PROPHET  
AMOS; MARTYRS VITUS, MODESTUS & CRESCENTIA AT LUCANIA; MARTYR  
DULAS OF CILICIA; VENERABLE DULAS THE PASSION-BEARER OF EGYPT;  
SAINT JEROME/HIERONYMUS OF STRIDONIUM; BLESSED AUGUSTINE OF  
HIPPO; SAINT MICHAEL-FIRST METROPOLITAN OF KIEV**

*Tone 2*

Romans 5:1-10; Hebrews 13:17-21  
Matthew 6:22-33; John 10:9-15

**SUNDAY, JULY 05**                      **OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS!!!**                      **10:30 AM**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; HIEROMARTYR EUSEBIUS-BISHOP OF  
SAMOSTA; MARTYRS ZENO & HIS SERVANT ZENAS OF PHILADELPHIA;  
MARTYRS GALACTION, JULIANA, & SATURNINUS OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

*Tone 3*

Romans 6:18-23  
Matthew 8:5-13

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 21 JUNE 2020**

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CONSTANTINE-PRINCES OF YAROSLAVL**

### **TROPARION—TONE 1**

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 mankind.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

## **KONTAKION—TONE 1**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself.

Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished!

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:

Thou are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

## **PROKEIMENON—TONE 1**

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

**READER:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

**PEOPLE: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.**

**READER:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

**PEOPLE: As we have set our hope on Thee.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSES**

God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever!

### **The Great Feast of Pentecost John 7:37-52, 8:12**

*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of Him. And some of them would have taken Him; but no man laid hands on Him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought Him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this Man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on Him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.(KJV)*

We are abundantly blessed to have the Holy Gospel available to us. We experience the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Gospel. We benefit immeasurably from the Lord's teachings and life in the Gospel.

The Great Feast of Pentecost is upon us. We will celebrate the Feast in God's Holy Church throughout the week. Our lives benefit beyond measure from the Holy Spirit.

The Church offers opportunities to continue to learn, worship and experience God. God's Holy Church is a refuge in these troubled times where we can seek guidance and peace for ourselves, our families, and communities.

The Church offers God's love for each and every person. Healing of the soul and body are experienced in God's Holy Church. The burdens of sin are lifted from believers repenting and seeking to begin anew.

The current Gospel describes that no man spoke like Jesus.(Jn.7:46) The wisdom coming from the Lord Jesus Christ is timeless. Believers always benefit from immersing their lives in the words and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Jesus stated in the present Gospel that believers following Him will have the light of life.(Jn.8:12) In the dark days of life, the Lord Jesus Christ lights the path to follow for salvation and eternal life.(Acts 16:17, Jn.3:15)

The present Gospel emphasizes the wisdom of careful consideration before making judgements and final decisions. Nicodemus said: "Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?"(Jn. 7:50-51)

As we seek to discern the path to follow to the Heavenly Kingdom, let us consider the abundant teachings available from God's Holy Church and view them very carefully.(Ps.118/119:105, Jeremiah 6:16, Mt.7:13-14)

The lives of the saints and martyrs offer lasting lessons and are very well preserved in the Church. The saints and martyrs are time-tested witnesses proving that following Jesus Christ in times of great hardship has enduring value.

When turmoil and uncertainty seem to prevail, the Holy Spirit provides answers and direction in the hearts and minds of attentive believers. The Lord Jesus Christ encourages the thirsty to come to Him and to drink.(Jn.7:37)

Life changes for the better when centered in Jesus Christ. Growth in Christ is possible and expected throughout life.(2 Cor. 3:18, Rom 12:2) The Great Feast of Pentecost transforms celebrating believers.

God's Church is fully alive on this Great Feast and connects believers through the centuries. Time in the Church is a great mystery and is transcended by the power of God.

Believers draw new strength from the presence of the Holy Spirit on this Great Feast. Abundant joy fills the hearts, minds and souls rejoicing in God's holy action!(Gal. 5:22)

Life unfolds each day according to God's purpose. The Psalmist said: "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it"(Ps.118:24-KJV) Believers are challenged to seek God's purpose in each day.

The Church provides the vision for believers to follow through life. The Church gives believers the opportunities to adjust the travels of life and to repent of erroneous ways.

The soul's hunger is satisfied and fully nourished in Jesus Christ. Jesus said: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."(Jn .6:35)

Regardless of our condition in life, it is always timely to turn to Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life. The Feast of Pentecost is a welcoming occasion for the faithful and for seekers to draw near in fervor.

Joy springs from the Holy Spirit abiding in believers' hearts, minds and souls. Believers celebrating the Descent of the Holy Spirit earnestly express gratitude and love for God.(Gal. 5:22)

The Church has celebrated and confessed belief in the Holy Spirit through the centuries. May our love and gratitude for the Holy Spirit always be evident in the way we live each day.

*The Great Feast of Pentecost. May 25/June 7, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.  
Father Rodney Torbic*



Fr. George L. Livanos <frgeorge@allsaintscbg.org>

## **A MEDITATION FOR THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**

*The Way of the Saints by Father Thomas Hopko*

There are certain characteristics which belong to all of the saints, whoever they were and whenever they lived. Among these characteristics are the following:

Every saint is God-centered and seeks in his or her life the "one thing necessary"—to glorify God by doing His will.

Every saint is Christ-centered and seeks to pattern his or her life after the life of Jesus, following Him, keeping His commandments and imitating His example.

Every saint is Spirit-centered, knowing and living by the fact that it is only by the Holy Spirit that any person can do anything that is good, true and beautiful in his life.

Every saint is Other-centered, giving up his or her own life for the sake of the life of others, rejoicing in the good of others as the only satisfaction and fulfillment in life.

Every saint accepts and loves his or her own person and position in life, sanctifying and fulfilling it according to the real possibilities that are given. The servant serves. The worker works. The parent nurtures. The ruler rules. The preacher preaches. The teacher teaches. The pastor guides. The scholar inquires. The student studies. The manager manages. The scientist investigates. The producer produces. The artist creates. Each one does his own thing, according to his or her own talents and gifts...for the glory of God and the good of the other.

Every saint lives in the present moment, in his or her own time and place. The saint never pines over the past or worries about the future. The saint never wishes to be somewhere else, in some other conditions, with some other people. The saint never wishes to be somebody else. He trusts God in all things and does what has to be done and can be done in the given circumstances. The saint knows that whatever it is that has to be done, it can only be done right now...for only the present is in the power of the person, and nothing else.

Every saint pays attention to details and does the smallest, seemingly most insignificant act with the greatest love and devotion. For the saint, no act is too small, no work too trifling, no task too demeaning, no deed too insignificant. Every little thing, for the saint, has eternal value and importance. Every little thing is done before God and has meaning and fulfillment in Him.

Every saint pays attention to persons...and not to structures, institutions, parties, programs, or roles. For the saint only the person counts, and everything else is subordinated and ordered to the good of the person. The saint is never impersonal. He never loves or serves "humanity in general." He only loves and serves the person near at hand, the neighbor given by God—the most difficult and most divine manner of acting that there is.

Every saint loves the whole of God's good creation, not only living persons, but animals, plants and all that positively exists. The saint never blasphemes God's good world, but rejoices in the beauties of creation to the glory of their Creator.

Every saint is an utter realist. There is no sentimentality in the saint, no partial views, no prejudicial opinions, no petty interests. There may be real passions and fanatically impassioned actions. There may be factual one-sidedness and fierce conviction, but it is always in the light of the total reality of God and man, and it is always for the good of all. The saint is not self-indulgent in his sanctity. He is not a "spiritual glutton."

Every saint suffers—with joy and gladness—for others. The saint does not “come down from his cross.” He loves his cross as the way to his resurrection. He loves his death to himself as the way to his life in God. He loves to put himself down, and be put down, if it means that someone else will be saved and exalted. The saint is not a masochist. He does not love sufferings and pains for their own sake. But he is a realist who knows that what is lasting and good requires the payment of a great price, and he is willing to pay the price in his own blood. When one does good in the sinful world, he suffers. It is as simple as that. And the saint does good.

Every saint hates sin, in himself and others, but he loves the sinner, including his own “self,” as created in the image and likeness of God, and as loved and saved by God in Christ. The saint knows himself to be the “greatest of sinners.” It is his very sanctity which gives him this knowledge. And as God, he loves men in their sins and does them good as the expression of his love.

Every saint recognizes the devil and the power of evil, and he fights them to his last breath, in himself and others. The saint never justifies sin and he gives no place to the rationalization of evil. Evil is to be vanquished, not explained. The devil is to be destroyed, not discussed. And the proof of a person’s sanctity is seen in the intensity with which the devil attacks him, and in the power with which the devil is overcome.

Every saint fasts and prays and lives fully in the life of the Church. It is in this way that he or she is a saint: empowered with grace, enlightened with wisdom, inspired with love, and enlivened with the life of God that has no end.

Every saint—whoever he or she is—has learned to transform the routine of his small, limited, human, mundane, earthly existence into the paradise of the Kingdom of God.

According to the Scriptures, we are all “called to be saints.” (Romans 1:7)

In Christ Service,

Fr. George L. Livanos

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### **Renewal**

***Romans 12:2-And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.(KJV)***

The Lord God provides renewal for believers turning to Him with strong faith. Renewal in Christ involves rejecting sinful behavior and adhering to the Gospel. Honest self-examination leads an individual to embrace the ways of Jesus Christ. Love for Jesus Christ increases when the believer



opens the heart, mind, and soul. Opening the heart, mind and soul for Christ to fill daily life results in renewal.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.(KJV)**

When the Lord fills the heart, mind and soul outward behavior begins to change. Joy and peace become noticeable in believers fully immersed in Jesus Christ. Personal relationships change and improve when the believer follows Jesus Christ. Opponents of Christ may be uncomfortable with loving, honest caring believers. The Lord Jesus Christ strengthens believers to begin anew in very difficult times.

**Ephesians 4:23-And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;(KJV)**

Turning to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and for direction leads to a renewed life. The Lord Jesus Christ does not disappoint believers turning to Him in strong faith. The mind filled with thoughts of Jesus Christ views the world in purity and hope. The Holy Spirit permeates serious believers' actions in the course of daily life. Joy arises when the Lord Jesus Christ fills the believer's heart, mind, and soul.

**Colossians 3:10- And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.(KJV)**

Jesus Christ changes a person completely beginning at the time of Holy Baptism. Holy Baptism is the beginning of a new identity and life for the Christian believer. Believers are expected to fully adhere to the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ. Holy Baptism is to be duly honored throughout the remaining days of earthly life.

Believers benefit from periodically reviewing the content of the Baptismal service.

**Titus 3:5-Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (KJV)\**

The Lord's great mercy, love and forgiveness enable the believer to be renewed. Believers have an on-going responsibility to live according to Christ's teachings. Renewal in Jesus Christ brings unexpected opportunities for personal growth. The Lord Jesus Christ enables believers to experience the fullness of human life. Eternal life and the Heavenly Kingdom await resolute followers of Jesus Christ.

*Afterfeast of Pentecost. St. Nicetas the Confessor, Bishop of Chalcedon. May 28/June 10, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

The Sunday of All Saints Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30  
Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also

deny before my Father which is in heaven. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.(KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ places great value in believers that confess and follow Him. This is the Sunday of All Saints. The saints through the centuries are lasting examples of having confessed and followed Christ.

The saints share the common theme of being clearly committed to living and following the life in Jesus Christ. Every believer commits to following Christ at the time of Holy Baptism.

The saints are examples of believers that honored their baptism to an extraordinary degree. The saints left no doubt as to their allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every person baptized into Christ has the opportunity to be extraordinarily faithful to Christ. Every person has the freedom of choice to follow Christ completely to the best of personal ability and knowledge.

Hardships arise during the course of life. Temptations are always present. The way a person responds to life's circumstances reveals the depth of personal faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The hunger of the soul is satisfied only in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers seeking to satisfy the hunger of the soul will seek out Christ, enduring and sacrificing whatever is necessary to fully experience Jesus Christ.

Readers of the lives of the saints learn of great ascetic practices and hardships endured for the Lord Jesus Christ. The saints offer lasting lessons for all generations to benefit.

The Serbian Orthodox Church remembers St. Sava, St. Lazar of Kosovo, St. Basil of Ostrog, St. Budimir(Sokolovic), New Hieromartyr Momcilo (Grgurevic), St. Nicholai of Zicha, Venerable Justin of Chelije and innumerable others.

Learning about Jesus Christ and living in Christ is an experience for believers from birth until departure from this life. The Lord Jesus Christ speaks about everlasting life in the current Gospel.

Believers are faced with choices at every moment of life. Conscious and disciplined choices of saying "Yes!" to Jesus Christ keeps the believer from putting the soul in peril and yields everlasting joy.

The Church offers constant nourishment and instruction through the Divine services. The Holy Gospel feeds the hungry soul. Fasting strengthens the believer in the journey to God's Kingdom.

The Apostles Fast begins this week. Believers have the opportunity to strengthen their life in Christ by honoring the Apostles Fast. Becoming more knowledgeable about the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is always worthwhile.

The Apostles Fast is for all believers in the Church. Honoring the fast is a way to draw closer to the Lord God. Fasting is a discipline to focus the mind, body and soul on the Lord throughout the day.

Believers are not forced to fast. Believers are not forced to pray or to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. The life in Christ is totally voluntary. The life in Christ improves by increased prayer and fasting.

Effort is necessary to follow Christ. Hardships will occur for those living in Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ set the example for those following Him when He went to the Cross.

We know joy comes from the Cross. The Cross gave way to Christ's Resurrection and the changing of the world forever. The current Gospel speaks about each believer taking up his or her cross.

Each person's cross may be different but shares the common experience with Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ will help each believer to endure pain and suffering that comes with carrying the personal cross.

Christ's love heals any hurt a believer will experience. Christ brings peace and joy to the believer filled with Jesus Christ in the heart, mind and soul. Believers confessing Jesus Christ with their lives are known to Christ.

This Sunday of All Saints let us be mindful of the saints known and unknown through the centuries. Let us give thanks to the saints for their contributions to making the world a better place.

If we want to learn more about the Lord Jesus Christ, let us learn from the saints who saw in Christ the life worth living and following. The saints will fill our hearts with joy and nourish our hearts and minds with their lives.

The saints offer opportunities for limitless learning about Christ. The passing of centuries testifies to the enduring lessons of the saints for succeeding generations.

God's Holy Church commemorates the saints on the Sunday following Pentecost each year. We do well to remember the saints each day of the year and learn from them.

*Sunday of All Saints. Holy Justin the Philosopher. Venerable Justin of Chelije. June 1/14, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

**ACQUIRE THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AND A THOUSAND SOULS AROUND YOU WILL BE SAVED! Saint Seraphim of Sarov**

**The first step toward freedom from anger is to keep the lips silent when the heart is stirred; the next, to keep thoughts silent when the soul is upset; the last, to be totally calm when unclean winds are blowing. (St. John Climacus, "The Ladder of Divine Ascent")**

**Do not pass any opportunity to pray for anyone, either at his request or at the request of his relatives, friends, of those who esteem him, or of his acquaintances. The Lord looks favorably upon the prayer of our love, and upon our boldness before Him. Prayer for others is also very beneficial to the one who prays for others; it purifies the heart, strengthens faith and hope in God, and kindles our love for God and our neighbor. *St. John of Kronstadt***



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