

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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June 14, 2020

1st Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 8

Sunday of All Saints

Prophet Elisha



From the Fathers...

“The sign of purity is: to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep; to be in pain with the sick and in anguish with the sinners; to rejoice with the repentant and to participate in the agony of those who suffer; to criticize no man and, in the purity of one’s own mind, to see all men as good and holy.”

- St. Justin Popovich



Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



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.

O divine choir of martyrs, ye are the pillars of the Church and the fulfillment of the Gospel. / By your deeds ye have fulfilled the Savior’s words./ Ye have closed the gates of hell and defended the Church. / The shedding of your blood has dried up the libations poured out to idols./ Your sacrifice has nourished the body of the faithful. / Standing crowned before God, ye amazed the Angels.// Pray unceasingly to Him that our souls may be saved! (*Stichera of Lord, I Call*)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in Tone 8

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 Resurrection, glory to thee!

All Saints Troparion in Tone 4

As with fine porphyry 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!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All Saints Kontakion in Tone 8

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 Merciful One!

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

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.



THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, June 14th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (In Person)

Sunday of All Saints

Prophet Elisha

Hebrews 11:33-12:2, Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Monday, June 15th

Beginning of the Apostles Fast

Prophet Amos

St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow

Romans 2:28-3:18, Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11

Tuesday, June 16th

St. Tychonas, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus

Martyrs Tigrius and Eutropius of Constantinople

Ven. Tikhon of Kaluga

Romans 4:4-12, Matthew 7:15-21

Wednesday, June 17th

8:00 PM Growing Young (Online)

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael of Persia

Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 7:21-23

Thursday, June 18th

Martyr Leontius and those with him at Tripoli in Syria

Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves

Romans 5:10-16, Matthew 8:23-27

Friday, June 19th

Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord

Martyrs Zosimas the soldier at Antioch in Pisidia

Repose of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

Romans 5:17-6:2, June 1-10

Matthew 9:14-17, John 14:21-24

Saturday, June 20th

5:00 PM Great Vespers (Livestream and In Person)

Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patar

Rt. Blv. Prince Gleb Andreevich

St. Nicholas Cabasilas

Romans 3:19-26, Matthew 7:1-8

Sunday, June 21st

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Livestream and In Person)

All Saints of America

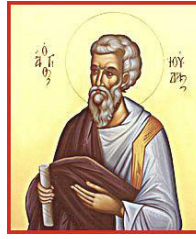
All Saints of Russia

Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia

Romans 2:10-16, Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 4:18-23, Matthew 4:25-5:12

The Wisdom of Jude



The Epistle or Letter of Jude is the second-last book of the New Testament.

Consisting of a single chapter with 24 verses, this letter has a powerful impact for so brief a document. It was inspired by a crisis, and is not the kind of letter the author had intended to write before the crisis arose. Jude states that he had planned to write about "our common salvation."

In other words, the letter was to be a general description of the beliefs that all Christians hold. He says that he was "very eager" to send such a letter. So it must have been quite a crisis that compelled him to write in an altogether different way, urging his fellow believers to "contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

He then names the cause of the crisis: There are false teachers who have made their way, secretly, into the Church. These are not enemies from outside, putting forth theories about life and salvation that are different from those of the Church. These are people who are living, working and teaching among the believers and who "deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."

Jude offers three examples of what happens to those who "pervert the grace of God" as these false teachers do. First he describes those who were saved out of the land of Egypt in Moses' time. That deliverance was no guarantee of eternal salvation for people if they did not continue in faithfulness; Jude writes that God "afterward destroyed those who did not believe."

Next he describes angels who rebelled against God. They fell from their lofty position and now await a fearful judgment in the "nether gloom."

The third example is Sodom and Gomorrah, where immorality and unnatural lust led people to actions worthy of "a punishment of eternal fire."

Jude sees the false teachers' arrogant behavior as being just as dangerous as the rebellion and immorality he has described. He writes that the Archangel Michael, when disputing with the devil, didn't presume to pronounce a "reviling judgment" on him, but left it to God. Unlike the archangel, these men "dare to revile whatever they do not understand." At the Eucharistic feast, they carouse and look after themselves rather than being peaceful and showing consideration for everyone.

This letter contains harsh condemnations. But Jude has seen the terrible effects of rebellion against God among his own people, in the churches established by the apostles. He calls on church members to be loving, and to convince, save, or have mercy on anyone they encounter. But they must also take care for their own salvation through prayer, building on their foundation of faith, keeping themselves in God's love, and waiting patiently for Christ's mercy.

This path to salvation is open to anyone; those who rebel are freely choosing not to take it and they know the consequences. Jude uses strong language and powerful images to help his readers choose to stay on the path.

HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED TO CHAT? CALL OR EMAIL FR. GREGORY.

Guidance for COVID-19

Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral has moved to Stage 4 of the Reopening Process. Welcome back to those able to attend this weekend!

The process of signing up was emailed and posted to Facebook. Please visit the website at StGeorgeRossford.org and follow the links in the calendar for the sign up sheet and a video explaining the process.

The sign up sheet will be posted on Monday morning each week for the following weekend. **Please help those who do not have access to the internet with the sign up process. We want everyone to be able to attend!**

In order to maximize the number of people who attend, please limit your sign ups to one Divine Liturgy per month.

Livestream Services

All services will continue to be **livestreamed on Facebook** and finished recordings will be **uploaded to YouTube**. **Like, Share, Subscribe** to both to be notified when new postings are available. The schedule is also available online at our website.

Confessions and Visitations

Confessions now available on Saturday evenings and by appointment. Please contact Fr. Gregory directly to schedule. Hospital visitations remain limited by local hospitals. Personal visitations by appointment with proper social-distancing are available. Please contact Fr. Gregory to discuss.

Online Adult Education Coming in June

Please join us for an Adult Education series “Mothers and Martyrs: An Examination of Women Saints in the Orthodox Church” on Monday evenings starting **Monday, June 22nd at 7:00pm**. Online classes will be held via Zoom. A link will be available on our website.

Candles and Bulletin Sponsors

During this time of separation, if you would like a candle lit in church on your behalf or would like to sponsor the sanctuary lamp, please email Fr. Gregory. Donations can be made online on our website.

Stewardship

We encourage you to continue giving your regular offerings during this time. Please review our new online giving option now available on our website!

Growing Young Initiative

The Parish Council supported Growing Young Initiative is meeting every **Wednesday 8:00-9:00pm** online at GoToMeeting.com, If you haven't been invited but would like to be in on the excitement let Steve or Cindy know. What are we doing? Initiatives include mentoring our youth, Card Ministry,

We are praying for...

Departed:

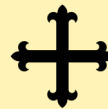
Archimandrite Elias, Archpriest Paul, Popadia Marilyn, Aleksei, Bill

Health and Well-Being:

Maria, Tanya, Lawrence, Kathleen, Karen, Panka, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp

Sanctuary Lamp sponsorships are available. Please contact Fr. Gregory.



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Steve Timofeev (6/15)
Anna Ghareeb (6/15)
Elise Allen (6/15)
Barb Pappas (6/19)
Jacob Snodgrass (6/19)

Name's Days:

Thaddeus Bruner (6/19)

Anniversaries:

Stan & Margaret Ostas (6/16)
Tyson & Jessica Geib (6/16)
Dave & Karen Beleny (6/20)