

SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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2nd Sunday After Pentecost - Tone 1
All Saints of America
All Saints of Russia



From the Fathers...

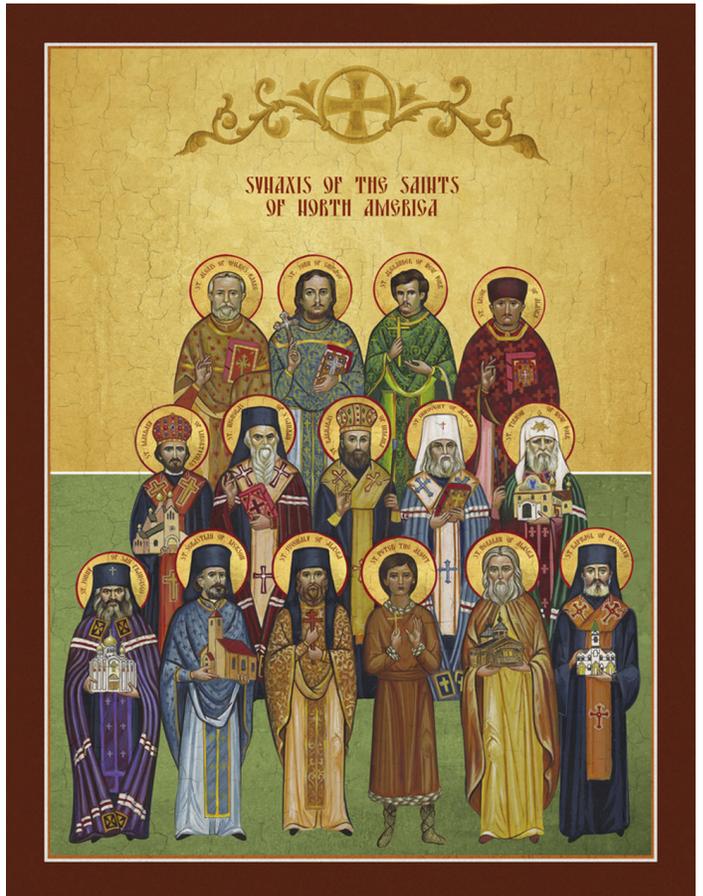
“The slightest criticism against someone else affects our souls and we become unable to pray. The Holy Spirit does not dare approach such a soul.”

- St. Porphyrios



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*)

A PARISH OF THE BULGARIAN DIOCESE OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Resurrection Troparion in 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 of mankind!"

All Saints of America Troparion in Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation,/ the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them./ By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace/ through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Resurrection Kontakion in 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 art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

All Saints of America Kontakion in Tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America/ now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us./ With them the Angels glorify Him,/ and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Steadfast Protectress of Christians in Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator;/ despise not the entreating cries of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,/ for you always protect those who honor you!

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

THIS WEEK AND LIFE IN CHRIST

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

Monday, June 22nd

7:00 PM Adult Education (Online)

Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata

St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain

Romans 7:1-13, Matthew 9:36-10:8

Tuesday, June 23rd

Martyr Agrippina of Rome

Synaxis of the Saints of Vladimir

Romans 7:14-8:2, Romans 8:2-13

Matthew 10:9-15, Matthew 10:16-22

Wednesday, June 24th

8:00 PM Growing Young (Online)

Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet and Baptist John

Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Dymisk

Romans 13:11-14:4, Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80

Thursday, June 25th

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Forerunner

Virgin-Martyr Febronia of Nisibis

Romans 8:22-27, Matthew 10:23-31

Friday, June 26th

St. David of Thessalonica

St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea

Romans 9:6-19, Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

Saturday, June 27th

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

St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople

St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer

Romans 3:28-4:3, Romans 9:18-33

Matthew 7:24-8:3, Matthew 11:2-15

Sunday, June 28th

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

Translation of the Relics of Cyrus and John

St. Paul the Physician, of Corinth

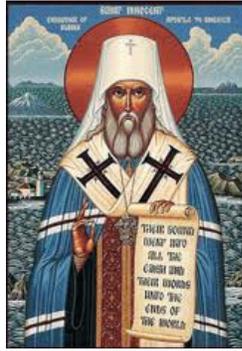
Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam

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

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

Respecting the People We Teach

Saint Innocent, during his Alaskan years, served the Aleut people both as priest and teacher. He was a powerful preacher and a compassionate spiritual father, and by his priestly work he brought thousands to baptism in the Orthodox Church.



As a teacher, Saint Innocent always based his work on a sincere respect for the local people's way of life. He studied their traditions, customs and spoken languages. Then he created an alphabet and a grammar for the Aleut language. He translated the Gospel, many prayers, the catechism and church services into Aleut, and wrote them down so they would always be available to

the people. As Orthodox Christians, the people could offer the Divine Liturgy in the languages they had always spoken.

Writing about the more recent history of Alaskan education in his "Conflicting Visions in Alaskan Education" (1997, Tlingit Readers, Inc), the state's former Poet Laureate Richard L. Dauenhauer (1942-2014) contrasts Saint Innocent's attitude toward the Alaskan native people with that of Protestant missionaries who came in the late 1800's. These English-speaking missionaries were convinced that native languages should be eradicated, since they didn't "merit perpetuation."

Children in the missionary schools were punished for speaking in their native tongues. Their teachers believed that the exclusive use of English was a necessary component of their effort to "elevate" their students. As Dauenhauer notes, it apparently never occurred to the missionaries to practice bilingual education, as the Russians had done. The fact that the natives had a high rate of literacy and that they already were Christian believers made no difference; they were literate in the wrong language and their Christianity (Orthodoxy) was not the right kind.

Both Saint Innocent and the Protestant missionaries encountered shamans, those men who were seen as mediators between the human world and the spirit world, and who were enabled to heal sickness and solve community problems with the special knowledge they were given. Saint Innocent knew of their existence in his birthplace of Siberia.

One elderly Aleut shaman, despite no previous contact with Christians, had a good knowledge of Christian teaching that astonished Saint Innocent. Writing home for advice on dealing with this person, he was told to be humble and to remember that the Holy Spirit may go to places and people that surprise us and that we do not control.

In contrast, the Protestant missionaries almost hysterically condemned shamanism as purely evil and dangerous. One missionary wrote that the shaman's incantations should be regarded as crimes.

The Orthodox missionaries to Alaska based their approach to native languages and customs on the Book of Acts. That book records the stories of people from many cultures being accepted as Christians, and hearing the Word of God in their own languages. The men who followed its example remind us that respect based on love inspired the teachers in the first Christian Church, as well as those who taught in the churches of Alaska and other places.

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

Guidance for COVID-19

Reopening Guidelines

The Cathedral remains in Stage 4 of the reopening process.

Please visit the website at stgeorgrossford.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. If space is still available by Friday at 5:00pm, please feel free to sign up.

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

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 29th 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, education and learning to create authentic dialogue. Join us!

We are praying for...

Departed:

Archimandrite Elias

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today by Pat Heffern in memory of George Heffern. May his memory be eternal!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

Judy Mechlowitz (6/22)

