

## Synaxis of the Saints of North America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

The first All American Council took place March 5-7, 1907 at Mayfield, PA, and the main topic was "How to expand the mission." Guidelines and directions for missionary activity, and statutes for the administrative structure of parishes were also set forth.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

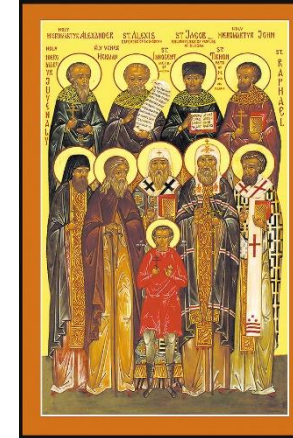
## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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*Friend of the Bridegroom: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)*



**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**All Saints of America & Russia**

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**Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 1 / All Saints of America  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves

5:00 pm AA Meeting

**Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** Venerable Paisios of the Holy Mountain

4:00 pm Catechism Class

6:00 pm Akathist to Saint Paisios of the Holy Mountain

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

11:00 am Cleveland Art Museum Outing

5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun AFTR PNTCST / Tone 2 / Fathers of the 1st

Six Ecumenical Councils

9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

6:00 pm Great Vespers

### Attendance/Stewardship June 30<sup>th</sup>

Attendance: 66 Adults and 10 children	76
Weekly offering:	\$1,536.00
Candle Offering:	\$119.00
Charity of the Month: Saint Theodosius Cathedral	\$50.00
YTD Budgeted Offering Amount	\$73,515.00
YTD Actual Amount Given:	\$73,418.91
YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit	<b>\$-96.50</b>

### Prayer Corner

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian's friend)	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Anna Mae Stehnach	James & Eugene
Renee, Anna & Michael	Michelle Thomas
Tracey Fedak (Daria's Cousin)	Katherine and Sarah Crivella
Shawn Ferry (Fr. Bri & Cheryl's Friend)	Ann (David Wood's Friend)
Patty DiGiacobbe	Pam & Laura (Des's Friends)
Barb Datish	James Scott & Bradley Dean
Greg Pappas	David (Laura Miklos' relative)
Lynn Luich (Betty-Ann's Niece)	James Livermore
Randy Stan	Rinehart Family
Jeff Sanders (David Wood's stepson)	William Angle
Zoë Stan	David Campbell
Azouria	Kira (Child w/ Bone Disease)
Donna (Cheryl's Friend)	Delmas Higgins (Denise's Bro In-Law)
Sharon McGee (David's friend)	Luke Smith
Kim Butcher (Sonya's Friend)	Bob & Rachel (Randy's Friends)
Tim (Paula's friend)	George Horodnic (Jane Z's brother-in-law)
James and Tommy	Joseph Petrarca (Fickes Family Friend)
Alan Bergeron (Malacky's inlaw)	Joanna (Adrienne's Friend)
Julie Marinkovich (Mary Gearhart's friend)	George Kaschak Jr.
Greg & John Kornmaker (Sbdcn John's Friend)	Jeffrey Tsipis (Miklos Friend)
Claudine & Joe (Laura Miklos' Sis & Husband)	Eleanor (Sbdcn John's In-Law)
Daniel (Mat. Deb's son)	George (Cheryl's Frined)
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	
Our Faithful Brothern at Saint Theodosius Cathedral	

**Travelling:** Laura DiGiacobbe & Gary

**Expecting:** Andrew & Kati Sawyer, Elana & Nicholas Giannakos

**Newborns:** Asher & his mother Trista

**Catechumens:** Tom & Abigail Kirk, Lucian & Lilliana Vasil, Thomas Sacca, & Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christophher, & William Cunningham, & Matthew Rose

**Newly Departed:** Mat. Annice Oleynik (7/6) Jonathan Stehnach (5/31) Eugenia Koutsouras (5/20) (Fr. Dcn. John's family friend & Also Nicholas Angelo (5/26) (Gina's friend)

**Birthdays:** Kiera Denno (11<sup>th</sup>), Martin Bakich (12<sup>th</sup>), & Mat. Deborah Belonick (13<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Mark & Ellen Malacky (7<sup>th</sup>), Jeff & Christina Dellimuti (8<sup>th</sup>), Jason & Carrie Brown & Matt & Kira DiBattiste (9<sup>th</sup>), & William & Gina Angle (12<sup>th</sup>)

### **Candle Commemorations**

Theotokos	In Memory of Darla Fousek
Altar	In Memory of Darla Fousek
Christ	In Memory of Darla Fousek

### **Announcements**

#### **CHURCH LIVESTREAM TRAINING**

There will be a Livestream system training on Saturday July 20 at 2:30 PM for those who currently help with running the livestream, and for those interested in learning how to use the live-streaming equipment. This workshop will review troubleshooting, best practices, and extra/optional features. It should be noted those interested in this workshop beyond those already assisting should (ideally) have a basic understanding of professional audio/visual equipment. If you have any questions, please see Michael Stan.

#### **CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION**

In preparation for Archbishop Daniel's visit to our parish, we will have an Iconostasis touch up/cleaning day on Friday September 22 @ 6:00 PM, and finishing up any remaining work on Saturday September 23 at 8:00 AM. The focus is reapplying liquid gold paint across the entire iconostasis and side shrines where the relics and candle boxes are, which calls for roughly 8-10 volunteers. A sign up sheet will be placed at the candle stand closer to the iconostasis touch up date.