



SUNDAY, JULY 3RD

All Saints of North America

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Open Pool

"When you are depressed, bear in mind the Lord's command to Peter to forgive a sinner seventy times seven (cf. Mt. 18:22). And you may be sure that He Who gave this command to another will Himself do very much more."

St. John of the Ladder

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 10th

George Kaloroumakis

Sunday, July 17th

Alexis Oleynik



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BULLETIN OF JULY 3, 2016

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you!

Independence Day

As we celebrate the civil holiday of Independence Day, we ask that God bless our nation's civil authorities, armed forces, and citizens. May we trust in Him, seeking His will not only for ourselves but also for our entire nation. O Lord, be with us!



Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at orthodoxyinamerica.org. Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while you are away.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them.

Sending Alexis Oleynik to Guatemala

Many thanks to all those who have support Alexis – she has reached her fundraising goals! May the Lord bless you for your generosity!



Blessing of Automobiles – Sunday, July 17th

It is a custom of Orthodox Christians to have their cars blessed both when newly acquired and on or near the feast of the Prophet Elias (July 20th), as he ascended as if into heaven on a fiery chariot.

Have a Question About Orthodoxy or Parish Life?

You may reach Fr. John at any time by phone or email: 302-537-6055 or frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.

Spiritual Reading

is an important way for Christians to grow in their relationship with God. This is because the more we come to understand our Faith the better we can live it. What spiritual book are you currently reading? Want a recommendation, just ask Fr. John.



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/16					CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2016 (THROUGH 6/26)					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 6/26		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
39,558	34,060	7,870	7,455	+5,913	4,890	6,598	1,585	0	-123	9,778	0	318,401

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 be-sets 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

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

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. St Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving

member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

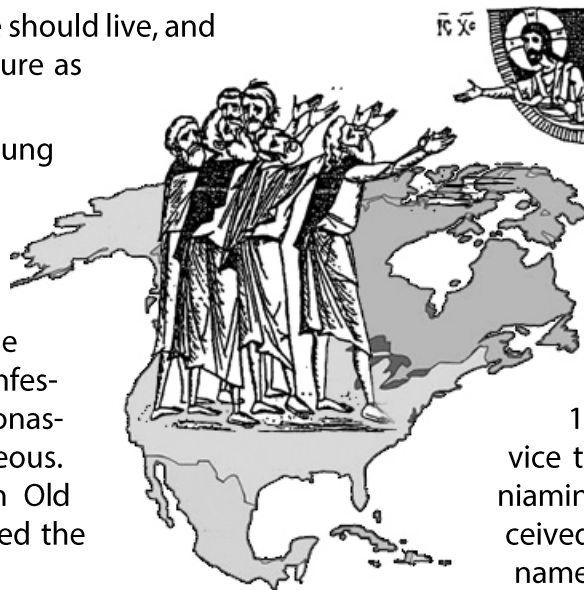
Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, St Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were St Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and St Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetov died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive St Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.

St Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, St Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused...

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his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow.

St Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. St Tikhon's grave was discovered on Feb. 22, 1992 in the cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary.

St Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at St Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, St Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to St Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. St Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

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 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. Sts John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. St John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in St Petersburg. St 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.

JULY CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

7/4 Fr. Christian Lesinsky

Birthdays:

7/13 Antonio Kokkinos
7/13 Gerald Milite
7/22 Maksimilian Morsey
7/25 Tony Patrick
7/29 Joanne Patrick

Namesdays:

7/5 *St. Elisabeth the New Martyr*
Isabella Morsey
Elisabeth Parsells
7/11 *St. Olga*
Olga Bozic
7/15 *St. Vladimir*
Vladimir Bozic
7/16 *St. Valentina*
Isabelle Bekeshka
7/17 *St. Marina*
Laurie Morsey
Denise Royal
7/24 *St. Christiana*
Christiana Milite
7/25 *St. Anna*
Anna Klimitchev
7/28 *St Irene Chrysovolantou*
Alma Linda Irene Hageman
Cheryl Kokkinos
Chyrsovalantis Londy Kokkinos

SAYINGS OF MOTHER GAVRILIA (+1992)

- ❖ Relationships become difficult when the "I" stands above the "You".
- ❖ God loves your enemies as much as He loves you.
- ❖ We are all vessels, sometimes of Light and sometimes of Darkness.
- ❖ You must not talk about people who are absent.
- ❖ We should ask God every day to break our will and make it His, so that we may become as He wants us to be.
- ❖ We must not just "surrender" to His Will. This is what soldiers do. We, who are His children, must offer Him our own will along with all our being – in whatever pitiful state we may be – and tell Him: "Lord, take all my faults and imperfections and set them right."
- ❖ The Lord said, "Whoever wants something, believing, he will receive" – as long as the request is in accordance with God's Commandments, that is to say, with Love.

