

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## All Saints of North America

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Assigned Readings

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

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

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### Saints of the Day:

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.

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.

Among those we commemorate today are Innocent, Enlightener of North America, Peter the Aleut, Patriarch Tikhon, Herman of Alaska, and Alexis of Wilkes Barre to name just one in each of these categories, though many of the North American Saints can be listed in more than one of these groups. Each is a shining example of the faith we are called to share with this nation continuing their work in living and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Also commemorated today are the martyrs Leontius, Hypatius and Theodulus at Tripoli in Syria; Venerable Leontius of the Far Caves at Kiev and Venerable Leontius the Hagiorite.

## Announcements

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: Episcopal visit of His Eminence Archbishop Mark. Fr. Paul Witek and our sister parish of All Saints will join us to greet Vladyka. July 4<sup>th</sup> style picnic to follow.

July 9<sup>th</sup>: Annual Parish Picnic is being graciously hosted by Bill and Marie Evanina, dinner is provided. See Matushka Kyra about appetizers to bring. Swimsuits are encouraged, as they have a very nice pool. Please sign up at the candle desk. Thank you to Bill and Marie for their continued hospitality.

Donations are currently being collected for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen. \$100 dollars sponsors a meal for the day.

June 25<sup>th</sup>: Parish council will meet following Coffee Hour for a combined June and July meeting as several factors required the rescheduling of both months' meetings.

### Upcoming Services:

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Vespers at 5:00pm, Nativity of the Forerunner St. John the Baptist

June 24<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy 9:30am, Nativity of the Forerunner St. John the Baptist

Vespers at 5:00pm

June 25<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy 9:30am.

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## Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

### Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

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!”

### Tone 8 Troparion *(All Saints of America)*

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!

### Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

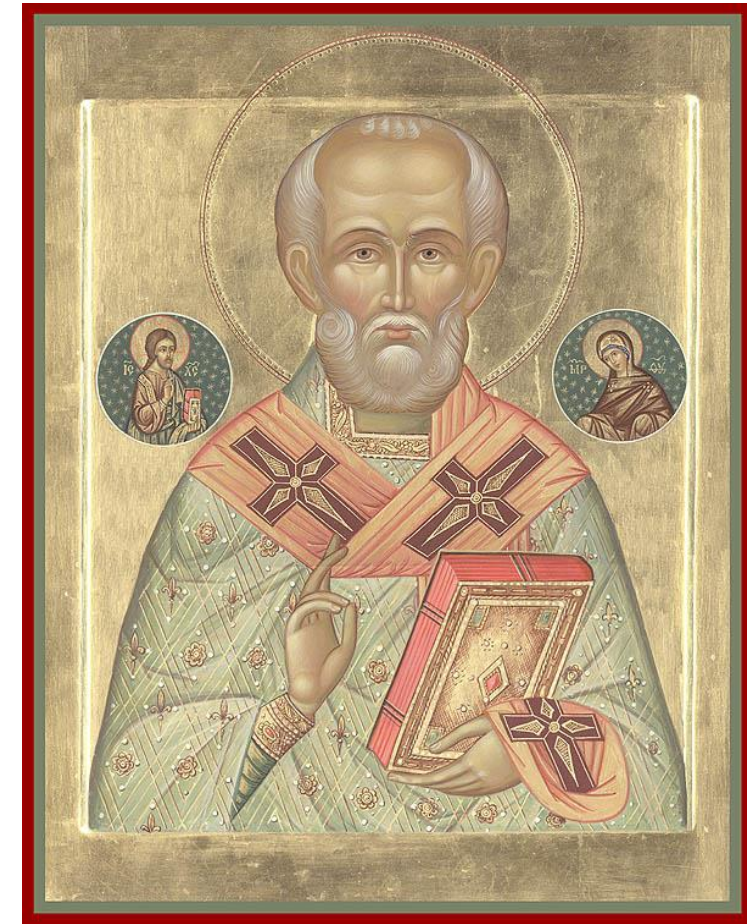
As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### Tone 3 Kontakion *(All Saints of America)*

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.

## Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Thom
Priest John	Julie
Priest James	Joan
Matushka Gloria	Vera
Matushka Myra	Helen
Matushka Nancy	Marie



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