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Sunday June 30, 2019 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. *Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphæus, Jude, the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (1st c.). All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). St. Peter, Prince of Ordinsk (Rostov – 1290). Translation of the Relics of St. Sophroný, Bishop of Irkutsk (1918). (Note: The service for the Synaxis of the Holy Apostles is transferred to July 1.)*

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 7/3 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 7/6 Reader's Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7/7 Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jun-30	LEWIS	SOUDER	LEWIS
July 07	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
July 14	SKOMORUCHA	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 21	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK
July 28	J PECK	BUNITSKY	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

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

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,
the lands of North America offer to You, 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, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(All Saints of North 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.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

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.

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)

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.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me..
(Ps 17/18:47)*

v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)

v: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O you righteous! (Ps 31/32:11)

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.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saints)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just. (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

This Week's Announcement

Fr. Barnabas to be Away The parish office will be closed June 30- July 13. Next Saturday evening Fr. Dn. James will offer the Reader's Vespers and Sunday (July 7) Fr. Gregory Dudash will offer the Divine Liturgy. For any parish emergencies or problems please call Fr. Dn. James Carpenter (609) 202-4255 or Jeff Kendall (302) 420-6600. Thank you!

Service to the Holy Altar Fr. Dn. James is pleased to announce that we will be receiving new altar servers. Service to the Holy Altar is a serious responsibility open to males ages 7years old and older. Those who are interested will be offered some instructional sessions prior to service and must be committed. Serious candidates should see Fr. Dn. James or Thaddeus (Scott) Lewis for more information.

Vacation Church School Help Please mark your calendars, our vacation church school will be held Thursday, August 1st through Saturday, August 3rd, 2019. We are asking for parents and volunteers to help and share in this work. Please see Fr. Barnabas if you are interested in taking the lead in organizing our 2019 VCS. Please save the date and look for more information to come.

Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church! Visit the “Orthodoxy in America” website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org - Check it out! Also, contact the priest ahead of time to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. May God bless your travels and come back safe and sound! * *If you do travel, please do not take a vacation from your financial support of our parish! The Church is here working even when you are not.* **Thank you for your mindfulness and continued support!* *

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, in the Church hall. There's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

A Homeless Wanderer Who Found the Kingdom

The Church celebrates also celebrates today the memory of all the saints of Russia. One of those is the Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg. She was born in the 18th century to a noble family, and married a colonel who was a member of the Imperial Chorus. But she is probably best known as a "Fool for Christ."

This term is based on Saint Paul's words in I Corinthians 4: 10: "We are fools for Christ's sake." The men and women who became "Fools for Christ" or "Holy Fools" gave up the normal life of family, job and home. They lived in complete dependence on God, and rejected the pursuit of security, status, or even the respect of other people.

Xenia's early life followed the conventional path for a young woman of her time. But it changed dramatically when her husband Andrei died suddenly at a lively evening party with his soldier companions. She had loved him dearly and was concerned that he had not had time to make a final confession and to receive the Eucharist before he died. We don't know exactly how her concern influenced her next actions, but we do know that she sold her considerable possessions and gave away the proceeds, began wearing Andrei's military uniform, and called herself by his name. She gave her house to a friend, stipulating that it must be used to give shelter to those who could not afford to provide shelter for

themselves. Her shocked family tried to have her declared mentally incompetent, but the court found her to be of sound mind.

Xenia left Petersburg and set out on an eight-year pilgrimage, going from one monastery to another and seeking spiritual guidance from the elders and holy people she met along the way. When she returned to Petersburg, she lived as an impoverished wanderer through the streets of the city's worst slum.

Out of fear and mistrust, some people treated this strange woman in a tattered military uniform with derision, shouting or spitting at her. But others were kind, offering her a bit of food or money out of the little they had. She would always give these gifts to needy people, and became recognized for her own charity as well as the good effect she seemed to have on those around her. They began to ask for her blessing, and to welcome her presence.

Xenia, like other holy fools, was given the gift of doing miracles and seeing the future. She was able to save people from impending dangers, or to tell them about events to come in their own lives. She once told a young woman who hoped to marry, "As you sit here drinking coffee, your future husband is burying his first wife." Some time later, the woman met and married the widower to whom Xenia was referring.

In her chapter on Saint Xenia in the book "Encountering Women of Faith" writer Barbara Harris succinctly describes the gift Holy Fools give us: "With their eyes turned toward God and through extreme poverty and humility, fools offer us an extraordinary example of a voluntary kenotic [self-emptying] life."

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Gladly bear vigils, sleeping on the ground and all other hardships, looking to the glory that will be revealed to you and to all the saints; 'for the sufferings of this present time', says the Apostle, 'are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us' (Rom. 8 :18)."

- St. Evagrius Ponticus (The Solitary) (345-399 AD), from the Philokalia, Vol. 1, 37

Prayers for the Departed: Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,, David Rex

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Archbishop Nikon, Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
30-Jun	Shatley/Hines	Riley/Riley	Suplizi	Gundersen
7-Jul	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Sulpizi/Finck	Riley	Farrell
14-Jul	Peck/Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Hojnicki/Souder	Hines	Skomorucha
21-Jul	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky/Finck	Maloney
28-Jul	Pacienza/George/Grishin	Bunitsky/Morjan	Farrell	Gundersen
4-Aug	Hamwi/Morjana	Riley/Riley	Clause/Whalen	Farrell

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

VCS August 1st- 3rd

Dormition Fast Aug. 1st-15th

Transfiguration Aug. 6th

Dormition of the Theotokos Aug. 15th