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**Sunday June 27, 2021 1st SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST – Tone 8. All Saints. St. Sampson the  
Hospitable of Constantinople (ca. 530). St. Joanna the  
Myrrhbearer (1st c.). Ven. Serapion of Kozhenezersk (1611).  
St. Severus, Presbyter, of Interocrea, Italy (6th c.). Ven.  
George of Mt. Athos (Georgian – 1066).**

### **This Week's Schedule**

*Monday 6/28 Eve of Ss. Peter & Paul Great Vespers w/ Litiya 7:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday 6/29 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul**

*Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.*

*Saturday 7/3 Great Vespers 5: 00 p.m.*

**Sunday 7/4 Sunday of All Saints Hours 8:40 a.m.**

*Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

*Followed by All Parish Meeting & Coffee Hour*

*\*Please Note Services will also stream Online\**

### **Reader Schedule**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>RD</sup> HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</u></b>	<b><u>EPISTLE</u></b>
Jun-27	LEWIS	SKOMORUCHA	LEWIS
July 04	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
July 11	SKOMORUCHA	VOJACSEK	WALES
July 18	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK

## *Hymns and Prayers*

### **Tone 8 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

### **Tone 4 Troparion**     *(All Saints)*

As with fine porphyry and royal purple,  
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed  
throughout all the world.  
She cries to You, O Christ God:  
“Send down Your bounties on Your people,//  
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!”

### **Tone 8 Kontakion**     *(All Saints)*

The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs  
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.  
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace//  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

### **Tone 8 Prokeimenon**   *(Resurrection)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

*V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**   *(All Saints)*

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. *(Ps. 67:35a)*

## **Epistle** Hebrews 11:33-12:2

*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 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V.** *The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps. 33:17)*

**V.** *Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps. 33:19)*

#### **Gospel Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

*Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.*

*But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.*

*He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*

*And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

*Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”*

*So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

*And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.*

*But many who are first will be last, and the last first.*

## **Communion Hymn**

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. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **This Week's Announcement**

***All Saints Sunday Blessing*** The Sunday after Pentecost is the feast of All Saints. This is the logical liturgical sequence since the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled in the human race by their becoming saints, and this is the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. Following Liturgy (weather permitting), we will process outside for an icon procession. Bring your favorite saints' icon for the procession and join us as we celebrate the feast of All Saints.

***All Parish Meeting*** We will have an all parish meeting today Sunday, June 27 following the Divine Liturgy. Please be sure to stay to participate as we all do our part to care for Christ's Holy Church.

***Ss. Peter and Paul Fast*** The spirit of Holy Pentecost leads us to another feast and fast of the church. The feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29th. From the 4th Century on, the Church has celebrated this feast which is spiritually linked with Holy Pentecost. It stands as the witness of the Apostles immediate fruit at the descent of the Holy Spirit when it came upon them. The Feast is preceded by a fasting period called Saints Peter and Paul Fast." The fast is different from year to year since it always begins on the Monday following the first Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints' Sunday). The fast lasts just one day this year beginning on June 28<sup>th</sup> the eve of the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. We will offer Great Vespers with Litiya for the feast on June 28<sup>th</sup> at

7:00 p.m. and on June 29<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy commemorating the great Peter and Paul.

***Family Promise*** Volunteers are needed to cook for 2 homeless families and deliver meals (no contact) to 2501 Milltown Rd (across from St Michaels) on Monday Aug. 2, Tuesday Aug. 3 & Thursday Aug 5 at 6:00 pm. Please sign up in Narthex. See Ellen Gundersen with questions.

***Parish Council & Church School Teachers*** The Summer is just beginning but we are already looking at our ministry needs for the Fall. We are planning on a robust return to our normal Fall activities which include Church School for our youth and our All Parish Meeting. St. Michael's needs volunteers to serve as teachers for our Church School and Council members to serve in parish administration. One particular need that will be coming available is our parish treasurer's position. Please prayerfully consider serving in either or both of these parish ministries. If interested in teaching or helping with Church School, please see Fr. Barnabas. If you would like to serve on parish council, please see Mark Bunitsky or Jeff Kendall. Thanks to all who continue to serve Christ's Holy Church.

***Library is Open*** 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.

***Prospora Baking Class*** Fr. Barnabas will be offering a prospora baking class on Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The class will bake bread, share recipes, techniques, and tips for making the prospora breads for our Liturgical services. Anyone is welcome to join us for this class. And if you are interested in joining our prospora baking team please see Susan Skomorucha.

### ***The Trinity***

*Pentecost is also the Feast of the Holy Trinity. It's a good day to consider this question: How can God be One and Undivided, as Christians claim, and at the same time be three distinct Persons, as Christians also claim?*

*Part of the answer is that this is how God has shown Himself to be in Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. The Book of Genesis is one example. The second verse of the book says that "the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" at the time of creation.*

*Then, in 1:26, God says, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness." This verse with its plural "our" is what the Gospel writer John is referring to when he writes, "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made" (1:3). John is describing Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as co-creator with the Father.*

*So the Bible clearly establishes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the three Persons of the Trinity. Yet some Biblical commentators contend that when God speaks in Genesis about making man "in our image" He is addressing not Christ, but the beings who surround Him in heaven, the members of the heavenly court.*

*This contention doesn't really make sense. The angels and the beings around God are still created by Him. They can bear His image, but they cannot share it as His equals by nature any more than we can. They too are creatures, even though they are privileged to stand before their Maker in heaven.*

*Father Alexander Schmemmann, writing about the Creed in "Celebration of Faith" Volume I, gives the other part of the answer. He says that God MUST be a Trinity of Persons:*

*"We believe in one God, but not in a God who is alone, not in a God who is self-centered, not in a God who lives in and for Himself. God is love, Christianity says. But to love is to be turned towards the Other, and at its most exalted, to love is to surrender to Him. The Father, says the Gospel, loves the Son and gives everything to Him. The Son, says the Gospel, loves the Father and gives Himself totally to Him. Finally, the Holy Spirit is this gift of love itself, this love itself as gift, joy, fullness, existence, thirst and quenching of thirst, giving and receiving. And through this love, through this giving, God creates the world, calls each of us into life, makes each of us beloved and bestows His love, His Spirit, so that each can partake of divine Life. Thus we pray to the Spirit: 'Come and abide in us'...And in answer He comes to abide in us, to lead us, as Christ promised, into all truth...to give us eternal life.*

*This then is the radiant mystery of Christian faith, the mystery of God who is Trinity, the God who is Love."*

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### **Wisdom from the Holy Fathers**

*When St. Anthony entered to the internal desert, the demons watched him dauntingly, saying, "O You young of age and mind, how did you dare to enter our territory, as we have never seen a human before you." And they all started to fight him. He said to them, "O strong ones, what do you want from me, the weak; And who am I so that you all gather to fight me. Don't you know that I am ashes and dust, and unable to fight the smallest in you." And he lay on the ground, shouting to God, "O God, help me, and strengthen my weakness. Have mercy on me, as I sought after you. Do not leave me; and do not let those who think that I am something overcome me. O God, You know that I am unable to fight the smallest of these." When the demons heard this prayer full of life and humility they fled away, and did not dare to approach to him*

*"Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent."*

+ St. Anthony the Great, "On the Character of Men and on the Virtuous Life: One Hundred and Seventy Texts," Text 1, *The Philokalia*

**Prayers for the Departed:** Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

**Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:** Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich, Jessica Bunitsky

**Prayers for Catechmens** Kristin Mackenzie, John Hill

<b>Date</b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Service Duty</u></b>	<b><u>Church Cleaner</u></b>
<b>27-Jun</b>	Wojciechowski/Dorazio	Bunitsky/Morjana	S.Peck
<b>4-Jul</b>	Clause	Riley/Riley	Carey
<b>11-Jul</b>	Riley	Sulpizi	Hines
<b>18-Jul</b>	C. Peck	Hojnicki/Najemy	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest

**Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind**

***Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June29th***

***Dormition Fast Aug. 1-15<sup>th</sup>***

***Feast of the Transfiguration.....Aug.6<sup>th</sup>***

***Dormition of the Theotokos.....Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>***