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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

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The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Wisdom: helps us see the world differently and from God's point of view.
2. Understanding: enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.
3. Counsel (also known as Right Judgement): helps us to discern what is right and what is wrong.
4. Fortitude (also known as Courage): strengthens our will so that we can actually accomplish what is true, good and beautiful.
5. Knowledge: enables us to discover God's will in all things.
6. Piety: helps us to love God, our merciful Father, and to obey his precepts out of love for him
7. Fear of the Lord (also known as Wonder and Awe): helps us to understand how we must depend on God for everything. In other words, he is God, we are not.

First Sunday after Pentecost

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Feastal Tone

Menologion

Our holy father, Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople, suffered imprisonment in the persecution under Diocletian, Emperor. He died A.D. 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

Propers
Pages:

Fasts & Feasts

June 4 All Saints Sunday

June 5-29 The Apostles' Fast (The fast begins with the vespers on Sunday evening and concludes on June 29th)

June 24 Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (9 am)

June 29 The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter & Paul (9 am)

Herminie Summer Kickoff On Main

Thanks to everyone who helped with this event. It was a hot day, one better suited to a day at the beach or the pool. But you gave your time and came and helped. This is a living Christian community.

Divine Liturgy intention Margaret Shimsky

The Sunday of All Saints

As each of us, young and older alike, is unique in our character, so too are the Saints of the Church. Amongst the multitude of Saints whom we call to mind today, we remember scholars, physicians, priests, monastics, hymnographers, iconographers, cooks, gardeners, architects, rulers, parents, and children. The list goes on and on. Yet, even as unique as their stewardship may have been, their commonality that led them to sainthood was their selfless commitment to Christ and His Church.

The commemoration of Saints is one of the most beautiful aspects of our tradition. We look to them as examples, we pray to them for their intercessions, and we gather with them during Divine Services to worship God. In fact, even when it appears that our pews are far from full, the Church is still bursting at the seams on account of the Saints that gather with us to praise and glorify God (please note: this shouldn't be used as an excuse not to attend Divine Services. The Saints are always willing to make room).

Each of us possesses the Grace of God and the ability to live a saintly life. The diversity of the Saints and their experiences attest to this. The question that we must ask ourselves though, is whether we will choose to offer our stewardship to His Church and His Creation. The limitation that exists in our stewardship, whether we are young or older, is that which we create. Sure, you may say that each of us does not have unlimited resources of time, treasure, and talent, but I would say that this attitude is what separates us from the Saints. The Saints offered themselves in their entirety to Christ.

Today, as we call to mind all those who have been glorified-canonized as Saints of our Holy Church, we call to mind their selfless stewardship to Christ. As we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" we must likewise call to mind our stewardship to His Church and ask ourselves, "Have we committed ourselves in our entirety to Christ?" Don't misinterpret this as a simple reminder of stewardship. This is Church's eternal call to sainthood and salvation. Will you respond?

WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT LOOK LIKE?

We know from the Scriptures that the Father cannot be seen, but has manifested Himself to us in His Son. "No one has seen God at any time. The only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (John 1:18). And we know that the Son, incarnate, became visible in His humanity. He looks like one of us. This is why we are able to have icons of Him. When the Invisible One becomes visible in the flesh, then you may draw His likeness" (1:7, 8). But what about the Holy Spirit? Has He become visible to flesh? Can we see the face of the Holy Spirit?

In a sense, we can. The "face of the Holy Spirit" is the face of the saints. The very existence of the saints testifies to the presence of holiness in the Church, for no one can become a saint except by the Holy Spirit. The "face" of the Holy Spirit is not in the monuments which have been erected by Christians over the centuries, impressive as they are. Rather it is in those who have lived the way they did because the Spirit of God dwelt within them.