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TONE 8

JUNE 3, 2018

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

MARTYRS LUCILLIAN OF BYZANTIUM AND THE CHILDREN CLAUDIUS, HYPATIUS, PAUL, AND DIONYSIUS • MARTYR PAULA THE VIRGIN OF NICOMEDIA
VENERABLE ATHANASIOS THE WONDERWORKER OF CILICIA
CLOTILDE, QUEEN OF THE FRANKS



Honoring the friends of God, the Prophet-King David says, “But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord” (Ps. 138:16).

Likewise, St. Paul, recounts the achievements of the Saints, and sets forth their memorial as an example, that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue.

He says, “Seeing that we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (Heb. 12:1).

LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O
compassionate One, and Thou didst submit
to the three-day burial, that Thou mightest

deliver us from passion. Thou art our life
and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend....

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: **Matins, 8:50 AM**
 Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: **Vespers, 6:30 PM**

Saturdays: **Great Vespers, 5 PM**

Confession: **After Saturday Vespers**
 During Sunday Matins
 Or by Appointment

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are NO CHURCH SCHOOL classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4)

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of thy Martyrs throughout all the world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice, crying:

Turn with thy compassion to thy people, and grant peace to thy city and to our souls
Great Mercy.

Troparion for St. George (Tone 4)

As Deliverer of captives and Defender of the poor, Healer of the infirm, Champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George,

intercede with Christ, our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of All Saints (Tone 8)

The universe offers You the Godbearing 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 8; Psalm 67.35, 27 LXX)

God is wondrous in His saints.

Verse: In the churches bless ye God!

Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews (11.33-12.2a; All Saints)

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed

with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay

aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the

race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (10.32-33, 37-38; 19.27-30; All Saints)

THE LORD SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will 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 Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed You. What then

shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my Name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (TONE 8; PSALM 32.1 LXX)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just, praise befits the just. Alleluia.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By David, Cindy and Mary Egly, for the health of the Mission Team, along with their safe travel and fruitful service to the faithful of Kodiak, AK.
- For Alexios (Albert) and Martha Sleder on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- By Dn. James and Sarah Childs, for the repose of Sarah's grandmother, Billie Jane Floyd (9-day memorial).
- By Riyad and Hala Bannourah and family, for the repose of brother Iyad Bannourah (six months departed).

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

APOSTLES' FAST AND FEAST

The Apostles' Fast begins tomorrow (always the day after All Saints Sunday) and runs to the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, June 29. We abstain from meat, eggs and dairy products.

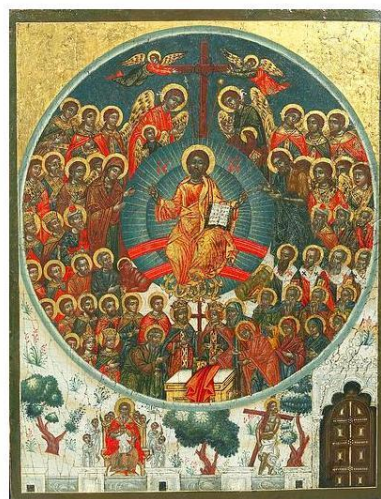
Since Ss. Peter and Paul are the Patrons of our Central Indiana Orthodox Churches, collectively, we will all celebrate together, with Matins and Liturgy here on Friday, June 29.

TODAY'S READING FROM THE SYNAXARION

On June 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Lucillian of Byzantium and the children Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; Martyr Paula the Virgin of Nicomedia; Venerable Athanasios the wonderworker of Cilicia; and Clotilde, queen of the Franks. On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity.

We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works. By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.



EXPLANATION OF THE ICON OF ALL SAINTS

"The saints in each generation, joined to those who have gone before, and filled like them with light, become a golden chain, in which each saint is a separate link, united to the next by faith, works and love." Thus speaks the great tenth century Constantinopolitan Saint Symeon the New Theologian.

The Feast of All Saints is an important festival of the Orthodox Church celebrated on the First Sunday after Pentecost, at the end of the week in which the Holy Spirit and the Trinity has been worshipped. The icon reminds us of Symeon's words, with its array of holy men and women from both the Old and New Testaments, along with saints from later centuries, forming one continuous golden chain around the depiction of Christ.

The composition's principle feature is the concentric blue rings constituting the *mandorla* or glory at the center of which is Christ Enthroned, with both arms raised in blessing. He is seated, in accordance with the vision of the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel, on a rainbow

and his feet rest on winged wheels. Above is the cross with the symbols of the Passion attended by two angels and below these, ranging on either side of the Cross is a row of six angels and two archangels. Below these is another row of two groups of angels each headed by (on our left) the Mother of God and (right) St John the Baptist, a grouping recalling the *Desis*. In the third row are Old Testament prophets. They are not identified by inscriptions, but we may understand the two crowned figures to be Kings David and Solomon; among the others are likely to be Isaiah and Ezekiel. In the next row (at the level of the rainbow) are, on the right, four bishops: the three Holy Hierarchs, namely St Basil, St John Chrysostom and St Gregory with St Nicholas. In the fifth row are (left) church martyrs, (right) monastic saints and, in the middle, the emperor St Constantine and his mother St Helena, the finder of the True Cross. Finally, in the bottom row, are holy women (we recognize two crowned empresses (Zoe? Irene?) who, with Adam and Eve at the center, all gesture reverently towards the throne prepared for the Second Coming. At the cardinal points of the inner circle are the symbols of the Four Evangelists: the angel (St John), the eagle (St Matthew), the lion (St Mark) and the bull (St Luke).

In the lower part of the icon outside the *mandorla* is the Garden of Paradise, enclosed by walls and terraced in white marble with stylized trees and vegetation. The entrance is to the right in the form of Royal Doors from an iconostasis. Immediately inside is the Good Thief, Dysmas, and further to the left souls, represented as children in the bosom of Abraham.

Explanation from The Temple Gallery, www.thetemplegallery.com/pages/418_gkfulld.htm

THE MOON (& GOD) - JULY 20, 1969

What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-five years ago, two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon.

But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing,

if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life;

and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and

Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way. He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

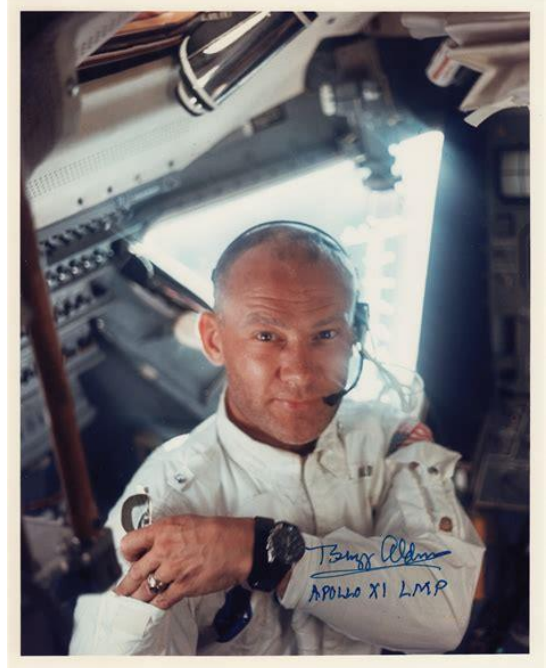
Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing.'

"I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements."

"And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."



Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request of the patient/family.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab.,
7/8

Roye Gaha, 7/4

Alexander Nebesny, hospice care, 7/4

John Robert Sylvester, 6/26

Nicholas Rick Gann, 6/26

Elias Al Tawil, 6/17

Robert Abraham, 6/16

George Xioufarides, friend of Sotiris Hji-
Aavgoustis, 7/10

Alan Schmidt, cousin of Carol Abraham, 6/28

Shannon, friend of Ludmila Woodward 6/26

Viorica, sister-in-law of Ludmila Woodward
6/26

Vada, grandmother of Mark Woodward 6/26

Jason Seaman, **Ella** Whistler and **all the
students and teachers** at Noblesville
West Middle School

**All those suffering from illness, violence or
want** throughout the world

DEPARTED

Billie Jane Floyd, Sarah Childs' grandmother,
7/7

George Lanas, former parishioner, 6/20

Maximito Garcia, father of Paola Olas, 6/16

John Huff, Barbara's husband, 6/13

Adla Malola, Hane's sister, 6/4

The victims of violence in Texas, Gaza and
throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

June 2018

Sun. 3	<p>Sunday of All Saints</p> <p>Matins, 8:50 am</p> <p>Choir practice, 9 am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies of St. George meeting <p>Teen SOYO meeting & Pool Party, 4 pm at the Sankeys' (1142 Linden Ln, Carmel)</p>
Mon. 4	Apostles' Fast Begins
Wed. 6	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Sat. 9	<p>Great Vespers, 5 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard
Sun. 10	<p>Matins, 8:50 am</p> <p>Choir practice, 9 am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 10 am</p>
Wed. 13	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Thu. 14	Choir practice , 7 pm
Sat. 16	<p>Ministry of the Parish Council workshop, 9 am</p> <p>Great Vespers, 5 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard
Sun. 17	<p>Matins, 8:50 am</p> <p>Choir practice, 9 am</p> <p>Divine Liturgy, 10 am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charity ministry meeting
Tue. 19	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 20 – Sun. 24	Midwest Diocese Parish Life Conference , Perrysburg, Ohio

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar