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Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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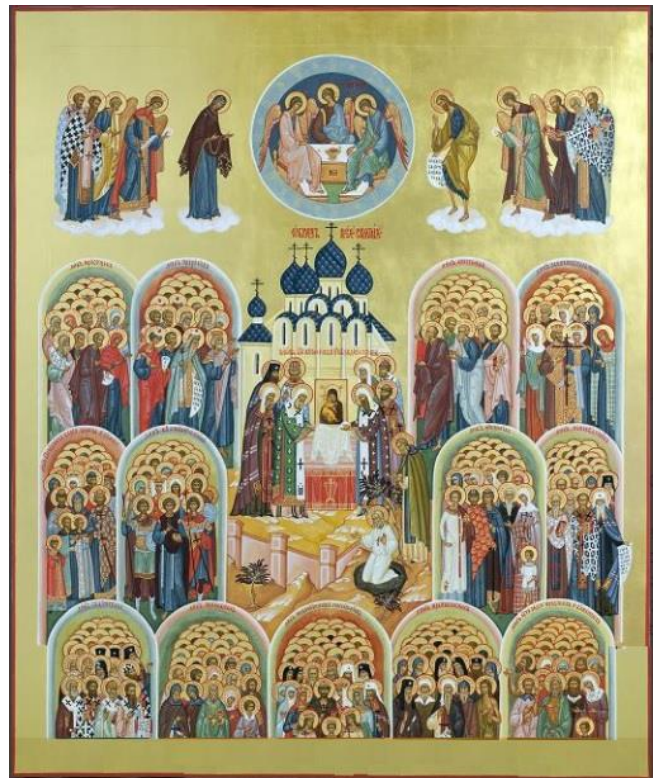
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Diocese of the Midwest***

JUNE 30, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

EPISTLE: Hebrew 11:33-12:2

Brethren: Through faith the Saints 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 fight 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,



Icon of All Saints

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.

GOSPEL: John 7:37-52, 8:12

The Lord said to His disciples, 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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. July 1	Holy Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian at Rome; Rom 2:28-3:18, Mt 6:31-34, 7:9-11
TUE. July 2	Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco; Rom 4:4-12, Mt 7:15-21
WED. July 3	Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in Cappadocia; Rom 4:13-25, Mt 7:21-23
THU. July 4	Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete; Rom 5:10-16, Mt 8:23-27
FRI. July 5	Uncovering of the relics of Venerable Sergius of Radonezh; Rom 5:17-6:2, Mt 9:14-17
SAT. July 6	Venerable Sisoës the Great; Rom 3:19-26, Mt 7:1-8
SUN. July 7	2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA, Tone 1
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Debby Pinta, P. O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Tony Monastra**, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Subdeacon Roger Pinta**, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Ed & Irene Vangeloff**, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870



JULY REPOSED

Mary Danchisen (1927) No date provided; Michael Wolf (1929) No date provided; Triantafilos Lefas (1995) No date provided; **2-** John Danchisen (2009); **6-** Anna Mazur (1969); **6-** Joseph Golob Jr (2006); **7-** Mary Martha Glovinsky (1975); **9-** Andrew Holodnak (1971); **10-** Gretta Gresh (2018); **14-** John Gulla (1968); **20-** Mitered Archpriest Sava Chaly (1991) Former Pastor; **21-** Anna Mazurik (1973); **27-** Father Vladimir Meschersky (1937) Former Pastor; **29-** Sally Franklin (2018); **29-** Robert Zgonc (2018); **29-** Charles Hagmaier (2018)



OUR SYMPATHIES – MEMORY ETERNAL!

Our prayers and deepest sympathies are extended to the family and friends of † **DIANE TRYON**, who fell asleep in the Lord on **Thursday, June 27th** and will be buried from **Harrold-FLORIANA Funeral Home, Fostoria, OH** on **Tuesday, July 2nd** at 12:00 Noon. The interment will take place at cemetery in Astoria, OH. *“In blessed repose grant eternal rest, O Lord, to your ever-remembered servant † DIANE and make her Memory Eternal! Vichnayja Jej Pamyat!”*



JULY CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Barbara Wroblewski, Happy 29th Wedding Anniversary to Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Available (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health & God’s Blessings for Walter Wroblewski (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, In birthday memory of Susan (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, Sophie & Chloe (**\$20**)



VIGILS FOR June 23

Susan Guzy 1 Special intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Betty K., Debby P., David M., Patti O., Jim K., Ruth S., James W., Tony M., Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., Karen D., Kathie J., and Jennifer H. For God’s peace to Diane.

Birthday blessings and many years to Fr. Peter, Ronny R., Kathie L., Lynn D., and Matthew A. Anniversary blessings and many years to Matt & Amanda, Jake & Kate, and in memory of Mom & Dad’s anniversary.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Royhab 2 For health and healing of Sharyn Osborn & Christine Zahm

Natalie Twarek 8 God's peace for Diane, For the health and recovery of Betty Kovach, For the health and recovery of Carol, Kayla, Bill, Ruth, Pam, Debbie, Ron, Jim, Michelle, Terrie, Theresa, Clayton, Father Emilian, For the health of Matushka Melania, Patrick and Marty, Mike Heffernan and Barbara Heffernan, Health and healing for Father’s dad Michal and Matushka’s mom Barbara, For the health of Tony, Bev, Ed, Irene, Father David, Pauline, Judy, Tina, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina’s dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, special intentions, special intentions



ATTENDANCE

06/22 Vespers, **10** attending (1 guest); **06/23** Divine Liturgy, **36** attending (13 guests); **06/28** Vespers, **10** attending (3 guests); **06/29** Divine Liturgy, **11** attending (2 guests)



JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Gabriel Payne; **2** – Fr. Peter & Matushka Michelle 29th Anniversary; **4** – Stephanie Kowal; **8** – Ed Vangeloff; **11** – Christian Cleis (Korea) *; **16** – Peter & Stephanie Kowal Anniversary; **23** – Fr. Peter Ordination (1995); **27** – Greg & Natalie Twarek Anniversary (50); **30** – Tim & Jennifer Heffernan Anniversary; **30** – Dale & Angela Bricker Anniversary

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Clifford / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora.

Other Requests: Amy / Bill Byrnes / Michael Heffernan / Susanne / Barbara Heffernan / Rita Mumea / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



READERS LIST

Sunday Jun 30 – Jake
Sunday Jul 7 – Tim
Sunday Jul 14 – Ron
Sunday Jul 21 – Joe



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

June 30 – Tina, In honor of Fr. Peter & Matushka’s Michelle Wedding Anniversary
July 7 – Jake
July 14 – Bobbie
July 21 – Tina

Please sign up to host coffee hour after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall.



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Respect for Life Ministries” is the charity we donate to for the month of July.



CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 1, Angela
July 8, Angela
July 15, Angela
July 22, Angela



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Tithe	\$ 872.00
Donations	\$ 56.00
Candles	\$ 63.00
Vigils	\$ 70.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 270.00
Total:	\$1,617.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!

CHURCH MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Month of MAY 2024	
Church Donation income was	\$10,401.00
Church Operating Expenses totaled	\$ 9,924.39
net gain of	\$ 476.61



SINCERE THANK YOU

Fr. Peter would like to thank you all for your best wishes and prayers on his Birthday last Tuesday. Special thanks to Tina for the delicious Birthday cake which we all enjoyed last Sunday. Heartfelt thank you to the entire parish for your generous gift! May the Lord reward you all for your love and kindness with His special blessings!



SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Special Parish Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 4th**, following the Divine Liturgy. We will discuss and ask to approve a major expenditure that are planned for this year. Presence of all voting members in good standing is requested. Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this important meeting! This is the **first** announcement.



67th ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Our Halupki Festival will take place on **Sunday, August 18, 2024**. Once again, the main raffle during our Festival will be cash raffle with the five vining prizes of cash in the amount of **\$1,000, \$500.00, \$250, \$150, and \$100**.

Festival raffle tickets are available. We are asking each parish household to sell at least 20 raffle tickets at \$5 each. Many of you have sold even more in the past which is greatly appreciated! Please ask your friends and family '**how many tickets** they would like to purchase,' not **if** they want any... approach is everything! Thank you in advance for your help!



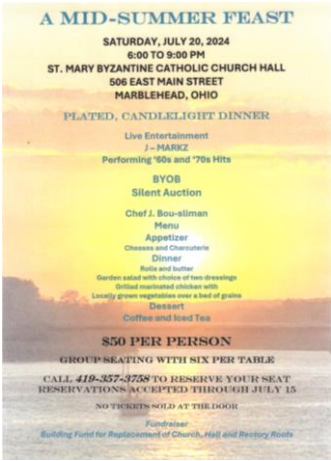
THANK YOU, CARD, RECEIVED

Our parish received a Thank you card from the Danbury Food Pantry for our charitable donation. Please see the copy of the card in this bulletin and on the bulletin board.



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next **Saturday, July 6th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



A MID-SUMMER FEAST

Plated Candlelight Dinner, sponsored by **St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church** in Marblehead will take place on Saturday, July 20, 6PM – 9PM at St. Mary’s Hall.

Live Entertainment by J-MARKZ performing ‘60s and ’70 Hits

Silent Auction

Chef J. John Bou-Sliman

MENU: Appetizer, Dinner rolls and butter, garden salad with choice of two dressings, grilled marinated chicken with locally grown vegetables over a bed of grains, **Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea**

Tickets \$50 each

Group seating with six per table, BYOB

Call **(419) 357-3758** to reserve a seat **through July 15**

Fundraiser Building Fund for replacement of church, hall, and rectory roofs.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 1st Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Monday*)

July 2nd Funeral of +DIANE TRYON, Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home, Fostoria 12:00 Noon (*Tuesday*)

July 3rd Baking Day 8:00 AM, Kitchen Committee Meeting 1:00 PM (*Wednesday*)

July 6th Market Day 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)

July 8th Steaming Cabbage 8:00 AM (*Monday*)

July 9th Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)

July 20th Market Day 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)



KITCHEN RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The church kitchen renovation committee will meet **Wednesday at 1 PM** to go over costs, color choices, and other details of plans.



The Holy Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul

Commemorated on June 29

Sermon of Saint Augustine, Bishop of Hippo

Today the Holy Church piously remembers the sufferings of the Holy Glorious and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter, the fervent follower of Jesus Christ, for the profound confession of His Divinity: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” was deemed worthy by the Savior to hear in answer, “Blessed art thou, Simon ... I tell thee, that thou art Peter [Petrus], and on this stone [petra] I build My Church” (Mt.16:16-18). On “this stone” [petra], is on that which thou sayest: “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God” it is on this thy confession I build My Church. Wherefore the “thou art Peter”: it is from the

“stone” [petra] that Peter [Petrus] is, and not from Peter [Petrus] that the “stone” [petra] is, just as the Christian is from Christ, and not Christ from the Christian. Do you want to know, from what sort of “rock” [petra] the Apostle Peter [Petrus] was named? Hear the Apostle Paul: “Brethren, I do not want ye to be ignorant,” says the Apostle of Christ, “how all our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (1 Cor.10: 1-4)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the final days of His earthly life, in the days of His mission to the race of man, chose from among the disciples His twelve Apostles to preach the Word of God. Among them, the Apostle Peter for his fiery ardor was vouchsafed to occupy the first place (Mt.10:2) and to be as it were the representative person for all the Church. Therefore, it is said to him, preferentially, after the confession: “I will give unto thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in the heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth: shall be loosed in heaven” (Mt.16: 19). Therefore, it was not one man, but rather the One Universal Church, that received these “keys” and the right “to bind and loosen.” And that it was actually the Church that received this right, and not exclusively a single person, turn your attention to another place of the Scriptures, where the same Lord says to all His Apostles, “Receive ye the Holy Spirit” and further after this, “Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them: and whose soever sins ye retain, are retained” (John 20: 22-23); or: “whatsoever ye bind upon the earth, shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth, shall be loosened in heaven” (Mt.18:18). Thus, it is the Church that binds, the Church that loosens; the Church, built upon the foundational cornerstone, Jesus Christ Himself (Eph 2:20), doth bind and loosen. Let both the binding and the loosening be feared: the loosening, in order not to fall under this again; the binding, in order not to remain forever in this condition. Therefore “Iniquities ensnare a man, and everyone is bound in the chains of his own sins,” says Wisdom (Prov 5:22); and except for Holy Church nowhere is it possible to receive the loosening.

After His Resurrection the Lord entrusted the Apostle Peter to shepherd His spiritual flock not because, that among the disciples only Peter alone was pre-deserved to shepherd the flock of Christ, but Christ addresses Himself chiefly to Peter because, that Peter was first among the Apostles and as such the representative of the Church; besides which, having turned in this instance to Peter alone, as to the top Apostle, Christ by this confirms the unity of the Church. “Simon of John” -- says the Lord to Peter -- “lovest thou Me?” -- and the Apostle answered: “Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee”; and a second time it was thus asked, and a second time he thus answered; being asked a third time, seeing that as it were not believed, he was saddened. But how is it possible for him not to believe That One, Who knew his heart? And wherefore then Peter answered: “Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee.” “And sayeth Jesus to him” all three times “Feed My sheep” (John 20:15-17).

Besides this, the triple appealing of the Savior to Peter and the triple confession of Peter before the Lord had a particular beneficial purpose for the Apostle. That one, to whom was given “the keys of the kingdom” and the right “to bind and to loose,” bound himself thrice by fear and cowardice (Mt.26:69-75), and the Lord thrice loosens him by His appeal and in turn by his confession of strong love. And to shepherd literally the flock of Christ was acquired by all the Apostles and their successors. “Take heed, therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock,” the Apostle Paul urges church presbyters, “over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28); and the Apostle Peter to the elders: “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint, but willingly: not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when is appeared the Prince of pastors, ye will receive unfading crowns of glory” (1 Pet. 5:2-4).

It is remarkable that Christ, having said to Peter: “Feed My sheep,” did not say: “Feed thy sheep,” but rather to feed, good servant, the sheep of the Lord. “Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” (1 Cor.1:13). “Feed My sheep”. Wherefore “wolfish robbers,

wolfish oppressors, deceitful teachers and mercenaries, not being concerned about the flock” (Mt.7:15; Acts 20:29; 2 Pet 2:1; John 10:12), having plundered a strange flock and making of the spoils as though it be of their own particular gain, they think that they feed their flock. Such are not good pastors, as pastors of the Lord. “The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11), entrusted to Him by the chief Shepherd Himself (1 Pet 5:4). And the Apostle Peter, true to his calling, gave his soul for the very flock of Christ, having sealed his apostleship by a martyr’s death, is now glorified throughout all the world.

The Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, was changed from a robbing wolf into a meek lamb. Formerly he was an enemy of the Church, then is manifest as an Apostle. Formerly he stalked it, then preached it. Having received from the high priests the authority at large to throw all Christians in chains for execution, he was already on the way, he breathed out “threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord” (Acts 9:1), he thirsted for blood, but “He that dwells in the Heavens shall laugh him to scorn” (Ps 2:4). When he, “having persecuted and vexed” in such manner “the Church of God” (1Cor.15:9; Acts 8:5), he came near Damascus, and the Lord from Heaven called to him: “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?” and I am here, and I am there, I am everywhere: here is My head; there is My body. There becomes nothing of a surprise in this; we ourselves are members of the Body of Christ. “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me; it is hard for thee to kick against the goad” (Acts 9:4-5). Saul, however, “trembling and frightened”, cried out: “Who art Thou, Lord?” The Lord answered him, “I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest.”

And Saul suddenly undergoes a change: “What wantest Thou me to do?” -- he cries out. And suddenly for him there is the Voice: “Arise, and go to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do” (Acts 9:6). Here the Lord sends Ananias: “Arise and go into the street” to a man, “by the name of Saul,” and baptize him, “for this one is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9: 11, 15, 18). This vessel must be filled with My Grace. “Ananias, however, answered: Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he hath done to Thy saints in Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Thy Name” (Acts 9:13-14). But the Lord urgently commands Ananias: “Search for and fetch him, for this vessel is chosen by Me: for I shall show him what great things he must suffer for My name’s sake” (Acts 9:11, 15-16).

And actually, the Lord did show the Apostle Paul what things he had to suffer for His Name. He instructed him the deeds; He did not stop at the chains, the fetters, the prisons and shipwrecks; He Himself felt for him in his sufferings, He Himself guided him towards this day. On a single day the memory of the sufferings of both these Apostles is celebrated, though they suffered on separate days, but by the spirit and the closeness of their suffering they constitute one. Peter went first, and Paul followed soon after him. Formerly called Saul, and then Paul, having transformed his pride into humility. His very name (Paulus), meaning “small, little, less,” demonstrates this. What is the Apostle Paul after this? Ask him, and he himself gives answer to this: “I am,” says he, “the least of the Apostles... but I have labored more abundantly than all of them: yet not I, but the grace of God, which was with me” (1 Cor.15:9-10).

And so, brethren, celebrating now the memory of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, remembering their venerable sufferings, we esteem their true faith and holy life, we esteem the innocence of their sufferings and pure confession. Loving in them the sublime quality and imitating them by great exploits, “in which to be likened to them” (2 Thess 3: 5-9), and we shall attain to that eternal bliss which is prepared for all the saints. The path of our life before was more grievous, thornier, harder, but “we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12: 1), having passed by along it, made now for us easier, and lighter, and more readily passable. First there passed along it “the author and finisher of our faith,” our Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Heb 12: 2); His daring Apostles followed after Him; then the martyrs, children, women, virgins and a great multitude of witnesses. Who acted in them and helped them on this path? He Who said, “Without Me ye can do nothing” (John 15: 5).



Synaxis of All Saints

Commemorated on June 30

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the *Octoechos*, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology. Saint Nikódēmos of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to Saint Peter's five categories. The list of Saint Nikódēmos is found in his book *The Fourteen Epistles of Saint Paul* (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

6-21-24

Holy Assumption Parish,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$635 to the Danbury Food Party. We really appreciate your support and generosity! We served 37 families this month and your gift helps to make that possible.

Thank you sincerely,
Danbury Food Party
Jan West, Treasurer

A MID-SUMMER FEAST

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

6:00 TO 9:00 PM

ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

506 EAST MAIN STREET

MARBLEHEAD, OHIO

PLATED, CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Live Entertainment

J - MARKZ

Performing '60s and '70s Hits

BYOB

Silent Auction

Chef J. Bou-sliman

Menu

Appetizer

Cheeses and Charcuterie

Dinner

Rolls and butter

Garden salad with choice of two dressings

Grilled marinated chicken with

Locally grown vegetables over a bed of grains

Dessert

Coffee and Iced Tea

\$50 PER PERSON

GROUP SEATING WITH SIX PER TABLE

CALL 419-357-3758 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT
RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH JULY 15

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Fundraiser

Building Fund for Replacement of Church, Hall and Rectory Roofs