

# IC RC NI KA SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for all things!

<b>June 26, 2011</b>	<b>All Saints of North America</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>SAINTS PETER AND PAUL</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
July 2	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm	
July 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am	

**Saints of the Day:** Venerable David of Thessalonica (540). New Hieromartyr Priest Gregory (1918). Saint Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal (1385). Venerable Tikhon of Lukhov (1503). Venerable John, Bishop of the Goths in Crimea (ca. 787). Holy Martyred Brothers John and Paul, and Gallicanus. Venerable Serapion of Kozha Lake. Venerable Abbot Brannock (Brynach) of Saint-Maur-des-Fosses. New Martyr David of Saint Anne's Skete, martyred in Thessalonica (1813). Monk Anthion. Venerable Abbot Babolenus of Fosses. Venerable Corbican of Ireland, Confessor in the Low Countries.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Susan, Ada, Don, Rea, Daniel, Aaron, Archpriest Jason, Mother Raphaela, Priest Sergius, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Helen, Anna, Thomas, Archpriest Vincent, John, Catherine, Ron, Albert, Michael, Gregory, Emma, Cathy, John, Mykola, Dan, Wayne, Nina, Dan, Isaiah, Robert, Robert, Kevin, Andrew, David, Warren, Michael, Archimandrites Athanasy, Isidore, Pachomy and Nectarios.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of James and Rose Udics Gomes, Priest Thaddaeus Werner, Ted Botos and Archimandrite Pachomy were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Ann Dahulich, mother of Bishop MICHAEL, were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of newly-departed Joseph Rinko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Metropolitan THEOPHILUS, aunt Katherine Kurap, uncles John Kurap and Joseph Kushner were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of the Stryjek Family: Harry, Mary, Anna, Katherine and Theodore were offered at Liturgy and Parastas today at the request of Stephania Litwen.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of John Tymoczko, Anna Brelinsky and John Hubiak were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today.

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the **saints of North America** on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the Priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam Monastery, suggesting to the Abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

We celebrate today: **Saint Herman of Alaska, Protomartyr Juvenaly, Saint Peter the Aleut, Saint Jacob Netsvetov, Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Saint Alexis Toth, Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, Saint John Kochurov, Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, and Saint Nikolai of Zhicha**. In addition to these saints, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of saintliness.

**VENERABLE DAVID** was born in Thessalonica. At first, he lived a life of asceticism in the proximity of Thessalonica in a hut built beneath an almond tree. Later, he continued his asceticism in Thessaly. So much did he purify himself by fasting, prayer and all-night vigils that he was made worthy to receive great grace from God. Once he took live coals in his hand, placed incense on the coals and censured the emperor without any injury to his hand. Seeing this, the emperor bowed down to the ground before him. He amazed many people by his numerous miracles. He died peacefully and took up habitation in eternal blessedness in the year 540 A.D.

**A word from the desert.** Once, some monks asked Abba Paisius of Nitria which virtue is the highest of all, and he replied, "Those which are done in secret, and about which no one knows."

**Saint Corbican** of Ireland, Confessor in the Low Countries. 8th century. Corbican was an Irish recluse in the Low Countries who spent part of his day helping and instructing the common people.

**A word from the desert.** Great forbearance in the midst of sorrows and temptations was the mark of Father Ieronymos of Simonopetra (on Mount Athos), a brave soul with diamond-hard virtues who was unjustly kicked out of his monastery. He found refuge as an animal keeper at Koutloumousiou. From there he went to Kafsokalyvia and lived in a small hut which previously had been used for storing charcoal. He was chased away from there also and went to the metochion of Saint Charalambros in Thessaloniki. In spite of all these sorrows, he never stopped praying for his slanderers and accusers. from An Athonite Gerontikon

**Saint Babolenus of Fosses, Abbot.** Died c. 677. Babolenus migrated to France, where he became a monk at Luxeuil under Saint Columbanus. Later he was appointed the first abbot of Saint Peter's near Paris, which was renamed Saint-Maur-des-Fosses when the relics of Saint Maurus were brought there from Anjou. He was helped by Saint Fursey in the erection of many churches and hospitals in the diocese of Paris. Together they served the whole diocese under Bishops Audebert and Saint Landry.

**Saint John, Bishop of the Goths,** lived during the eighth century. The future saint was born in answer to the fervent prayer of his parents. From an early age, he lived a life of asceticism. The saint made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and spent three years visiting all the holy places. Then he returned to his native country. At that time the emperor Constantine Copronymos the Iconoclast (741-775) banished the Gothic bishop, and the Goths fervently entreated St John to become their bishop. Saint John went to Georgia, which was isolated from the Iconoclast heresy. There he was ordained. Upon his return to the Goths he was soon compelled to depart from them. Hidden away from the pursuing Khazars, he settled at Amastridia, where he dwelt for four years. Hearing about the death of the Khazar kagan (ruler), the saint said, "After forty days I shall go to be judged with him before Christ the Savior." Indeed, the saint died forty days later. This took place when he returned to his people, in the year 790. The saint's body was conveyed to the Parthenit monastery in the Crimea, at the foot of Mount Ayu-Dag, where the saint once lived in the large church he built in honor of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

**A word from Saint John Chrysostom.** For if you change from inhumanity to almsgiving, you have stretched forth the hand that was withered. If you withdraw from theaters and partying and go to church, you have cured the lame foot. If you draw back your eyes from a harlot, you have opened them when they were blind. These are the greatest miracles.

#### REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

##### • JULY 4 PARISH PICNIC HOSTING HIS GRACE BISHOP MICHAEL AND THE CLERGY FAMILIES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEANERY

On Monday, the Fourth of July, our Parish will hold a Parish Picnic on our church grounds. We will begin at 11:00 am. Bishop MICHAEL will serve a Moleben in Church for thanksgiving to God for all our blessings, for the good health of our country, especially those serving in the Armed Forces.

At some point during the day, His Grace will preside over a meeting of the New York Deanery.

Our parish will be providing grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, condiments, buns, macaroni salads, potato salads, chili or beans, melons, chips, dips, pretzels, soft drinks and other typical picnic food. We plan to have some games for the younger folks, a tent and chairs will be available for all the shady spots. Of course, the hall will be open for those who need to get out of the heat and sun and for use of the facilities.

• **July: Saint Andrew's Camp** will be held each of the four weeks from July 10 through August 6. For more information, see the website at: [StAndrewsCamp.com](http://StAndrewsCamp.com) or [StAndrewscamp.wordpress.com](http://StAndrewscamp.wordpress.com).

• **July 19: Diocesan Assembly** in Endicott, NY – online at: [http://nynjoca.org/diocesan\\_assembly\\_2011.html](http://nynjoca.org/diocesan_assembly_2011.html)

**Update from Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery:** I am very grateful for all the prayers. I am planning on phoning the surgeon's office again today, as we have not had any news about lab results. In my experience, this means good news -- when the biopsies have come back with a high grade of cancer, they have phoned right away to start talking about treatment options. I am truly hoping not to have to do chemo this summer. I will let you know as soon as I have any further news. The last time it looked as if the surgeon got everything and the biopsies came back the lowest stage, he didn't phone me -- he just told me that in the follow-up visit, which this time will be the 29th.

I am starting to feel much better – another good sign – and while I still have 2 days left of being under orders to have "complete rest," I went to Liturgy yesterday and I'll see what I can do now before I have to quit for the day!

We have a young woman in her twenties here again for a few weeks as an intern and thankfully she is a big help! So we shall see. The women corresponding and visiting now seem all to be younger, which is a blessing.

With love and prayers (and trusting in yours), Mother Raphaela

**"Many hands make light work."** – John Heywood. The rectory basement badly needs cleaning and painting. The more hands there are to help, the faster the work will go. No date has been set (we're thinking July 9), but if you'd like to be part of the work crew, please let Father know. So far we have a few volunteers. Thanks!