

- v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles
v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

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

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Meditation: Sunday of All The Saints

The first Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pentecost is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of All Saints. This day has been designated as a commemoration of all of the Saints, all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, and especially our most holy Lady, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary; both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the heavenly choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives.

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the Apostle Paul, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting 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, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). This commemoration began as the Sunday of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in various ways.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and helpers of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number increases with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, they who fulfilled the Gospel in deed the sayings of the Savior."

In this celebration today, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede on our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy we knowingly or unknowingly depend on every day of our life.

St. Nikolai - CONTEMPLATION:

Contemplate the action of the Holy Spirit upon the martyrs:

1. How the Holy Spirit provided them with comfort in their sufferings;
2. How occasionally, according to His will. He made their bodies immune to the effects of fire.

Evening Liturgy for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul; Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm.
At St. George Antiochian Church, 1118 Cherry Ave. NE. Canton

The prayer list will be updated next week, contact Deacon James.

PRAYERS requested:

For The Health and Salvation of:

Julian (Georgie & Corbin's grandson)
Gloria (Fr. Joe's nephew Dan's M-I-L)
Andrea Bartol (Steve & Sandy Bozeka's daughter)
Letitia Bella (Lynette Baier's mother)
Olympia Tillman (Father David's mother)
Helen (Father David's aunt)
Carl (friend of Father David)
Lisa "
Kitty "
Father David & Family
Father John Zdinak & Family
Gregory Cervo
Ann Cervo
Harper (13 yr. who just received heart transplant)
Arika (missing person) her mother Renee & sisters Ashley and Chloe.
Xavier Fox (abducted and abused child)
Emil DeSantis (Greg & Michelle's friend)

For The Repose of the Souls of the newly departed Servants:

+Todd David Maragas
+ Nicholas Tomich
+Subdeacon +Alexander McNeer

Coffee Hour: Steve & Sandy Bozeka