

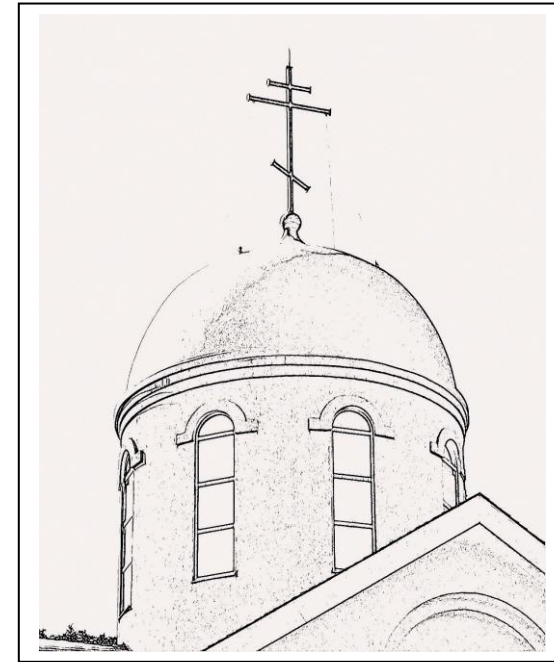
Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

The Synaxis of the Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles of Christ appears to be an ancient Feast. The Church honors each of the Twelve Apostles on separate dates during the year, and has established a general commemoration for all of them on the day after the commemoration of the Glorious and First-Ranked among the Apostles Peter and Paul.

The holy God-crowned Emperor Constantine the Great (May 21) built a church in Constantinople in honor of the Twelve Apostles. There are instructions for celebrating this Feast which date from the fourth century. For lists of the Apostles' names, see: Mt.10:2, Mark 3:14, Luke 6:12, Acts 1:13, 26.

- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Andrew the First-called is also commemorated on November 30. He was the brother of Saint Peter (June 29).
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle James is also commemorated on April 30. He and his brother John are the sons of Zebedee, and were called “sons of Thunder” (Mark 3: 17).
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist, virgin, and beloved friend of Christ, John the Theologian is also commemorated on September 26 and May 8. He and his brother James are the sons of Zebedee, and were called “sons of Thunder” (Mark 3:17).
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Philip is also commemorated on November 14.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Bartholomew is also commemorated on June 11 and August 25.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Thomas is also commemorated on October 6 and on the Sunday after Pascha.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle and Evangelist Matthew is also commemorated on November 16.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus, is also commemorated on October 9.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Jude is also commemorated on June 19. He is also known as Thaddeus (but should not be confused with Saint Thaddeus of the Seventy, who is commemorated on August 21), and was the brother of Saint James (October 23).
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Simon the Zealot is also commemorated on May 10.
- The holy, glorious, all-laudable Apostle Matthias is also commemorated on August 9.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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June 30, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
All Saints

Tone 8. "Seven Arrows". Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphæus, Jude, the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (1st c.). St. Peter, Prince of Ordinsk (Rostov—1290). Translation of the Relics of St. Sophroný, Bishop of Irkutsk (1918).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 and 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 and Mark 3:13-19

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – **6:00pm Great Vespers**

Sunday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 and Hebrews 11:33 - 12:2

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 and Matthew 4:25 - 5:12



All Saints

*Two armed chairs have been placed on each side of the entry door to the narthex. These are intended for people with **mobility issues**. Please use these chairs only if you have such issues. Many thanks!*

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Paul Kucynda, Mary Herelick, Tami Economou, Zoran Pejovic, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Maryann Sivilic, Leo Radionoff, and Lori Ratushnik.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the Vespers of Pentecost. **The reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Annunciations

TODAY – Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Vespers of Pentecost. **Team #4** is in charge.

TODAY – A **baby shower for Matushka Mihaela Pejovic** will be held at the Parish Hall at 4:00pm. **All are invited.** Please RSVP to Matushka Mary or Tara Paxton.

TODAY – The **July Parish Calendar** will be posted to the parish website. Please consult the calendar for parish services and events.

THIS THURSDAY - Have a safe and patriotic **Independence Day!**

Please continue to use the **clothing bin** located in the church parking lot. Each donation of clothing or shoes helps the parish financially. Many thanks for your participation.

SAVE THE DATE! The **Annual Parish Ethnic Fair** will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024! Please mark your calendars!

Let us assemble, O faithful, for the present festival;
for a spiritual table and a mystical chalice is set before us,
filled with the delightful foods of gladness, the virtues of the Martyrs!
Steadfast in soul, from the ends of the earth,
they brought to God as a reasonable sacrifice,
the various tortures applied to their bodily limbs in the prime of their lives.
Some underwent beheading,
others the severing of their arms and of every joint;
and together, all the Saints became partakers of Christ's sufferings.
But, O Lord, Who gavest them crowns as rewards for their torments,
count us worthy to live according to their example,//
as Thou art the Lover of man!

From the Litya for the Feast of All Saints

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Today – Martha Christos

Monday – Ruth Federoff

Tuesday – Jocelyn Price

Friday – Tara Paxton

Saturday – George Stavrou

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Friday – Andrew & Sarah Bair (#4)

***Please pray for vocations
to the Holy Priesthood!***

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