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May 31, 2026 – 1st Sunday After Pentecost – ALL SAINTS

Schedule

Sun June 7, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship. *All Saints.*

*Tomorrow, June 8, we begin the **Apostles' Fast**, lasting **until Monday June 29** (the feast of Ss Peter & Paul). This fast is in honor of the "sending out" of the Apostles, who now must do the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. Regardless of your ability to fast, please use this time to pray for the continued outpouring of the Spirit throughout the world and in this area, that He may draw all people to faith.*

Sat June 13, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun June 14, 9am – Divine Liturgy & fellowship. *All Saints of N. America. Parish Council at Coffee Hour.*

Sat June 20, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun June 21, 9am – Divine Liturgy. ***Inquirer's Fellowship** after Coffee Hour.*

Wednesday June 24 is the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist.
Tues June 23, 6:00pm – Great Vespers & Litya
Wed June 24, 9:00am – Divine Liturgy

*Sat June 27, 2-4pm – **Know-Your-Faith Class***
Sat June 27, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun June 28, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship -- *Followed by abbreviated **Vespers** for the Feast of **Ss. Peter & Paul**.*
Mon June 29, 9am – Divine Liturgy for Ss. Peter & Paul

Sun June 28 – Sat July 4: St Tikhon's Summer Camp

Looking ahead: Sun July 19: Knoebel's Picnic, sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America.

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion for All Saints (Tone 8)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / "Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, // grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

(Glory, now & ever) Kontakion for All Saints (Tone 8)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs / as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Today's Scripture

These scriptures are given in the bulletin for anyone who has difficulty hearing during the service (and so we can read them again at home).

If you are able to hear in church, it is better to set the bulletin down and "hear with the ears" instead, so that the Scriptures may penetrate more deeply into our hearts.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Brethren: All the Saints through faith 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 flight 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, 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.

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

The Lord said to his disciples, “Every one 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.

... “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever 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 wife 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.”

Prayers

The newly-departed: Fr Joseph Gallick (4/4). Stephanie Hojnicki (4/15). Vera Eckert (4/25).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Elizabeth Meyer, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay.

For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon.

For our diocese’s seminarians and families: Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz (Luka, Noah, & Magdalena), Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

Announcements

Food Donations for Helping Harvest are going strong! **THANK YOU!** Please see the separate flyer detailing our progress in this ministry. And thank you to Stephanie Selis for helping to lead this effort.

Attendance

Sun Apr 19: 28 adults, 2 children (Communion: 18 adults, 2 children)
Sun Apr 26 Liturgy: 25 adults, 0 children (Communion: 16 adults, 0 children)
Sun May 24 Liturgy: 37 adults, 7 children (Communion: 27 adults, 3 children)
Sun May 31 Liturgy: 27 adults, 5 children

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Spiritual gifts are for the benefit of the Church; they are given **not for the individual's sake, but for the common good of the community**. The Holy Spirit distributes the gifts as He wills, according to **the needs of the Church**… Every gift from the Holy Spirit is intended **to build up the Church and strengthen faith**. They should not be used for personal gain or self-glorification, but to **serve the community** and **fortify faith**…

The Holy Spirit is the main agent in the life of the Church. He **grants** us the power to serve, **teaches** us the truth, and **guides** us in the way of righteousness. Every **successful** ministry in the Church is due to the work of the Holy Spirit… Just as one body has many members, each with its own function, so **the Church has multiple gifts**, each serving a specific **purpose** and complementing the other gifts…

– St John Chrysostom

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
June 7	Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Kyle & Daria Teter
	June 8 - 29: Apostles' Fast	
June 14	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
June 21	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
June 28	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.*

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer****,* ***fasting****, and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*