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June 14, 2026 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints of North America

Schedule

*We continue the **Apostles' Fast, until Mon. June 29** (the feast of Ss Peter & Paul).*

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 a small **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 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Troparion for All Saints of North America (Tone 8)

As the bountiful harvest of Thy sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to Thee, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Kontakion for All Saints of North America (Tone 3)

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / With them the Angels glorify Him, / and all the Saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; // and together they all pray for us to the Pre-eternal God.

To the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Prayers

The newly-departed: Vera Eckert (4/25).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, 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.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Brethren: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Announcements

Mary's Shelter is seeking donations of gently-worn shoes (or even new shoes), for any age. They have set a goal of 10,000 pairs by the end of summer! Shoes can be dropped off at Mary's Shelter, 615 Kenhorst Blvd, Reading. *OR, maybe a parishioner can create a collection box here at St Herman's, and take them periodically?*

Reading Hospital is seeking daytime volunteers for its "No One Dies Alone" program to remain at bedside with patients at end-of-life. "Volunteers receive comprehensive training and are asked only to offer their time and presence by sitting quietly with patients, reading to them, or simply offering a hand to hold." Volunteers must be 18 and submit to a background check. Please let Fr John know if you are interested. (Perhaps if there are multiple parishioners, we can go to training as a group.)

We are continuing our collection for Jess Sullivan who is battling cancer. Cash or Amazon gift cards are the most useful. See Kathy Wanenchak or Marina Long (or if they are unavailable, write "For Jessica" on a blank envelope). *Please keep Jess (Philothea) and her whole family in your fervent prayers.*

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	Church Clean-up
	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

Attendance

Sun Apr 19 Liturgy: 30 (28 A, 2 C)
Sun Apr 26 Liturgy: 25
Sun May 24 Liturgy: 44 (37 A, 7 C)
Sun May 31 Liturgy: 32 (27 A, 5 C)
Sun Jun 7 Liturgy: 28

Christianity did not have its beginning in a book but in a person—the man Jesus. This man lived a life and conducted a whole ministry of preaching and teaching without writing anything down. In fact, the majority of His immediate disciples wrote nothing down either. Yet Christ's followers continued to preach, pray, and organize themselves into groups of worshipers long before anything like a "canon of Scripture" was established as a standard for all Christians. It would be decades before all the Gospels were written and centuries before all the writings were compiled and recognized as "the books" of the Church (*biblia* in Latin).

Yet somehow the early Christians already had a concrete understanding of what their religion was about—not just as a collection of ideas but as a living thing. This religion was solid enough to endure in spite of almost relentless persecution by pagans and Jews alike, and then to spread across the entire Roman Empire. The thing that was being spread and shared and that captured people's hearts was not a text; it was a certain kind of *life*—not just a "lifestyle," but life of a certain energy or quality.

– Zachary Porcu, *Journey to Reality: Sacramental Life in a Secular Age* (Ancient Faith Publishing, 2024), 7-8.

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.*