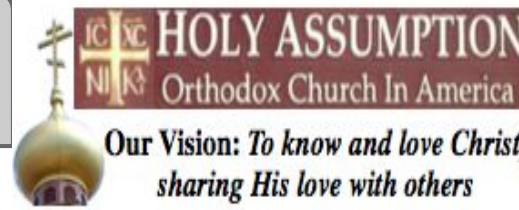


SUNDAY: JUNE 11 TONE 8
1ST Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints



*Our Vision: To know and love Christ,
sharing His love with others*

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Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)
You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from
our sufferings!
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)
As with fine porphyry and royal purple,
Your Church has been adorned with Your martyr's
blood shed through-
out all the world.
She cries to You, O Christ God:
"Send down Your bounties on Your people,//
grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to
our souls!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)
The universe offers You the God-bearing Martyrs
as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.
By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation,
in abiding peace//
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)
Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
(Ps 75/76:11)

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in
Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Saints)
God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel. (Ps 67/68:35)
Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2 who 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, who for the joy that was set
before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God.

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
*v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them
out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)*
*v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver
them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)*

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

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

June 11 - Commemoration of the Appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a Monk on Mt. Athos, and the Revelation of the Hymn, "It Is Truly Meet..." Or Axion Estin

The "It is Truly Meet" Icon of the Mother of God is in the high place of the altar of the cathedral church of the Karyes monastery on Mount Athos.

One Saturday night an Elder went to Karyes for the all-night Vigil. He left, instructing his disciple to remain behind and read the service in their cell. As it grew dark, the disciple heard a knock on the door. When he opened the door, he saw an unknown monk who called himself Gabriel, and he invited him to come in. They stood before the icon of the Mother of God and read the service together with reverence and compunction.

During the Ninth Ode of the Canon, the disciple began to sing "My soul magnifies the Lord..." with the Irmos of Saint Cosmas the Hymnographer (October 14), "More honorable than the Cherubim...."

The stranger sang the next verse, "For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden...." Then he chanted something the disciple had never heard before, "It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God..." Then he continued with, "More honorable than the Cherubim...."

While the hymn was being sung, the icon of the Theotokos shone with a heavenly light. The disciple was moved by the new version of the familiar hymn, and asked his guest to write the words down for him. When the stranger asked for paper and ink, the disciple said that they did not have any.

The stranger took a roof tile and wrote the words of the hymn on its surface with his finger. The disciple knew then that this was no ordinary monk, but the Archangel Gabriel. The angel said, "Sing in this manner, and all the Orthodox as well." Then he disappeared, and the icon of the Mother of God continued to radiate light for some time afterward.

The Eleousa Icon of the Mother of God, before which the hymn "It Is Truly Meet" was first sung, was transferred to the katholikon at Karyes. The tile, with the hymn written on it by the Archangel Gabriel, was taken to Constantinople when Saint Nicholas Chrysoberges (December 16) was Patriarch.

Numerous copies of the "It Is Truly Meet" Icon are revered in Russian churches. At the Galerna Harbor of Peterburg a church with five cupolas was built in honor of the Merciful Mother of God, and into it they put a grace-bearing copy of the "It Is Truly Meet" icon sent from Athos. www.oca.org

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

JUNE 11 **BYRNES**,

Powell, Mudrak

JUNE 18 - "Fathers' Day"

PotLuck

June 25 - **KISHA**,

Kisha-Wise, Monahan,

Condo

Please sign-up for the next round of coffee hour. Weeks will be assigned after the opportunity to sign up

UPCOMING

Sunday, June 11

9:10 Hours

9:30 Liturgy

Coffee Hour

There will be no Wednesday evening services in June or July.

Sat., June 17 - Vespers

Sunday, June 18

9:10 Hours

9:30 Liturgy

"Father's Day Pot-Luck"

For your calendar:

July 16 - Parish Picnic

July 21 & 22 (Fri & Saturday) -

Pierogies

Aug 13-Dormition Fest

WELCOME VISITORS

We are delighted to have visitors with us. We pray that you will be blessed in your time with us. Holy Communion is treated with reverence, respect and preparation in the Orthodox Church.

Orthodox Christians prepare with confession, prayer, and fasting. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to participate with us in any other ways including venerating the icons, Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of Liturgy.

Sunday School is finished for the year!

Thank you to all parents for bringing their children! This is something you are doing for the salvation of your kids!

Thanks to all the children who participated! It has been a joy for all involved! Matushka Trudi