

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

June 28th, 2015

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints**

**4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.** Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412). Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeiksk (Novgorod—1262). Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam (ca. 1353). St. Paul the Physician, of Corinth. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "THE THREE HANDS" (8th c.).

**Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)**  
Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

**Tone 5 Troparion (Cyrus and John)**  
You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs, Cyrus and John, as an invincible rampart, O Christ God; through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, // for You alone are good and love mankind.

**Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)**  
On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 3 Kontakion (Cyrus and John)**  
Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, you work wonders in the world unceasingly. You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, // for you are truly divine physicians.

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)**  
Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing

praises! (Ps 46/47:6)  
v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
(Ps 46/47:1)

**Epistle** Romans 6:18-23

**Tone 3** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

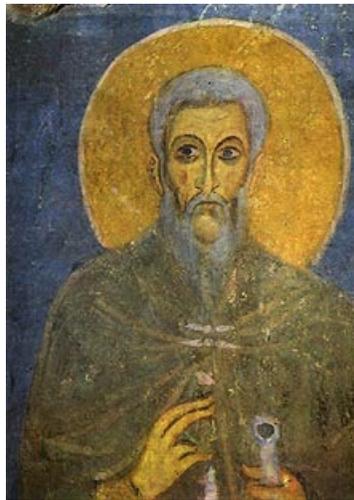
v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)  
v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!  
(Ps 30/31:2)

**Gospel** Matthew 8:5-13

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Statement concerning June 26 US Supreme Court decision by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America June 28, 2015 (from oca.org)**



To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America:

Dearly Beloved,

The recent ruling by the US Supreme Court on the legality of "same-sex marriages" has received much press coverage and has already caused some consternation about its implications and ramifications. But we Orthodox Christians must rest assured that the teaching of our Holy Church on the Mystery of Marriage remains the same as it has been for millennia.

Over the past few years, the Holy Synod of Bishops of our Orthodox Church in America has issued a number of statements outlining, detailing and clarifying the teaching of our Holy Faith on this matter in light of challenges from our American society. These teachings remain in effect, in spite of the Supreme Court's decision. Links to these statements are provided below.

As we reflect on the Supreme Court's ruling, we should thank Almighty God that we live in a country that allows us the First Amendment rights to worship freely, practice what we believe as Orthodox Christians, and live as examples of Christ our Savior and His love for others.

The ruling does not change the teaching of the Church, but it does remind us of the need to be Christ-like in our dealings with everyone. The state has the responsibility to enact laws that protect the rights of each individual. The Church, while it does not bless "same-sex marriages" or view them as sacramental, does see the image of Christ in every individual, and his or her worth in the eyes of the Lord Who died upon the Cross for our salvation.



As the Orthodox Church in America, it is our responsibility to care for those who are in need, help those who are victims of prejudice, racism or persecution of any kind, and to pro-

vide for those who are sick, destitute, homeless or imprisoned.

The Church’s mission continues, and we have a great responsibility to be “all things to all people,” so that we all may be “one in Christ,” and hear on the last day, “Well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (Matthew 25:21).

With love in the Lord,

+ Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

### Statements of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on the Mystery of Marriage : (see oca.org for links)

- Encyclical Letter of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America on Marriage
- Synodal Affirmation of the Mystery of Marriage
- Synodal Affirmations on Marriage, Family, Sexuality, and the Sanctity of Life
- OCA Reaffirms SCOBA Statement in Wake of Massachusetts Same-Sex Marriage Ruling
- “The Orthodox Faith” - Volume IV - Spirituality Sexuality, Marriage and Family
- The Homosexual Christian

## Announcements

Fr Stacey and his family will be leaving on vacation from June 25 until July 7 inclusive. In case of pastoral emergency please contact Fr Basil Shaheen at 330-497-9677.

The parish newsletter has been finished and is in your mailbox. Extra copies are available. Please understand this is the first issue and it is a work in progress. Not perfect, but it will be evolving in the next issues. Please consider contributing to help make it better.

Please make sure to take one of the news pages on the **Hogar Raphael Ayau Orphanage** in Guatemala. These are on the candle desk in the foyer. The Hogar is the orphanage that we support regularly at \$50 a month minimum, sometimes more. The little house on the candle desk is for collecting donations for the Hogar. Please remember to give toward this! It is a very worthy cause!

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

### CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

#### Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

#### This Week:

Today	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

Wednesday	
<b>Daily Vespers</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>

### Coffee Hour Schedule



**JUNE 21** FEDORKO, MILLERTER, POWELL, BRANDON  
**JUNE 28** HAYWOOD, HUBA, KRAJCI, KOSITA

See Bulletin board for the complete list

Saturday	
<b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>5 PM</b>

Next Sunday	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>

Upcoming	
<b>Children's Festival</b>	<b>Aug 16</b>