



Weekly Bulletin

Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

The Feast of All Saints

**Troparion of the Resurrec-
tion, 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 of the Feast,
Tone 4**

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout the world. She cries out to thee, O Christ God: send down Thy bounties on Thy people.

Thoughts for the work of the Holy Spirit...

"Creation is a slave; the Spirit sets free. Creation stands in need of life; the Spirit is the Life-Giver. Creation needs instruction; the Spirit is the Teacher. Creation is sanctified; the Spirit is the Sanctifier."

St. Basil the Great

The 1st Sunday after Pentecost Tone 8, July th , Matt. 10:32-33;37-38

Today, beloved brethren, we celebrate in one joyful solemnity the feast day of all the Saints. In their society Heaven exults, in their protection earth rejoices, in their triumphs the holy Church is crowned. The more endurance they showed in giving witness, the brighter is the glory of that witness; for, as the battle was fiercer, the glory of the fighters was greater. The many kinds of suffering enhance the triumph of martyrdom; and the greater the torments, the greater also the reward. Our Mother the catholic Church, spread far and wide over the whole earth, was taught in Jesus Christ her Head to fear neither insults, crosses, nor death. Grown stronger and stronger, not by resisting but by enduring, She has breathed the will to victory into all those whose containment in this earthly prison forms them into an opposing army, that they may be inspired to fight the good fight with no less ardent courage than these who have gone before.

O truly blessed Mother Church, basking in the glow of God's favor, adorned with the glorious blood of the victorious martyrs and clothed in the virginal white of an untarnished Orthodoxy! Her garlands lack neither the rose nor the lily. We should each then strive, dear brothers, to gain the great dignity of these two honors, either the white crowns of virginity or the red of suffering. In the Heavenly camps, both peace and war have their garlands with which to crown the soldiers of Christ.

For the unutterable and immense goodness of God has seen to it that the time of labor and struggle should be neither prolonged nor long-drawn-out nor endless, but that it should rather be brief and, as we might say, momentary. For the struggles and the labors belong to this short and hard life, but the crowns and the rewards of merit to that which is eternal. The labors, then, will be ended quickly, but the rewards of merit will continue without end. And after the darkness of this world, we are to see the most radiant light and to receive a blessedness greater than the bitterness of all sufferings, as the Apostle testifies when he says, "The sufferings of this present age are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come that will be revealed in us." Through the prayers of our venerable Father Bede, O Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

From the Lives of the Saints...THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND PRAISE WORTHY APOSTLES

Even though each of the Twelve Great Apostles has his own particular feast day during the

Announcements and Activities

Great Vespers– Saturday, 5:30 PM.

Divine Liturgy – Sunday, at 10AM.

Coffee Hour– This week’s Coffee Hour is our monthly potluck. Next week’s Coffee Hour will be sponsored by Edie and Julia.

Church School/Adult Ed– summer recess until October. Church School teachers and prospective teachers (much needed) will meet on July 7, after the Liturgy.

July BBQ– please distribute those flyers and be sure to plan on coming yourselves. More about that in the weeks to come.

Consecration Committee– things are going well in our plans. Our new altar arrived in to US Customs this past Wednesday. Pray that we’ll get it through customs in a timely fashion. We have secured a block of rooms at the Radisson. Matushka, Sunday, Elise Laura Beth, Darryl and others have successfully prepared and sent out our RSVP cards for the banquet. Heather is working diligently in preparing the choir. We have set up refreshments to be served between the end of the Liturgy and the banquet, in the hall. Thank you to all who are working hard and accomplishing much. Fr. Lawrence is working with his son on a desire to have a livestream of the altar being consecrated on a large screen in the Nave, so those present can see this beautiful rite. We’ll see if that comes about. We still have to prepare for off-site parking and, there’s a good chance, a shuttle to bring people on site. We will meet in July, by zoom or in person, to take care of all remaining details and to be ready for the event.

Pray for... Sarah, the daughter of Fr. Lawrence’s godfather. **Reposed**– Kalche. Eutychia’s husband: **Stephen– battling cancer.** **Barbara H.** health issues. **Archbishop Benjamin**– our Vladyka, parkinsons. **Luci F.** recovering from knee procedure. Fr.’s grandson, **Christian, joint pain and problems from an inherited gene.**

year, the Church has set aside this day as a general feast of all the apostles together, and Paul with them. These are the names and the separate feast days of the Holy Twelve:

SAINT PETER	June 29 and January 16
SAINT ANDREW	November 30
SAINT JAMES, THE SON OF ZEBEDEE	April 30
SAINT JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN	September 26 and May 8
SAINT PHILIP	November 14
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW	June 11 and August 25
SAINT THOMAS	October 6
SAINT MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST	November 16
SAINT JAMES, THE SON OF ALPHEUS	October 9
SAINT THADDEUS OR JUDE, THE BROTHER OF JAMES	June 19
SAINT SIMON THE ZEALOT	May 10
SAINT MATTHIAS	August 9
SAINT PAUL	June 29

Let us also recall how each one of these, the most holy and selfless men in the history of the world, ended his earthly life:

Saint Peter was crucified upside down.

Saint Andrew was crucified.

Saint James, the son of Zebedee was beheaded.

Saint John the Theologian died in a miraculous manner.

Saint Philip was crucified.

Saint Bartholomew was crucified, scrapped (flayed) and beheaded.

Saint Thomas was pierced with five spears.

Saint Matthew the Evangelist was burned alive.

Saint James, the son of Alphaeus was crucified.

Saint Thaddeus or Jude, the Brother of James was crucified.

Saint Simon the Zealot was crucified.

Saint Matthias was stoned and then beheaded after death.

Saint Paul was beheaded.

Taken from, The Prologue of Ochrid, by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

“There do not exist many or few, nor small or great problems. The only problem is the absence of Christ from our lives” (From the life and teachings of Elder Epiphanius Theodoropoulos)