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### **The Sunday of All Saints**

On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

### **Verses**

Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;  
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.  
Amen.

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**June 14, 2020**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Sunday of All Saints**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews: 11:33-12:2

**Gospel Reading:** St. Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

## Saints of the Day

Prophet Elisha; Methodios the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Niphon of Athos, Cyril, Bishop of Crete.

## **A message from the Parish Council:**

Dear Parishioners,

We have been given an unusual test of our faith during this year. We are threatened physically by a virus and, for many, by loss of income. Our life patterns have suddenly been disrupted. We were planning to sustain ourselves by regular church attendance but, at times, are finding it difficult or stressful to go. For those who are medically fragile, worship has been limited to the icon corner at home. Regrettably, our church's expenses, and especially the need to compensate our Priest, do not abate. As part of your spiritual discipline, please remember your pledge and, if you are able, continue to make your regular contributions when you cannot attend the Liturgy, by mail, or by going to our website, [stbasilneworleans.org](http://stbasilneworleans.org) and clicking on the link. May this crisis be of short

duration and may it prove to be a source of spiritual growth for you and our St. Basil congregation—Rob Booms, Parish Council Chairman

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



The possum family is raising several young ones. We have to teach them to be good but they do get into mischief. Quite often they will lie about what they did. When they finally come clean, we discipline them. We tell them that we expect them to do better and that we still love them. So it is with the Orthodox sacrament of confession. All of us are sinners who carry about the weight of our sins. Over time, these really pile up and get in the way of our relationship with the Lord. We wonder if we are still properly prepared to receive Communion. In the Russian church, folks are expected to go to confession before every receipt of the Holy Gifts. For many of us, the corona virus kept us from physically attending church and going to confession. If you are burdened with sin and it has been a while since your last confession, Father Peter is always available to see you and can make arrangements for social distancing and facemasks, if desired. Absolution of sins provides great relief and serves to remind us that God loves us in spite of our weaknesses. Pogo, our possum forbear, often said that confession is good for the soul. And so it is. —God bless all, Theo

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## ***Spiritual Counsels...***

"The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, observing the evil and the good." – Prov. 15:3

**Today's Ushers: ???.** **Next Week: ???.**

**Today's coffee hour:** Team #. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team #.  
(suspended until further notice)

As of June 9, 2020, 42 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$84,710.  
The donations for May 2020 totaled \$13,451.00. The expenses were  
\$20,332.79, for an end-of-month balance of \$27,802.52. Thank you.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their June meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

The **Parish Council** shall hold their June meeting next Sunday, June 21, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members are asked to attend.

There is no fasting from Saturday, June 6, until Sunday, June 14 in celebration of the Great Feast of Pentecost.

The Apostles Fast begins Monday, June 15 and lasts until and including June 28. The usual fasting discipline is observed—no meat, dairy, oil or alcohol products during the week. However, alcohol and oil are permitted on the weekends.

On Monday morning, June 29, we, God willing, shall celebrate the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. Please see the worship schedule for more details.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers' Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is postponed until further notice. A potluck meal is included followed by a discussion.