

Sunday of All Saints of North America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America. Their example encourages us to “lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us” and to “run with patience the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians

Saint Juvenal was killed in 1799. Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death in 1816. Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), labored as missionaries in the 19th Century. Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners were received into the Orthodox Church on March 25, 1891. Saint Tikhon (Belavin) (April 7, October 9), came to America in 1898. Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Bishop to be consecrated in North America. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America, later being martyred by the communists.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

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Readings

Epistle Romans 2: 10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Gospel Matthew 4:18-23; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Tone 1 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

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!”

Tone 8 Troparion (*All Saints of North America*)

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!

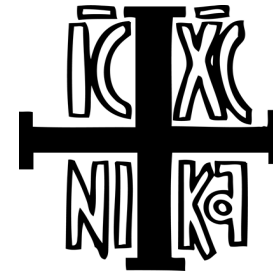
Tone 1 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

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!”

Tone 3 Kontakion (*All Saints of North America*)

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.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, June 18th - *Sunday of All Saints of North America*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 22nd - *Hieromartyr Eusebius*

- 7:00 PM - Class in Port Townsend

Friday, June 23rd - *Martyr Agrippina of Rome*

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers

Saturday, June 24th - *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers