

## The Synaxis of the Saints of North America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day. Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. 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. Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. 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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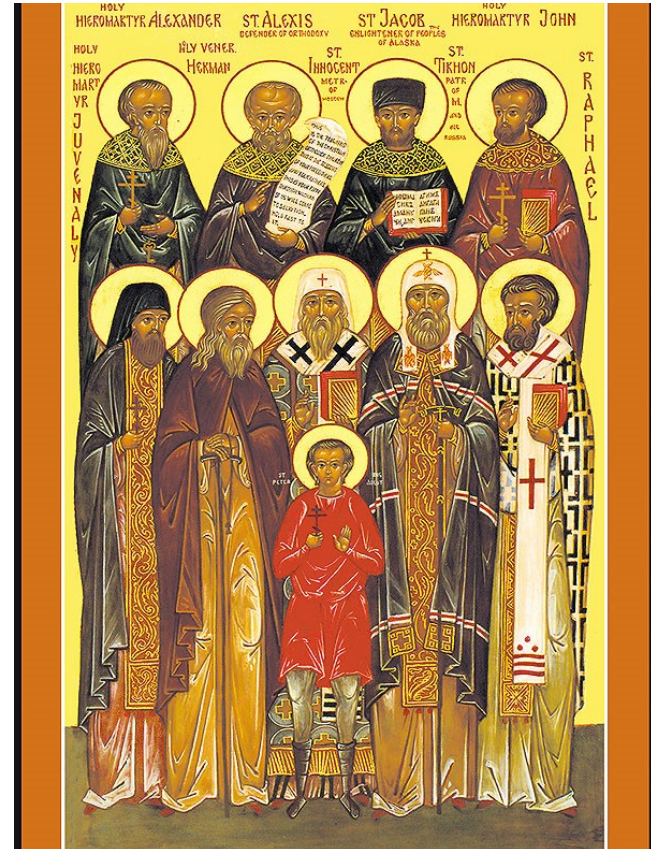
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Martyr Julian of Tarsus; St. Julius of Novara  
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**Readings**

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!// lory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!"

Tone 8 Troparion (All Saints of 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 21<sup>st</sup> - Synaxis of the Saints of North America**

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy outdoors

**Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Martyr Agrippina of Rome**

- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

- 8:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - Ven Sampson the Hospitable**

- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers