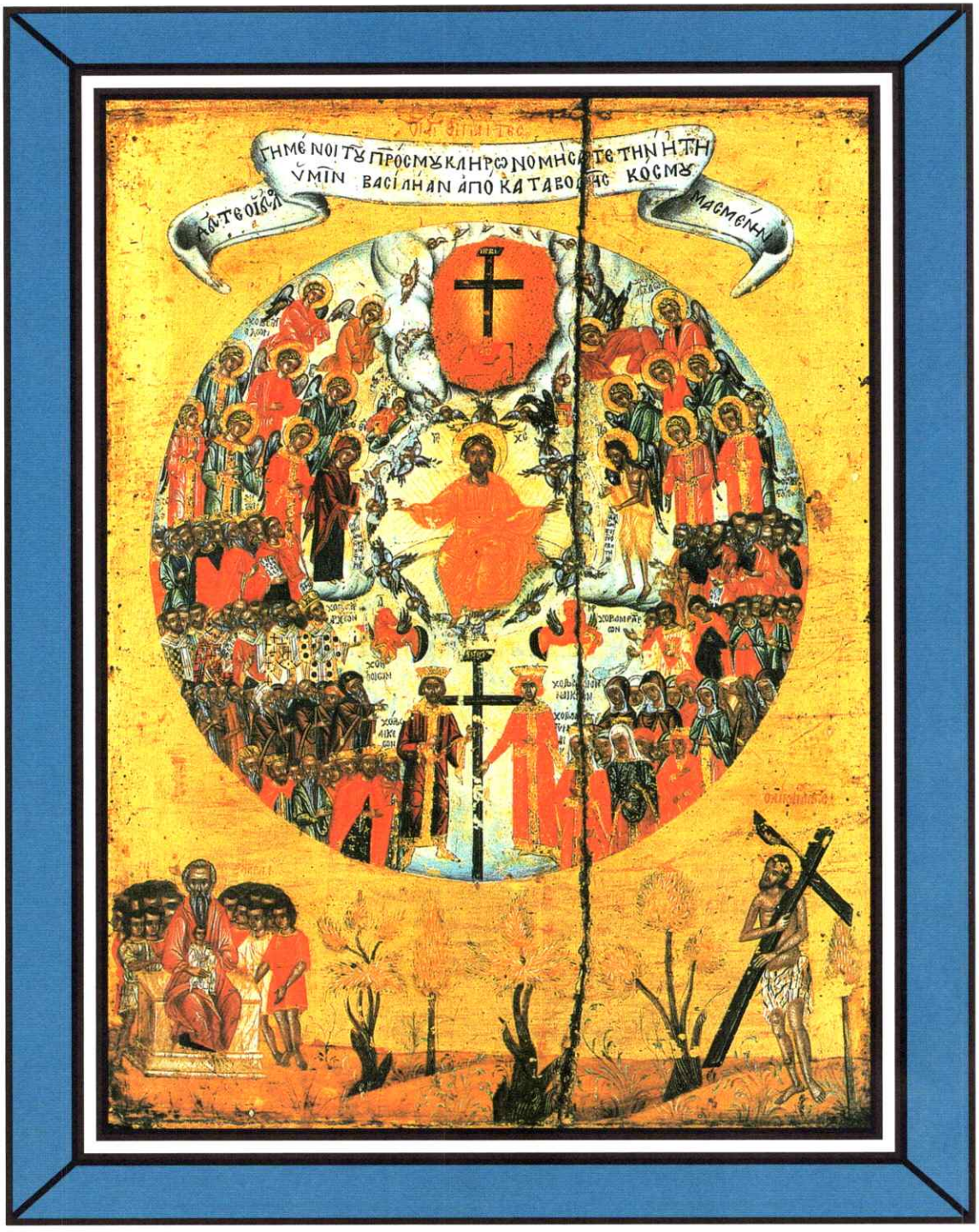
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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR.**

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

June 7, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of June 7 - 14, 2026
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, June 7 – All Saints Sunday – Tone 8
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Baptism: Sofia Vesper
Coffee Hour

Monday – June 8
Begin the Fast of the Apostles

Tuesday, June 9
8:00 AM – Butter and Onions.

Wednesday, June 10
6:30 PM - Parish Board Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, June 11
7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, June 12
8:00 AM – Pinching pyrohy

Saturday, June 13
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, June 14 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

All Saints – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38-19:27-30
Monday – 2:28-3:18; Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11
Tuesday – Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21
Wednesday – Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 7:21-23
Thursday – Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 8:23-27
Friday – Romans 5:17-6:2; Matthew 9:14-17
Saturday – Romans 3:19-26; Matthew 7:1-8
2nd Sunday – Matthew 16:1-8; Liturgy: Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23

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The Deeper Meaning of Success

Today is the Sunday of All Saints. Liturgically it is the last of the movable holydays for this year, that is, a holyday which depends on the date of Pascha [Easter].God does not ask us to be successful as the world measures it. He simply calls us to go forth and bear good fruit for the glory of the Father and be faithful. We live in times which put tremendous pressure on the individual to excel. Young people feel this pressure from their earliest years and they work hard all along the way to get promoted in order to get into a good college, in order to be able to command a good salary. But is "having money" the bottom line of a good life? Jesus didn't think so. He asked that we seek first the Kingdom of God; to put God first and seek His will.

It's worth remembering that God doesn't love us because we are successful or even because we are good. He loves us because we are little. He wants us to be good, but our success or failure does not change His attitude toward us. His love is constant, like the sun; it shines on good and bad alike. His love endures forever.

Five thousand years ago, the psalmist said that he felt toward God like "... a child in its mother's arms." God loves us and allows us to remain little and spiritually immature (which means prone to sin) to teach us the importance of depending on Him. If God loved only those who were not sinners, there would be no one at all for Him to love for we all have sinned.

When a true lover loves, he doesn't smother or overpower the beloved. He treats the loved one with respect, giving him or her the freedom to respond without duress. God does that with each of us. He loves us, and leads us ever so gently. The Holy Spirit exerts a subtle attraction on the soul, drawing us in a direction we

probably would not have chosen for ourselves. It is not necessarily in the, direction of worldly success.

The saints often spoke of the happiness they found working among the poorest of the poor, suffering great privation in order to be available for others. They end up doing things they never envisioned for themselves when they were young. Read the lives of the saints and you will find ample evidence of a mysterious transformation in their ambition. The change is always related to the action of grace and the degree of their own prayerfulness.

If possible look up your patronal saints and try to imitate their goodness As we have heroes in the world it is good to have heavenly heroes whom we can strive to imitate

Therefore, never be discouraged if you are not successful as the world views success. Maybe God is calling you higher. All you really have to be is little. The Holy Spirit, who leads where He will, only wants your happiness. So be at peace. God is in control.

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Just as the Father is never ignorant of the Son, nor the Son of the Father, just so neither are the saints. They are become gods by adoption through having God indwelling them. They can never be ignorant of each other, but shall look on one another and on each one's glory, like the Son the Father's glory and the Father on the Son's. What then shall be the glory of the saints? It will be like the Son of God's. The latter Himself points out this very truth most clearly when He says: `The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one' (Jn. 17:22).
St. Symeon the New Theologian, **On the Mystical Life**

The Lives of the Saints are holy testimonies of the miraculous power of our Lord Jesus Christ. In reality they are the testimonies of the Acts of the Apostles, only continued throughout the ages. The saints are nothing other than holy witnesses, like the Holy Apostles, who were the first witnesses - of what?, of the God-man Jesus Christ: of Him crucified, resurrected, ascended into heaven and eternally alive;...
Fr. (St.) Justin Popovich, **Orthodox Faith and Life in Christ**

The lives and praises of the saints are like the stars in brilliance. Because of their number, we do not know the names of all the saints; still, they amaze us by their

radiant majesty, as do the stars, which while fixed in their position in the heavens, illumine all that is below, being seen by the Indians, yet not concealed from the Scythians, shining upon the land and guiding by their light those at sea. Similarly, the radiance of the saints, though their relics be entombed in sepulchers, is not bounded by the ends of this earth here below. Therefore, we marvel at their lives and are amazed at how God has glorified them that please Him.
St. Dimitry of Rostov, **The Great Collection of The Lives of the Saints, Vol. 1**

The Fast of the Apostles

The holy Apostles prepared themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit with prayer and fasting. They prayed and fasted much before they went to preach the Gospel. After prayer and fasting they ordained new (deacons and) presbyters for apostolic work, as we read in Acts of the Apostles "and when they had ordained to them priests in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, in whom they believed." (Acts of the Apostles 14:22) ST. John Chrysostom said that "the Apostles almost always fasted." (**Sermon 57 on St. Matthew**).

So also holy Church from the earliest times has prepared her faithful with prayer and fasting for the great feast of the Major Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul whose memory we celebrate on June 29 (July 12), along with the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles the following day. Because this fast occurs after the holy season of Pentecost, in ancient times it was sometimes called the fast of Pentecost. Other titles are also given to this fast, it is known as the fast of the Holy Apostles , the Apostolic fast. The Fast of Peter and the Summer Fast. Our people called it Petrivka. When was the fast of Peter instituted and how long did it last?

The fast of the holy Apostles is very ancient, dating back to the first centuries of Christianity. We have the testimony of St. Athanasius the Great, St. Ambrose of Milan, St. Leo the Great and Theodoret of Cyrrhus regarding it. The oldest testimony regarding the Petrivka fast is given to us by St. Athanasius the Great (+373). In his letter to Emperor Constance, in speaking of the persecution by the Arians, he writes: "During the week following holy Pentecost, the people who observed the fast went out to the cemetery to pray." "The Lord so ordained it," says Ambrose (+397), "that as we have participated in his sufferings during the Forty Days, so we should rejoice in His Resurrection during the season of Pentecost. We do not fast during the season of Pentecost, since our Lord Himself was present among us during those days...Christ's presence was like nourishing food for the Christians. So too, during Pentecost, we feed on the Lord who is present among us. On the days following His Ascension into heaven, however,

we again fast." (**Sermon 61**) St. Leo the Great (+461) says, "After the long feast of Pentecost, fasting is especially necessary to purify our thoughts and render us worthy to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit...Therefore the salutary custom was established of fasting after the joyful days during which we celebrated the resurrection and ascension of our Lord, and the coming of the Holy Spirit."

The pilgrim Silvia Egeria in her diary (4th Century) records that on the day following the feast of Pentecost, a period of fasting began. The Apostolic Constitutions, a work of the 4th century, prescribes: "After the feast of Pentecost, celebrate one week, then observe a fast, for justice demands rejoicing after the reception of the gifts of God and fasting after the body has been refreshed." From the testimonies of the 4th century we ascertain that in Alexandria, Jerusalem and Antioch the Fast of the holy Apostles was connected with Pentecost and not with the Feast of the Apostles Sts. Peter and Paul. In the first centuries, after Pentecost there was one week of rejoicing, that is Privileged days followed by one week of fasting.

The canons of Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople (806-815) mention Peter's Fast. The Typicon of St. Theodore the Studite speaks of the Forty Days fast of the Holy Apostles. Simeon of Thessalonica (+1429) explains the purpose of this fast in this manner: "The Fast of the Apostles is justly established in their honor, for through them we have received numerous benefits and for us they are exemplars and teachers of the fast...For one week after the descent of the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution composed by Clement, we celebrate, and then during the following week, we fast in honor of the Apostles"

The Fast of Peter came into practice in the church through custom rather than law. For this reason there was no uniformity for a long time, either in its observance or its duration. Some fasted 12 days, others 6, still others 4, and others only one day. Theodore Balsamon, Patriarch of Antioch (+1204) regarding the Fast of Peter as a fast which obliged the faithful, (laity and monks) were obliged to fast for 7days. If they refused they were to be excommunicated from the Christian Community. For us, the Apostles Fast begins with the Monday after All Saints Sunday and lasts until the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

The Fast of St. Peter is somewhat more mitigated than the Great Fast before Easter. The Kyivan Metropolitan George (1069-1072) in his "Rules" does not allow meat or dairy products to be eaten during Petrivka. On Wednesday and Friday, he prescribes dry food, that is, bread and water or dry fruits. On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday he permits fish twice a day and wine. In addition

to this, he directs that one hundred prostrations be made daily, excepting Saturdays, Sundays or holy days. Since Metropolitan George was Greek, we may assume that he prescribed for our Church the same practice on the Fast of Peter as prevailed in the Greek Church at that time.

(**A Byzantine Rite: Liturgical Rite,** by Julian J. Katrij, OSBM , translated by Fr. Demetrius E. Wysochansky, OSBM, (Basilian Fathers Publications, New York, 1983)

I would remind all of our faithful that we as Orthodox Christians are entering the season of the fast. Let us make this a time of spiritual growth for ourselves and our families. Let us keep this time as one of prayer and fasting especially as we prepare to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day of .the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Cristos Kyprianou, 6/7; Natalia Smith, 6/8; Katherina Smith, 6/8; Vincent Artman, 6/9; Svetlana Duffy, 6/11; Halyna Feleshchuk, 6/11 & Tatianna Tischtschenko, 6/11. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

GRADUATE SUNDAY – will be celebrated on Father's Day, June 21. Please give to Father Stephen the name of the graduate from kindergarten, High School college or university with the name of the school, where the student will attend the next year or the degree (college) and where the graduate will go from here. All entries must be in by Sunday, June 14th. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
June 7 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
June 14 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
June 21 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
June 28 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
July 5 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
July 12 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
July 19 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

MEETINGS

Parish Board – Wednesday, June 10 @ 6:30 PM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Week of June 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of June 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of June 22 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of June 29 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of July 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of July 13 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of July 20 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Pyrohy Schedule
Friday, June 12
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, August 22
Saturday, September 19
Saturday, October 3

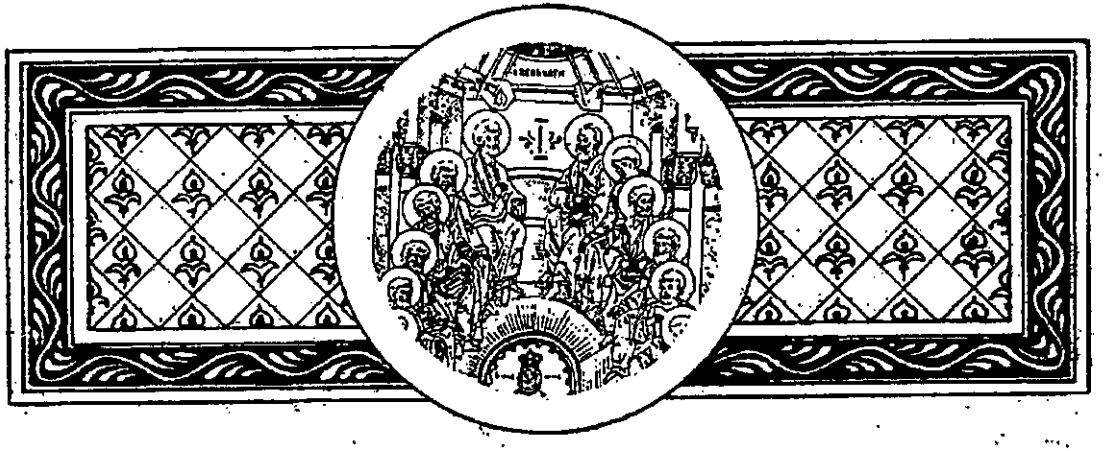
READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
June 7 - John Plachuta
June 14 - Linda Hnatow
June 21 - Jean Roeth
June 28 - Andrew Duncan
July 5 - Thomas Scholz
July 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
July 19 – Thomas Sulpizi

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026
Monday, June 8 – Apostle' Fast
Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day Dinner – Graduate Sunday
Sunday. July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Sunday, September 20 – Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, September 26 – Hall Rented
Monday, October 12 – 15 – Clergy Rertreat
Saturday, October 17 – UOL Retreat
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 14 – Wine Tasting
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE
June 7 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
June 14 - David and Eve Lazaration
June 21 – Sandy Cramer
June 28 - Sonya Patronik



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

SAINTHOOD IS WITHIN OUR GRASP!

Would you like to be a saint? "I would love to," we would say, "but it's impossible." All of us tend to view saints as being people with god-like characteristics and super-human spiritual qualities. In reality, EVERY ONE of God's saints was EXACTLY like us! They were "mere mortals" dealing with the same doubts, fears and temptations that we all must face as we travel down life's rugged road.

Throughout the centuries, countless individuals have distinguished themselves spiritually to such a degree that they will be forever remembered and eternally commemorated by the Church as "SAINTS." The Church, however, wisely realizes that there are scores of others, whose names are known but to God, who are equally deserving of recognition and praise. For this reason, our Church annually sets aside the Sunday after Pentecost and designates it as the SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS.

The liturgical readings prescribed for this Sunday are a written testimony of what some of the prerequisites for sainthood are. St. Paul speaks to the Hebrews about the inner strength and resolve that the saints possessed, which enabled them to endure ". . . trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment." Truly the sufferings of Christians continue to be the foundation of the Church to this present day! In today's Gospel lesson, our Lord reminds us that ". . . everyone who has left houses or brother's or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."

There, then, are our guidelines for achieving sainthood! All we have to do is be willing to sacrifice ALL for the sake of Christ, and be willing to remain faithful and loyal to Him AT ALL COST! Certainly, this is no simple matter, but it is far from being impossible.

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