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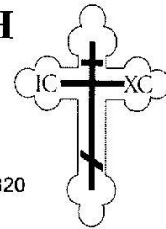
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SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021 - 1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. All Saints.

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in Myrrhbearers Hall	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: Romans 2:28-3:18, Matthew 6:31-34; 7:9-11
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM		Tue: 1 Peter 1:3-9; 13-19; 2:11-24, John 21:15-25, 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9, Matthew 7:15-21; 16:13-19, Romans 4:4-12
Divine Liturgy		Wed: Isaiah 43:9-14, Solomon 3:1-9; 5:15-6:3, 1 Corinthians 4:9-16, Mark 3:13-19, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 7:21-23
All Saints 10:00 AM		Thu: Romans 5:10-16, Matthew 8:23-27
<i>Fr. Sergious will be in Texas attending the Ordination and Enthronement of Archimandrite Gerasim from Monday, June 28 to Wednesday, June 30.</i>	Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time	Fri: Romans 5:17-6:2, Matthew 9:14-17
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Sat: Romans 3:19-26, Matthew 7:1-8

+EPISTLE+ (Hebrews 11:33-12:2) Brethren: ...who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

+GOSPEL+ (Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30) Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children and lands, for My name's sake shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Practice Christianity every day with each person you meet and each word you say. Christ spoke saying: But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

St. Mat. 15:18 Readings: St. Mat. 15:16-20. St. Mark 7:18-23, St. James 3:5-12, Prov. 18:2-29:20R

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

THE GIFTS -JUNE 20

Attendance 30

Regular Offerings 1570

Candles 73

***Choir Practice Sunday
at 9 AM***

Monday 2:30 PM

*We sincerely thank and bless
Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for
their ongoing generous donations.*

VIGIL CANDLES - JUNE 20

Dolores Lichatz - Memory of William, Donna, Frank. Health of Nina & George, Gabriel & Julianne.

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Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna & Family, Andrew & Family, Mary Ann H., Patricia, Pat & Nick, Joel, Patty. Memory of fathers, Demetrius & Raymond.

Fr. Sergious - Enlightenment & Guidance for Archimandrite Gerasim.

Nick Borick - Ryan, Eva, Olga, Dolores, Pat & Nick.

Lydia Wilcox - Memory of Fr. Sergey Muratov. Health of Elijah Borek, Theodore.

~::~ THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS ~::~

The idea of observing ALL SAINTS SUNDAY one week after the coming of the Holy Spirit is a striking one, for this day reveals the HARVEST of what happened on Pentecost. From weakness, men, women and children were made strong in faith, enabling them to endure all things for our Lord.

Early Christians, witnessing the sufferings and saintly lives of followers of Jesus, felt that their memories should be perpetuated. Their intercession should be called upon for those struggling in the Christian life against temptation. Annual memorials were made with services over the graves of those who suffered and died for Christ. Should anything less than this be done?

And so the Church began to assign days for the commemoration of saints. With the passing centuries, the calendar became full of saint days, and in fact, more than one saint is commemorated on every day of the year.

In addition to these great heroes of the faith, there are countless martyrs and hierarchs, monks and missionaries, who left bold traces of their dedication to Christianity. Let us commemorate others, practically unknown, who lived out their lives in the "Way" of Christ. It is no wonder that the Church in her wisdom, set aside this Sunday for remembrance of All Saints. These are our HEROES for emulation. It was Apostle Paul that bid us to "lay aside every weight and sin that besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

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