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**Sun. 14 June (June 1st) FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. ALL SAINTS. TONE 8.** Martyr JUSTIN the Philosopher & those with him. Martyrs JUSTIN, CHARITON, & his wife, CHARITA, EUELPISTUS, HIERAX, PEON, VALERIAN, JUSTUS. Martyr VICTORIA of Rome. AGAPITUS, unmercenary physician of the Kyiv Caves.

**Hebrews 11: 33-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Second Week After Pentacost (Apostolic Fast)**

**Mon. 15 June** St. Nicephorus the Confessor, patriarch of Constantinople (828). Great-martyr John the New of Suceava (1332). **(The beginning of the Apostolic Fast of Sts. Peter and Paul)**

**Rom. 2:28–3:18 Mt. 6:31-34–7:9-11**

**Tue. 16 June** Martyrs Lucillian, Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius; and Virgin Paula (270).

**Rom. 4:4-12 Mt. 7:15-21**

**Wed. 17 June** St. Metrophanes, first patriarch of Constantinople (325). Martyrs Frontasius, Severinus, Severian, and Silanus of Gaul (1st c.).

**Rom. 4:13-25 Mt. 7:21-23**

**Thu. 18 June** Hieromartyr Dorotheos, bishop of Tyre (362). Blessed Constantine, metropolitan of Kyiv (1159).

**Rom. 5:10-16 Mt. 8:23-27**

**Fri. 19 June** Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (466). Ven. Hilarion the New, abbot of the Dalmatian Monastery (845).

**Rom. 5:17–6:2 Mt. 9:14-17**

**Sat. 20 June** Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303). Martyrs Cyriaca, Caleria (Valeria), and Mary, of Caesarea in Palestine (284-305).

**Rom. 3:19-26 Mt. 7:1-8**

**Sun. 21 June All Saints of Ukraine. All Saints of the Holy Mount Athos.** Great-martyr Theodore Stratelates (319).

**Rom. 2:10-16 Mt. 4:18-23**

**Heb. 11:33–12:2 Mt. 4:25 - 5:12**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Church opens with a Restriction of 25 people, but also available online)***

**Saints.** If you are suffering for your faith in Christ, the Lives of the Saints will console you and encourage you and make you bold and give you wings, and your torments will be changed into joy. If you are in any sort of temptation, the Lives of the Saints will help you overcome it both now and forever. If you are in danger from the invisible enemies of salvation, the Lives of the Saints will arm you with the 'whole armor of God' and you will crush them all now and forever and throughout your whole life. If you are in the midst of visible enemies and persecutors of the Church of Christ, the Lives of the Saints will give you the courage and strength of a confessor, and you will fearlessly confess the one true God and Lord in all worlds - Jesus Christ - and you will boldly stand up for the truth of His Gospel unto death, unto every death, and you will feel stronger than all deaths, and much more so than all the visible enemies of Christ; and being tortured for Christ you will shout for joy, feeling with all your being that your life is in heaven, hidden with Christ in God, wholly above all deaths. (Father Justin Popovich, from Introduction to the Lives of the Saints, in Orthodox Faith and Life in Christ)

The belief in the intercessory power of the Saints is as old as the Church. It is alluded to in authentic writings, such as the "Acts of the Martyrs," from the second and third centuries. They are represented as interceding after death for the faithful upon earth. "In heaven," said the martyr Theodotus before his torments began, "I will pray for you to God."

**Inscriptions from the Catacombs in Rome** (a safe place of worship of the first Christians because of persecutions):"O Atticus, sleep in peace and in the security of thy salvation and pray earnestly for our sins" (Capitol Museum);

"Gentianus, faithful, in peace who lived twelve years, eight months and sixteen days. You will intercede for us in your prayers because we know that you are in Christ" (Lateran Museum).

**PROPERS FOR LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

*Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 8*

You descended from on high, Merciful One. You accepted the three day burial to deliver us from our passions. Lord, Our Life and Resurrection, Glory to You.

*Tropar of All Saints, Tone 4*

As with fine cloth and royal purple, Your Church has been adorned with the blood of the martyrs shed throughout the world. Christ God, She cries out to You: Sen Your Goodness to Your people; grant peace to Your world an great mercy to our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Kondak of All Saints, Tone 8*

Lord and Creator, the universe offers You the God-bearing martyrs as the First Fruits of all Creation. Through the Birth-Giver of God and their prayers establish Your Church in peace.

*Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone8*

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God.

*Verse:* In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel.

*Prokiemen for All Saints, Tone 5*

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

*Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:32-12:2*

*Alleluia Verses in Tone4*

The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their afflictions.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but out of them all the Lord will deliver them.

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

*Communion Hymn:*

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia (3X)

**Finally, we open the church on Sunday, June 21! Sign up as the guidelines restrict us to 25 people.**

**Please make the appointments for the Sacrament of Confession, Saturdays between 9:30 AM-4:00 PM.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

17 June…Nicholas & Irene Alexander

**BIRTHDAYS:**

14 June…Emma Krasnopera

15 June…Patricia Mauser

18 June…Christina Truss, Michelle Pozzetta

19 June…Nicholas Truss

20 June…BettyannWoyewoda

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

14 June…Paul Kochenash ’27, Mary Nazar ‘88

15 June…Uliana Kudrick (infant) ‘26

16 June…Rev. Athanasy Voronkevich ’72, Olga Parchomenko’06, Varvara Pyskun ‘96

19 June…Stanley Tokarzk ‘81

20 June…Anna Krasnopera ’84, Protopresbyter Stephen Hankavich ‘97

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Allan, James, Christine, Lubov Slonova, Chet Bohanek, William Savitz, Catherine Kochenash, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Mariana Goshow, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous.

**The Fathers Speak about the Saints. Clement of Alexandria.** "In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him [in prayer]" (“Miscellanies” A.D. 208).

**Pectorius.** Aschandius, my father, dearly beloved of my heart, with my sweet mother and my brethren, remember your Pectorius in the peace of the Fish [Christ] (“Epitaph” A.D. 250).

**Cyprian.** Let us remember one another in concord and unanimity. Let us on both sides always pray for one another. Let us relieve burdens and afflictions by mutual love, that if one of us, by the swiftness of divine condescension, shall go hence the first, our love may continue in the presence of the Lord, and our prayers for our brethren and sisters not cease in the presence of the Father's mercy (“Letters” A.D. 252).

**Origen** "Now the one great virtue according to the Word of God is love of one's neighbor. We must believe that the saints who have died possess this love in a far higher degree towards the ones engaged in the combat of life than those who are still subject to human weakness and involved in the combat along with their weaker brethren. The words 'If one member suffer anything, all the members suffer with it, or if one member glory, all the members rejoice with it' are not confined to those on earth who love their brethren. (“De Orat” 253 A.D.)

**Cyril of Jerusalem.** Then [during the Eucharistic prayer] we make mention also of those who have already fallen asleep: first, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, that through their prayers and supplications God would receive our petition... (“Catechetical Lectures” A.D. 350).

 **Liturgy of St. Basil.** By the command of your only-begotten Son we communicate with the memory of your saints . . . by whose prayers and supplications have mercy upon us all, and deliver us for the sake of your holy name (“Liturgy of St. Basil” A.D. 373).

**Gregory Nazianzen.** Yes, I am well assured that [my father's] intercession is of more avail now than was his instruction in former days, since he is closer to God, now that he has shaken off his bodily fetters, and freed his mind from the clay that obscured it, and holds conversation naked with the nakedness of the prime and purest mind . . . (A.D. 374).

**St. Epiphanius,** "Furthermore, as to mentioning the names of the dead, how is there anything very useful in that? What is more timely or more excellent than that those who are still here should believe that the departed do live, and that they have not retreated into nothingness, but that they exist and are alive with the Master? And so that this most august proclamation might be told in full, how do they have hope, who are praying for the brethren as if they were but sojourning in a foreign land? Useful too is the prayer fashioned on their behalf, even if it does not force back the whole of guilty charges laid to them." (“Against All Heresies” 377 A.D.)

**Ambrose of Milan.** May Peter, who wept so efficaciously for himself, weep for us and turn towards us Christ's benign countenance (“Hexameron” A.D. 388).

**John Chrysostom.** He that wears the purple . . . stands begging of the saints to be his patrons with God, and he that wears a diadem begs the tent-maker [Paul] and the fisherman [Peter] as patrons, even though they be dead" (“Homilies on 2 Corinthians” A.D. 392).

When you perceive that God is chastening you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power “Orations” A.D. 396).

**Saint Maximus the Confessor.** “The friends of Christ love all truly, but are not themselves loved by all; the friends of the world neither love all nor are loved by all. The friends of Christ persevere in love to the end; the friends of the world persevere only until they fall out with each other over some worldly thing.” (580-662 A.D.)

**St. John Damascene.** "We worship and adore the Creator and Maker alone, as God who by His nature is to be worshipped. We worship also the Holy Mother of God, not as God, but as God's Mother according to the flesh. Moreover, we worship also the saints, as elect friends of God, and as having gotten ready audience with Him." (725 A.D.)