

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## JUNE 18, 2017

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia).** Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria (70–79). Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite (1605). The “Bogoliubskaya” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1157).

**EPISTLES: Romans 2:10–16:** The Law written in the heart.

**Hebrews 11:33–12:2:** The Saints, a “great cloud of witnesses.”

**GOSPELS: Matthew 4:18–23:** The fishermen are called to be “fishers of men.”

**Matthew 4:25–5:12:** Jesus preaches the Beatitudes to the crowds who follow Him.

**COFFEE HOUR: This week:** Brady (Father’s Day Special!) **Next week:** Natalie & Marina

**FATHER’S DAY:** A happy and blessed Father’s Day to all our fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers. May God, Our Heavenly Father, bless and inspire you in all things.

**PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE:** Interested parishioners are invited to attend the upcoming Parish Council Conference for our New York State Deanery, at St. Peter & Paul Church in Endicott. The conference will run from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, June 24. Topics to be discussed will be revision of the Diocesan bylaws and legal issues pertaining to the hierarchical church.

**READER’S SERVICES:** Fr. Joel will be at a Continuing Education program for clergy at St. Tikhon’s monastery this Tuesday through Thursday, leaving after morning prayers on Tuesday and returning Thursday night. Wednesday and Thursday morning services will be held as reader’s services. Fr. Joel will still be available by phone or email should a pastoral need arise.

**MISSION RETREAT:** Fr Jonathan Ivanoff, head of Missions for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, will be here with us the weekend of July 22–23. This will provide an opportunity to reflect together on our work as a mission parish and its future direction. More details to come.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Abp. Michael will be at our church August 19–20, and will ordain Ivan Bazarov to the Holy Diaconate. Our parish will also be hosting the deanery picnic this weekend. Please plan to be here.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH:** Our “Know Your Faith” class is underway, discussing Serge Verhovskoy’s *The Light of the World*. This book deals especially with the Orthodox understanding of Christ and His Church. It’s not too late to join; our next meeting will be this Tuesday, June 27, at 7 PM. See Fr Joel for more details.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISER:** A sign-up sheet is now available for help with our upcoming chicken barbecue fundraiser on July 8, including a list of items that we’d like people to contribute. This is a great opportunity not just to raise funds for the parish, but to make our presence known in Lansing. Be sure to spread the word among your friends to help make this fundraiser a success. We’ll have flyers available closer to the time. For more details, see Bill, Paula, or Fr Joel.

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We warmly welcome all of our visitors! Please know that we are glad to have you here praying with us, and we invite you to stay after the service to enjoy a meal and meet everyone in our community.

## PRAYER SCROLL

### LIVING:

Apr Timothy H  
Apr Herman S  
Apr Sergius K  
Apr Thomas E  
Apr Stephen M  
Apr John R  
Apr Patrick C  
Pr Adam S & Angie  
Mother Raphaela  
Mother Christophora  
Mat Joanna B  
Mat Katya  
Mat Mary G  
Kh Lynn  
Mat Rebekah  
Pani Amy  
Joshua  
Brittany  
Gretchen  
Marianne  
Terrence  
Helen  
Judy  
Mary & Susan  
John & Carmine

Nathan  
Leah  
Helen  
Lindsey  
Elizabeth  
Mary  
Joe A  
Daniel  
Andrew & family  
Carol  
Elizabeth  
David  
Shirley  
Christina  
Jim & Kim  
Rachel  
Constantine & Maria  
Gaetan  
Christine  
Samuel  
Lisa  
Lyudmila  
Nickolay  
Anetta  
Zachary  
Helena

Natasha, Lena, Vera,  
Sergei  
Caleb  
Danielle  
Larry, Mark, Katie  
Ann  
Dorothy  
Ronald  
Sheryl & Lacey  
Alexander, Angela,  
Anton  
Peter  
Gregory & Ann  
Raymond  
Vincent  
Photini  
Robert  
Steven, Stephanie,  
and family  
Diana  
Elizabeth  
John  
Felicia  
Tom  
Martha  
Walter

Vladimir  
Lou  
Children: Anthony,  
Mia, Isabel, Bear,  
Victoria, Iva Bell,  
Panagiotis, Ada,  
Grace, Elias, Jack  
Seminarians: Rdrs  
Robert & Ivan  
**Birthdays:**  
**Anniversaries:**  
**Namesdays:**

### REPOSED:

Apr John U  
Priest Matthew  
Priest John  
Apr Alexander  
Dn Mark  
Rdr Gregory  
Daniel  
Ada  
Lillian  
Joseph  
Marie  
Joseph  
Laura

Martha  
Stanley  
Taissia  
Stelufa  
Theophan  
Lynda  
Florence  
James  
James R  
Vasily  
Mordecai  
Alexandr  
Ron  
John  
Eleanor  
Harold  
Alfred  
Edward  
Michael  
Mat Julianna  
Mario  
Robert  
**Newly Reposed:**  
James, Pr Ronald, Pr  
William, Wilhelmina,  
Barbara

**BY THE NUMBERS:** Last Collection: \$2053.00. Building Fund: \$0.00.  
Weekly Budget: \$1150. MTD: \$3097.00. Monthly Budget: \$4600

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

*Confessions are heard before and after Vespers or by appointment.*

**Sunday, June 11:** 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

**Tuesday, June 13:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer with Akathist

**Wednesday, June 14:** 8:30 AM Reader's Matins

**Thursday, June 15:** 8:30 AM Reader's Morning Prayer with Akathist

**Friday, June 16:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday, June 17:** 6 PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 18:** 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

## PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

## ON THE COMMEMORATIONS OF THE SAINTS

from St John of Kronstadt's *My Life in Christ*

"What does the daily invocation of the saints signify – of different ones each day, during the whole year, and during our whole life? It signifies that God's saints – as our brethren, but perfect – live, and are near us, ever ready to help us, by the grace of God. We live together with them in the house of our Heavenly Father, only in different parts of it. We live in the earthly, they in the heavenly half; but we can converse with them, and they with us. God's saints are near to the believing heart, and are ready in a moment to help those who call upon them with faith and love."

*Glory to God for all things!*

# HOLY APOSTLES ORTHODOX CHURCH LANSING, NEW YORK



SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017  
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

## TWO RECENTLY-GLORIFIED SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

*In 2015, two Serbian Orthodox Saints, Sts. Sebastian (Dabovich) and Mardarije (Uskokovic), were canonized. Both of them labored extensively in the North American Mission. By their prayers, may we continue the work that they, along with the other North American Saints, did to establish the Church in our land. "Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor" (Jn. 4:38).*

Saint Sebastian was born Jovan Dabovich in San Francisco, CA in 1863—in the midst of the US Civil war. His parents were Serbian immigrants from Sassoavae. From his early youth he was devoted to the Church and spent much of his time at the city's Holy Trinity Cathedral, where he later served as a reader and teacher. In 1884, he was assigned to assist at Archangel Michael Cathedral, Sitka, AK. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to Russia for training and formation as a missionary priest. After completing three years of studies at the Saint Petersburg and Kyiv Theological Academies, he was tonsured to monastic rank and ordained to the diaconate in 1887.

Returning to San Francisco, he served as a deacon at the cathedral and taught in the newly established pastoral school. On August 16, 1892, he was ordained to the priesthood and assigned to pursue missionary work in California and Washington. The following year, he succeeded Father [now Saint] Alexis Toth as rector of Saint Mary Church, Minneapolis, MN and taught at the Missionary School.

In 1894, Father Sebastian returned to California, where he established the first Serbian Orthodox parish in the US in Jackson, CA. Two years later, he was reassigned to San Francisco's Holy Trinity Cathedral while continuing his missionary efforts in Jackson. In recognition of his abilities, Archbishop Tikhon assigned him as part of the North American Mission's Administration. During this time he wrote a book titled *The Ritual, Services and Sacraments of the Holy Orthodox Church*. In 1902, he was transferred to Alaska, where he served as Dean of the Sitka Deanery.

With the development of additional Serbian parishes in the US, Archbishop Tikhon reassigned Father Sebastian to head the Serbian Mission in America in 1905. The Mission was based in Chicago, where Archimandrite Sebastian had organized and served as rector of Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church. He continued to guide the Serbian Mission through July 1910, when at his own request he returned to missionary work. With the opening of Saint Platon Seminary, Tenafly, NJ in 1913, he served as a member of the faculty and also was involved in numerous conferences and discussions with non-Orthodox Christian confessions. In these meetings, he was sympathetic and understanding, yet firm in his desire to reveal Orthodox Christianity as the fullness of truth and the Church of Christ.

While Archimandrite Sebastian was obviously a candidate for the episcopacy in America, he likewise felt the calling to minister in his ancestral Serbia. He served as a chaplain to the Serbian Army during the Balkan War and World War I. In 1916, he requested a release from the North American Mission to serve in Serbia, where he ministered for the remainder of his life. He fell asleep in the Lord on November 30, 1940 and was interred in the Monastery of

Zicha by his friend and Father Confessor, Bishop Nikolai [Velimirovic].

Saint Mardarije was born Ivan Uskokovic in Podgoritsa, Montenegro, in 1889. In 1907, he embraced monasticism at the Studenitsa Monastery and then relocated to Russia to study at the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy. After graduation, he was ordained by the Russian Orthodox Church and sent as a missionary to America. In 1919, he was one of five Serbian Orthodox priests who participated in the Second All-American Sobor, held in Cleveland, OH in February 1919, at which time it was recommended that the Serbian Church in Belgrade advance him to the episcopacy to organize a Serbian Orthodox Diocese in America. Unfortunately, at this most chaotic time in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church, it was impossible to secure the written blessing of Patriarch [now Saint] Tikhon of Moscow. Later in 1919, Archimandrite Mardarije returned to Belgrade, where he was assigned as head of the Rakovitsa Monastery and principal of its monastic school. Subsequently, Bishop [now Saint] Nikolai [Velimirovic] of Ohrid was sent by Patriarch Dimitriye to administer the fledgling diocese. Having likewise returned to America, Archimandrite Mardarije served as Saint Nikolai's Deputy for two years, and continued to administer the diocese after the latter's return to Belgrade.

On April 26, 1926, Archimandrite Mardarije was consecrated to the episcopacy in Belgrade. Prior to his episcopal consecration, he had carried out most of the actual work of organizing the Serbian diocese. He also served as parish priest in Chicago and purchased with his personal funds the land for Saint Sava Monastery in suburban Libertyville.

From the moment of his return to America, Bishop Mardarije undertook a wide range of ministries. He did not spare himself, nor did he fear work, although he knew that he was gravely ill with an advancing case of tuberculosis. In 1927, he convened the first National Church Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox American-Canadian Diocese to address a variety of organizational issues. At a clergy conference held in Youngstown, OH in 1931, he renewed his appeal for all to work for the unity and good of the diocese. His kindness, patience and reluctance to use punitive measures resulted in a great measure of unity within the diocese by the time of his repose on December 12, 1935 at the age of 46 years. He was interred at Libertyville's Saint Sava Monastery.

*From oca.org*



## WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 18

### Troparion, Tone 1 (*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!”

### Troparion, Tone 8 (*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!

### Kontakion, Tone 1 (*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!”

### Kontakion, Tone 3 (*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.

### Prokeimenon, Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

**Another, tone 7:** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

### Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God giveth vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

v: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, O ye righteous!

### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous!

Praise befits the just. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## FROM VESPERS FOR ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Rejoice, O mountains of Pennsylvania;

leap for joy, O waters of the Great Lakes;

rise up, O fertile plains of Canada;

for the elect of Christ who dwelt in you are glorified,

men and women who left their homes for a new land!

With faith, hope, and patience as their armor,

they courageously fought the good fight.

Comforted by the beauty of the Orthodox Faith,

they labored in mines and mills, they tilled the land,

they braved the challenges of the great cities,

enduring many hardships and sufferings.

Never failing to worship God in spirit and truth

and unyielding in devotion to His most pure Mother,

they erected many temples to His glory.

Come, O assembly of the Orthodox,

and with love let us praise the holy men, women, and children,

those known to us and those known only to God,

and let us cry out to them:

“Rejoice, all Saints of North America and pray to God for us!”

Rejoice, O continent of North America, illumined by the holy Gospel!

Rejoice, every province, state, city and town,

which raised up citizens of the heavenly Kingdom!

Rejoice, our venerable Father Herman, first saint of our land!

Rejoice O Martyrs Juvenaly and Peter,

for your blood has watered the seed of faith planted in Alaska!

Rejoice, O holy Hierarchs: Innocent, Tikhon, Nicholas, Raphael, and John!

Rejoice, O holy Fathers Alexis, John, and all ye righteous priests!

Rejoice, all Saints of North America,

for your light has shone forth to the ends of the earth!

We beseech you to pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved!