

June 11, 2023

Sunday of All Saints

Saint of the Day: Bartholomew and Barnabas; Revelation of the Axion Estin

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Nancy Bentas (40 day), George & Zoitsa Kitsis (1 year)
Coffee hour is sponsored in loving memory of George & Zoitsa Kitsis by their family.

May their memory be eternal!

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Sun, June 11	Mon, June 12	Tues, June 13	Wed, June 14
Orthros 8:45am	GLENDI	Library Memory	DOP in
Divine Liturgy	Cooking:	Project Photo ID	Annex 6:30pm
10:00am	Stuffed Peppers	by Zoom 7pm	Learn to
Memorial Service Education & Scholarship Sunday Recognition of High School Graduates	9am BOD in Annex 7pm		Chant in the Library 7pm
Metropolis Award			

<u>Fri, June 16</u>	<u>Sun, June 18</u>	Mon, June 19
GLENDI Cooking:	Orthros 8:45am	GLENDI
Dolmathes	Divine Liturgy	Cooking:
(Grape Leaves) 9am	10:00am	Meatballs 9am

Ceremony

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Hymn in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Anthem for the Saints in the Fourth Tone

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῷ τῷ κόσμῷ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἴματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾳ σοι Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οίκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ώς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

Ώς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, illtreated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Εβραιους 11:33-40; 12:1-2

Άδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, έγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμω, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πεῖραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς. έλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνω μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὀπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὖτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρεῖττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ὰμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν άγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him 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 his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Ματθαιον 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἑμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω κἀγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ΄ ἄν ἀρνήσηταί με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν κἀγὼ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἰὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὸς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὁπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἡκολουθήσαμέν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσία, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἰὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. καὶ πᾶς ὅς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίας ἢ ἀδελφοὺς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἔνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

SYNAXARION FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On this Sunday, which follows immediately after Holy Pentecost, the Divine Fathers ordained that we should celebrate the memory of all the Saints who have existed throughout the world. Initially, the most ancient Fathers made this a Feast solely of the Martyrs who suffered throughout the world, as attested by the encomium of St. John Chrysostomos, in which he praises only the Martyrs. The later Fathers, however, made this Feast more general, calling it the "Sunday of All Saints," including in it Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Hierarchs, Ascetics, and all the Righteous together, of every age and race.

The reason for the present Feast is, as our Lord Jesus Christ said, before His Suffering, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me" (St. John 12:32)—which was the whole purpose of His descending to earth, taking flesh, and becoming perfect Man, while Himself remaining perfect God, namely, to save human nature and exalt it to Heavenly blessedness.

The nature, therefore, that He assumed in His Divine Hypostasis He raised up to the Heavens through His Divine Ascension and made it sit at the right hand of God the Father. But even so, the promise that He gave when He said, "I will draw all men unto Me," was not fulfilled. For this reason, He sent the All-Holy Spirit to His Holy Apostles, so that they might go and preach the one Godhead to all the nations through His power, and gather the elect into the Kingdom of Heaven, which His good and faithful servants did with all zeal, with all their soul and heart, and unto the shedding of their blood. In this way, the world above, from which the apostate angels had fallen, was replenished. This is what we celebrate today, that is, the fruit of the Apostolic preaching.

It is said that there is another reason for this common Feast: that many, very many, and almost innumerable persons have become sanctified in different places and regions, whom, on account of their multitude and anonymity, it was not possible for us to honor individually. Therefore, in order to honor them appropriately and to gain their help and succor, our Mother, the Church, decreed that we should observe a common Feast of all the Saints in general, and that at the same time this Feast should be celebrated also for those who would hereafter either suffer martyrdom or in general be sanctified. It is also said that Leo VI, that most devout emperor (886-912), who is surnamed "the Wise," wished to honor his first wife, Theophanó, as a Saint, but that the Church

did not assent to his desire; hence, he built a very beautiful Church of All Saints and said: "If Theophano is a Saint, let her be numbered with All the Saints."

The most important reason for this Feast, as for any Saint that we celebrate, is the exhortation of ourselves, the living, to emulate those being celebrated. That is, we should compel ourselves to attain to the praiseworthy life of those blessed and renowned servants of our true God. The Prophet-King David says, with reference to this: "Thy friends, O God, are exceedingly honored by me" (Psalm 138:17, LXX). The Divine Apostle, enumerating the exploits of the Saints, and putting forward their memory to us as an example of turning aside from earthly affairs and sin, and of imitating their patience and courage in the contests of virtue, says: "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and the Apostolic Tradition, we, the Faithful, honor all the friends of God, the Saints, as keepers of God's commandments, as shining examples of virtue, and as benefactors of the human race. We honor each of the known Saints specially on one particular day of the year, as is evident from the Menologion; but since many are unknown, as we said previously, and since their number has multiplied from time to time, is still multiplying, and will not cease increasing until the end of the world, for this reason our Mother, the Church, has ordained that we should hold, once a year, a general commemoration of all the Saints, which is the present Feast.

It should be known that we celebrate today all whom the Holy Spirit has munificently sanctified: that is, the most sublime and sanctifying Intelligences—namely, the Nine Orders of Angels—, the Forefathers and Patriarchs, the Prophets and the Holy Apostles; the Martyrs and the Hierarchs; the Hieromartyrs and monastic martyrs, the Ascetics and the Righteous, and all the choirs of holy women, and all of the other anonymous Saints, including those to come. Above all and in all and with all, we celebrate the Saint of Saints, her who is Most Holy and beyond compare superior to the Angelic Orders, our Sovereign Lady the Theotokos, Mary the Ever-Virgin.

By the intercessions of Thine Immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from all ages, have mercy on us and save us, as Thou alone art good and lovest mankind. Amen.



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GLENDI 2023 Cooking Schedule

9am start time

June 12 Stuffed Peppers
June 16 Dolmathes
June 19 Pastichio
June 26 Meatballs

Schedule will be updated as new dates are confirmed.



PRAYER LIST

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: office@stgeorgenh.org

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

For health, recovery from illness and surgery: Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Tom, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Helen, Elanie, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia, Georgia, Mark, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra, Pavlos, Ken, Star

<u>For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith:</u> Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy, Christopher, Joanna

<u>For couples, parents and their families:</u> Neal and Elena, Paul – Kristin & Michael Francis, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Tracy & family, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael, Alex

For those engaged to be married: Katerina and Dennis

For conceiving of children:

For childbearing:

For those in the Armed Forces: Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe

For those travelling abroad: John, Patrick

For those seeking employment: Lia, Jillian, Sophia, Gary, Nick

The altar candles are sponsored in honor of Alice & Frank Comerford's 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u>, <u>GRADUATES</u> – Please see the insert for information shared by our 2023 high school graduates. Congratulations!

<u>2023 METROPOLIS AWARD RECIPIENT</u> - We are pleased to announce that this year's St. George recipient is **Diane LaRoche.** Congratulations to Diane and we thank her for many years of service to our Cathedral!

GOYA MEETING TODAY -GOYA will have a quick meeting following the scholarship awards.

<u>ASSUMPTION GREEK SCHOOL GRADUATION CELEBRATION</u> – Everyone is welcome to attend the Graduation Celebration that will take place on Sunday, June 11 at 1pm in the Assumption Church Hall.

<u>VACATION CHRUCH CAMP</u> – Our St. George Family is looking for individuals to help lead this wonderful 4-day event in the life of our community. This has been done for many years and we would like to continue this tradition. Activities include morning prayer, crafts, snacks, music, discussion, play time and lunch. The hours have been from 8:30am until 12:30pm. If you or a loved one would like to help champion this, please contact the Church office office@stgeorgenh.org

<u>UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES</u> -June 25: Tom Dionis (1 year), Stamatia Malatras (1 year)

SPONSORED COFFEE HOUR -June 25 in memory of Stamatia Malatras

<u>GLENDI COOKING SCHEDULE</u> - June 12: Stuffed Peppers, June 16: Dolmathes, June 19: Pastichio, June 26: Meatballs. All are welcome to help!

<u>LIBRARY OPEN DURING COFFEE HOUR</u> - The St. George Library will be open during coffee hour for anyone who wants to come browse and borrow a book. Come see what fascinating reads are in the library!

<u>BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK</u> – Bible Study will resume in September after a summer break.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

ho can count the number of saints that adorn the Kingdom of God? No wonder the Church observes the SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS to honor all who have "fought the good fight unto the end and have kept the faith." And it is significant that this observance comes on the Sunday after we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of Christ. The unusual icon of our bulletin captures the uniqueness of this feast. The composition come from ancient times and it deserves close examination of its features.

The eye quickly focuses on the large circle, with Christ in robes, seated at the very center. His right hand is outstretched in blessing, while the left holds the Gospel. In positions of intercession are, at the left, the Holy Virgin, and at right, St. John the Baptist. Below Christ is the throne of judgment, with a bible laid on it. Bowing in prayer there are Adam at the left and Eve at the right. Surrounding the scene are the ranks of the saints: Angels, Apostles, Martyrs, Hierarchs and Hermits. At the top are the sun, moon and stars, and outside the circle at the top are prophet kings.

A different scene is at the lower portion of the icon. This is PARADISE, with its trees and flowers. Abraham and Jacob occupy the thrones there, surrounded by the righteous ones resting with them. Between them, clutching the cross, is the good thief, saved by his faith in Christ crucified. The scene speaks of the SECOND COMING and of the LAST JUDGMENT.

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

An electronic copy of this bulletin is available on the website.





John Awad

I'm John Awad. A senior at Merrimack High School. My plans for after High School is to go to Manchester Community College and study business. After my first year there I will be looking elsewhere to hopefully not only major in business but minor in culinary arts. My goal is to one day open up my own restaurant. My family and I have been heavily involved with St.George for most of my life. We are members here at this church. I have volunteered at the Glendi for the past 6 years, I have played for the basketball team here since

5th grade, I have been an alter boy at St.George since I was in kindergarten and I have volunteered hours at this church with events.



Helena Bentas

Helena Bentas, the oldest daughter of George and Joy Bentas, graduates from Goffstown High. She is the editor and chief of the school newspaper and works for the Granite YMCA part-time as a child daycare provider. She will be attending St. Anselm College in the fall of 2023.



Sage Nicolay

My name is Sage Nicolay, I am graduating from Central High School! I am attending The University of Exeter in the fall of this year majoring in Art History, Visual Culture & Film Studies. My favorite thing I love to do is helping out my community with Glendi!

Christopher Robinson

My name is Christopher Robinson and I'm graduating from Bedford high school. Next year I'm going to Wentworth Institute of Technology for a mechanical engineering degree. I've been going to St. George for my entire life and have met a lot of great people there. I've been going to Glendi every year since I can remember and have been

volunteering for years. Usually I help at the Goya stand but I love helping with loukoumades and sometimes I make the salads. I've also been going to church camp since I was a baby and once I got too old I became the games guy when my mom ran it.



Joyce Robinson

Hello, my name is Joyce Robinson and I will be graduating from Bedford High School. In the fall I will be attending Ohio University majoring in Aviation Flight and minoring in Aviation Management. I hope to eventually work as a commercial pilot after getting all my ratings at my university alongside the degree. Right now I fly out of the Nashua airport at East Coast Aero Club to work on getting my Private Pilot's license before I leave for college. I have attended Saint George my whole life and have always loved the community it brings. Helping out at Glendi is one of my favorite times of the year even when I was younger and just sprinkling loukoumades toppings.

Through the years I have helped at the jewelry booth, the GOYA booth, the loukoumades booth, and making some of the food like the pastitsio over the summer. I have been a junior counselor for the Vacation Church Camp since as soon as I was too old to be a camper, usually running the crafts portion of the day and helping out with all the kids. Through my years in GOYA I have gotten to help out at some events like handing out water for the Manchester Marathon. Currently I am co president of GOYA alongside Helena Bentas. Outside of church I volunteer through clubs at school. As part of the Red Cross Club I help organize blood drives and fundraisers for people in need of medical supplies. Through Key Club I participate in fundraisers for all sorts of different causes and some more local community projects. Through the Aviation Museum I have gotten to attend and help at different events they hold over the summer like their Plane Fest. I can't wait for the future and thank you for this opportunity.



Anna Stavropoulos

I'm Anna Stavropoulos and I am graduating from Bedford High School. In the fall I will be attending the University of Delaware where I plan to study Nursing in the College of Health Sciences. I was a proud member of the Rotary Interact Club helping to better my community, along with a member of the Varsity Soccer and Basketball teams. I have been a volunteer at the Glendi for the past 10 years , as well as spending time with my YiaYia at the church making Kourabiedes which I have found memories of.

<u>Aeryn Laflamme</u>

My name is Aeryn Laflamme, I am 18 years old, and I will be graduating from Central High School. I will further my education and pursue a nursing degree at NHTI in the fall.

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Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14-

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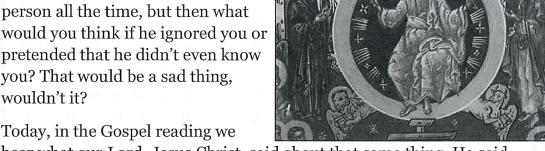
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We love God all the time!

How would you feel if a

friend of yours said he didn't know you? You could play or talk with this person all the time, but then what would you think if he ignored you or pretended that he didn't even know you? That would be a sad thing, wouldn't it?



hear what our Lord, Jesus Christ, said about that same thing. He said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." In other words, God wants us to say we are friends with him all the time, not just at church and not just when we are with other Christians. God wants us to love Him at church, and He wants us to talk to Him in our prayers. But He wants us to love Him even when it is hard, or even when we feel like the only one.

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We remember all of the saints who loved God so much. They loved God so much that now they are with Him in heaven. The saints stayed with God even when it was hard sometimes. They stayed with God even when they felt like they were the only ones. Let's try to be like the saints!

WORD SEARC S G E Can you find these Ζ G N words in the jum-В G Τ T ble? S D S U G S 0 Acknowledge В S E J P Apostles M Christ Q Ε E Q Q С Α N Feastday D K Q W E G 0 Follower S В S Ε Υ Gospel В C Holy Martyrs R В W S K Prayer S C M Q Υ Saints S U

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Can you count how many saints are in this icon for today's feastday of All Saints? No way!

This is only a tiny fraction of the saints our Lord has with Him in heaven!



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EVERY DAY IS A SAINT'S DAY! SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Do you share a birthday with somebody you know?

Maybe a friend or a classmate, or even a family member? You know, you're not the only one with your birthday!

Today is the Sunday we remember all the saints of the Church. Did you know that we celebrate a saint—actually lots of saints—every single day of the year?

Let's look at just some of the saints for today—Sunday, June 11th! They lived at different times, and they all had very different lives...but they all had something in common. Do you know what it is? They loved God more than anything and anybody!



Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

These two followed Christ's call to preach the Gospel!



St. Barnabas of Vetluga

This monk-priest saint lived all by himself in the forests of Russia, praying and growing closer to God. He died in 1445.

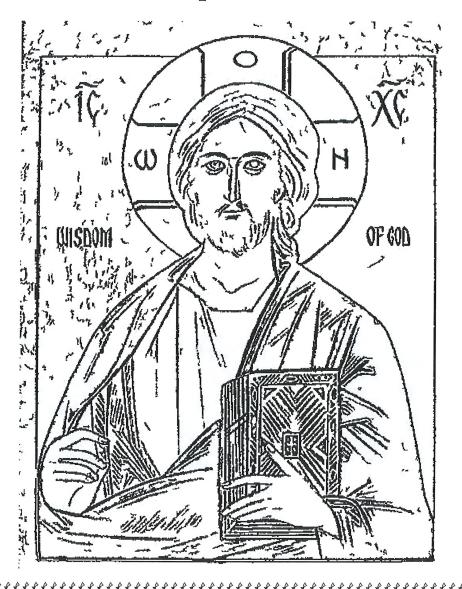


Martyrs of the Chinese Boxer Rebellion

These special saints from China died in 1899. They died for their Orthodox faith.

We celebrate all of these saints today, June 11th (OC: June 24th).

The Saints point to Christ!



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