

For a list and description of North American saints, and those holy men and women yet to be glorified (for example, Hieromonk Seraphim Rose), see the following website: <https://arizonaorthodox.com/saints-north-america/>

Summer is vacation season. While we are away the work of the Church continues, as do the expenses of the parish. Please remember to make your weekly or monthly offerings to the Lord. Now and then it's good to remind ourselves about giving and the Church. We know that the Old Testament, and our Savior as well, taught on the subject of money repeatedly. It was not topic #1, but it was frequent enough for us to take notice of it. Many of us struggle with this topic. We read in the scriptures about the giving of a tithe, which to be clear, is 10% of income. It would be good for each one of us to consider what % we currently offer. If it is less than 1%, perhaps we can slowly, but intentionally, work toward something more substantial, remembering with gratitude that everything belongs to God. We have temporary stewardship of our possessions. Temporary—since we “can't take it with us.” Stewardship is about trusting in God, and about asking God to bless all of what He's given us and in response, we gratefully offer a portion back to Him—not “left-overs.” By practicing scriptural—Christian—stewardship of money, time and talents, we will escape the trap of anxiety (and often selfishness and lack of faith that God can supply). Poor stewardship of money will find us anxious and distracted when it comes to our faith. One other point: Giving to the Church is not a form of charity. God does not need our money, nor our time, nor our talents. He has all things, and providentially uses them for the good of His People. More rightly, the Church is God's charity toward us. It's our joy and privilege to give, and and thereby give thanks, for all His mercy towards us. —*Fr. Lawrence*

This week our parish will host the *Super Saints Vacation Bible School*, Monday–Thursday, 9–Noon. For more information about this please visit [THIS LINK](#).

Our parish will once again host the Diaconal/Choir Practicum, July 20–24. This year we expect about thirty deacons and candidates and twenty singers/choir directors. Please see me if you'd like to help out with hospitality, clean up, registration or some other duty. —*Fr. Lawrence*

ST. SERAPHIM CATHEDRAL

PROTECTION OF THE HOLY VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH



June 14, 2026

Sunday of All Saints of Russia and America



- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone One:
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 OF ALL SAINTS of RUSSIA & AMERICA, Tone Eight:
As a beautiful fruit of the sowing of Thy salvation, our land doth offer Thee, O Lord, all the saints that have shone in it. By their prayers keep the Church and our land in peace, through the Theotokos, O Most Merciful One.
- KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS, Tone Three:
Today the choir of saints who pleased God in the lands of Russia and America stands forth in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With

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them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival, and together they pray to the Eternal God for us.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Saturday, June 13: 4 PM, Q&A for Inquirers and Catechumens, in the Parish Hall
5 PM, Vigil/Confession
- Sunday, June 14: 8 AM, Divine Liturgy
9 AM, Choir Rehearsal
10 AM, Divine Liturgy
Noon, Agape Meal (*bring your own lunch day*)
- **Mon.–Thurs.:** **9 AM, Vacation Bible School**
- Wednesday, June 17: 5:30 PM, Akathist and then Vespers
6:45 PM, Genesis Bible Study
- Thursday, June 18: 7 PM, Online Bible Study
- Friday, June 19: 8 AM, Matins
11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions

On this day we celebrate the saints that shone forth in America and Russia.

The revelation of a saint happens in a humble way, without fanfare and internet chatter. We prayerfully and patiently wait for God to reveal saintly men, women and children to the world. We can reflect on the fact that all Orthodox Christians are called to live saintly lives, to cultivate—with God’s Grace—the holy virtues of faith, love, meekness, humility, and to reflect Christ in our lives. Here’s the list of the American saints.

- St. Herman of Alaska: A Russian monk who was the first missionary to Alaska, arriving in 1794. He is known for his missionary work and dedication and care for the Alaskan people
- St. Innocent of Alaska: A missionary bishop to Alaska, renaissance man, who later became Metropolitan of Moscow
- St. Raphael (Hawaweeny) of Brooklyn: A vicar bishop under the Moscow Patriarchate and a key figure in establishing the Antiochian Orthodox Mission in America
- St. Jacob (Netsvetov): A native of the Aleutian Islands who became a priest

and played a significant role in the conversion and evangelization of Alaska

- St. Peter the Aleut: A protomartyr of America
- St. Juvenaly of Alaska: One of the members of the 1794 missionary group, martyred
- St. Mardarije (Uskoković) of Libertyville: A Serbian bishop who served in North America and founded St. Sava’s Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois
- St. John (Maximovitch) of Shanghai and San Francisco: A wonderworking archbishop who served in both Shanghai, Paris and San Francisco
- St. Alexis (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre: A former Greek Catholic priest who led a large group of Uniates into the Orthodox Church
- St. John Kochurov: The first hieromartyr of the Soviets in 1917
- St. Nicholas (Velimirović) of Žižča: A Serbian bishop and influential writer.
- St. Tikhon of Moscow: A former Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and North America, later Patriarch of Moscow
- St. Olga Michael of Alaska: The righteous wife of a priest, glorified by the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) this last June 2025.
- St. Sebastian Dabovich: An Archimandrite who was the first American-born Orthodox priest
- St. Seraphim (Samoylovich) of Uglich: A missionary to Alaska and a hieromartyr under the Soviets
- St. Barnabas (Nastić): A New Confessor who was born in Gary, Indiana
- St. Alexander Hotovitzky: A hieromartyr and missionary to America
- St. Basil Martysz: A hieromartyr who served in Alaska, Canada, and Pennsylvania
- St. Teofan Beatovich of Chisholm, missionary in Minnesota, hieromonk and martyr under the Communists
- St. Matej Stiyachic of Chisholm, missionary to America, and hieromartyr under the Nazis
- St. Bogolyub Gakovich of Chisholm, missionary to America, and hieromartyr under the Nazis
- St. Brendan the Voyager, first Orthodox saint to set foot in North America, leader of short-lived 6th c. Irish monastic community in Canada