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#### **The Sunday of All Saints**

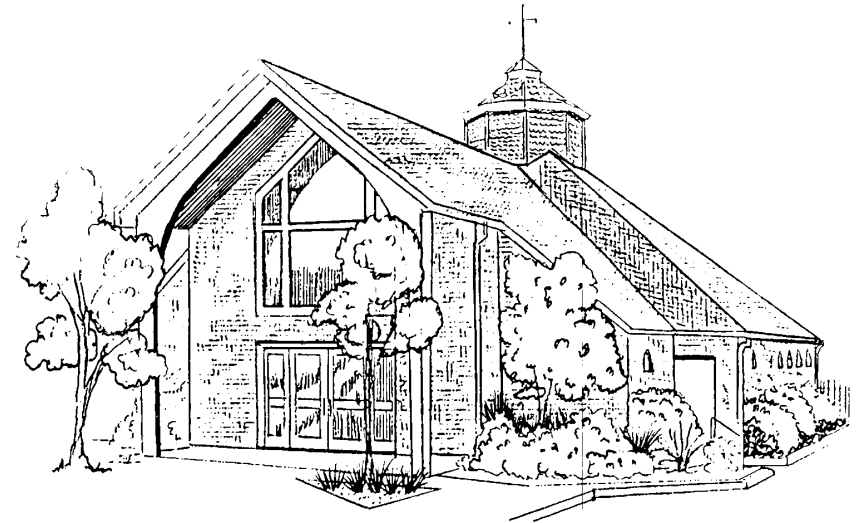
On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

#### **Verses**

Of all my Lord's friends, I laud and sing the praises;  
And let any to come, with them all be numbered.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

By the intercessions of Thine immaculate Mother, O Christ God, and of all Thy Saints from the beginning of time, have mercy and save us, since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.



**June 7, 2026**  
**The Sunday of All Saints**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, "spaghetti" strap garments, sleeveless or "tanktop" type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 11:33-12:2

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

## Saints of the Day

Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastian the wonder-worker; Venerable Cedd, bishop of Essex.

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## Spiritual Counsels...

Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. – Prov. 24:11

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## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



Most Orthodox people know about the “Great Schism of 1054.” This is when the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox church went their separate ways. The main reason for the schism was a dispute over the Roman patriarch’s authority over the Eastern church. He insisted on his supremacy over the Eastern patriarchs. There were, however, other fundamental differences between the Eastern and Western churches such as the Eastern church’s objection to Rome’s addition of the filioque clause in the Nicene Creed (the claim that the Holy Spirit descended from the Father and the Son, not just from the Father). Mutual suspicion and theological rivalry between the churches continued during the next 400 years. It led to bloody confrontations between the churches during the Crusades when the Pope’s private army devastated Mt. Athos. Monks who refused to convert to Catholicism were either killed or sold as slaves. Happily, while theological differences between East and West remain, Rome and Constantinople have entered constructive dialogue in recent years. In 1965, the churches lifted their mutual excommunications of 1054. In November 2025, on the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed, Pope Leo XIV and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met and signed a declaration affirming their commitment to a path toward full communion. The faith leaders urged all clergy and laypeople to pray and work together in obedience to our Lord’s prayer “that all may be one...so that the world may believe.” Thanks be to God. —Theo

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Apostles Fast** begins on Monday, June 8, and ends on Sunday, June 28, inclusively.

Our last meeting for **The Art of Myrrh Bearing** will be **June 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11am in the church hall of St. Basil's. At this meeting will be bringing this book to a close. Thank you to all who have joined us. I look forward to seeing there, Tania Russell

God willing, the **Parish Council** shall hold its June meeting on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, Fr. Peter will meet with all **inquirers and catechumens** after coffee hour on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, in the nave of the church. The discussion is open to everyone.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Monday, June 29, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul**.

**Today's Coffee Hour:** Team 1. Thank you. Next Week: Team 2.

### **Our Littlest Members**

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise." The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is **NO FOOD** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!

### **ST. BASIL-NORTHSHORE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

God being our helper, the Northshore Orthodox community shall have their next worship service at St. Michael's Episcopal Church Sunday, June 21, at 5:00 P.M. The address is 4499 Sharp Road, Mandeville, Louisiana, 70471. Everyone is welcome to the occasion, Orthodox Christians as well as non-Orthodox. Food and drinks are encouraged for the social hour afterward. The next date of worship is Sunday, July 12, at St. Michael Church at 5:00 P.M.