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Sunday	Jun 18	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / All Saints of America</i>
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy / Prayers for Fathers Coffee Hour
Saturday	Jun 24	<i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
	4:00 pm	Confession
	5:30 pm	Great Vespers Confession
Sunday	Jun 25	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 2 / Virgin Martyr Febronia</i>
	Readings:	Rom 5:1-10 Mt 6:22-33
	9:30 am	Divine Liturgy / Kingsbury Baptism Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Jun 11

Attendance: (Adults 103, Children 27)	130
Operating	\$2,062.00
OCA Assessments	219.00
Uganda Children	79.00
Icons	59.00
Memorial	25.00
Charities	10.00

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

May God bless and keep all of our fathers for many years and may He establish the souls of our beloved departed fathers in the mansions of the righteous. Memory eternal.

SPECIAL WELCOME

We welcome Fr Igor Burdikoff who is visitng with us today. Fr Igor is retired and originally from Lorain and has been serving in the priesthood for 52 years.

KINGSBURY BAPTISM

Please keep Anastasia in your prayers as she prepares for Holy Baptism next Sunday during Liturgy.

CONFESSION NOTE

Please be planning to approach for your summer confession. June has special hours before Vespers beginning at 4:00 pm.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

5th Annual Ladies Night Out will be held at St. Nicholas Parish Hall on Thursday, July 20. Please join us from 6:30-8:30 for fellowship, food and an opportu-

nity to support St Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund through purchases of unique, handmade crafts from Uganda or assorted items. Please contact Peggy with questions 668-1275.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Bess (Chongris grndma), Subdeacon Leonard, Jim, (Denise F's bro), Helen Cicmanski (Andy D's mom), Linda Stiscak (Furman sis-n-law), Jim (Ruth's dad), Michael (Chongris nphw), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd), Daniel Conger (Jim R's frnd), Russ Bechkoviak, suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Collin & Kristen Moore (6/18), Kevin & Dee Kurtz, Bill & Suzanne Gubser (6/20), Jim & Tina Capitan (6/23), Bill & Jenifer Butterfield (6/24).

Birthdays: Bruno Christani (6/20), Laurie Alexander, Kathy Chongris (6/21), Jim Horabik, David Kucmanic (6/22), Chris Joss (6/24).

Newborns: Anabelle (Tom & Laura), Anastasia (Bobby & Juliana), Julian (Vlad & Lucia), Maya (CJ & Iya).

Expecting: Tom & Stephanie, John & Lauren, David & Maria, Zach & Venessa, Tim & Ashley.

Our Seminarian: Brian Crivella & Family.

Newly Illumined: Michael, Hannah, Helen & Anastasia.

Newly Departed: Henry (Jackie B's dad, 5/23), Bess Chongris (Adams mom, 5/18).

Happy Father's Day!

Synaxis of the American Saints

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

The first Divine Liturgy in what is now American territory (northern latitude 58 degrees, 14 minutes, western longitude 141 degrees) was celebrated on July 20, 1741, the Feast of the Prophet Elias, aboard the ship Peter under the command of Vitus Bering. Hieromonk Hilarion Trusov and the priest Ignatius Kozirevsky served together on that occasion. Several years later, the Russian merchant Gregory I. Shelikov visited Valaam monastery, suggesting to the abbot that it would be desirable to send missionaries to Russian America.

On September 24, 1794, after a journey of 7,327 miles (the longest missionary journey in Orthodox history) and 293 days, a group of monks from Valaam arrived on Kodiak

Island in Alaska. The mission was headed by Archimandrite Joasaph, and included Hieromonks Juvenal, Macarius, and Athanasius, the Hierodeacons Nectarius and Stephen, and the monks Herman and Joasaph. Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), the last surviving member of the mission, fell asleep in the Lord in 1837.

Throughout the Church's history, the seeds of faith have always been watered by the blood of the martyrs. The Protomartyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter the Aleut was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages. Father Jacob Netsvetev died in Sitka in 1864 after a life of devoted service to the Church. Father John Veniaminov, after his wife's death, received monastic tonsure with the name Innocent. He died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. This was the beginning of the return of many Uniates to Orthodoxy.