



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jun 10</b>	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / All Saints of America</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy      Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jun 16</b>	<i>St Tyco Bishop of Amathus</i>
		4:00 pm Confession
		5:30 pm Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<i>3rd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 2 / Martyrs Manuel, Sabel &amp; Ismael of Persia</i>
		Readings: Rom 5:1-10      Matt 6:22-33
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy / Prayers for Fathers / Coffee Hour

### ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / June 3

Attendance: (Adults 97, Children 23)	120
Operating	\$3,060.00
OCA Assessments	322.00
Uganda Children	60.00
Charities	102.00
Icons	55.00

### CONFESSION NOTE

Please be planning to approach for your Summer Confession through August. Special times have been added before Vespers on Saturday and the usual time afterward.

### GRADUATE TEA

Graduates and Church School Teachers will be honored on Sunday, June 17 as opposed to June 10 as previously announced.

### LADIES NIGHT FOR UGANDA CHILDREN

Save the Date — The 5th Annual Ladies Night Out, to benefit St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund, will be held on Thursday, July 19th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The event is open to ALL woman of the parish AND their friends and neighbors. Please consider attending this fun evening and bringing some friends. Donations (food/baskets) are welcome. Please contact Peggy Walker (440-668-1275) or Kathy Chongris (440-285-3418) with questions or donations. Hope to see you there!

### PRAYER CORNER ++++++

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), Jim (Ruth's dad), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd),

infant Julian, John Clements, Willie (Elena G's son), Sarah Crivella, Darlene (Mary V's csn), Donald Starr (Scott C's fr-n-lw), Mary Georges (Peter's mom), Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Andy Dzura, suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Anniversaries:** Bob & Evelyn Wick (6/13).

**Birthdays:** Larry Furman, Anastasia Kisha, Collin Moore, Ashley Brzozowski (6/11), Bob Wick (6/12), Jennifer Butterfield, (6/13), Kristin Moore (6/14), Elaine Templeton (6/15), Lea Hoffacker (6/13).

**Expecting:** Tom & Laura, Deanna & Patrick, Alexandr & Olga, Chad & Meredith, Matt & Michelle, Tom & Miranda, Mitch & Winnie, Jon & Larissa.

**Our Seminarian:** Brian Crivella & Family.

**Newly Illumined:** Julian Rosca, Michael Schlafer.

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 and Nicholas, rejoice, O holy Father Alexis and you 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.

— From the Vespers of All Saints of America —

# 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. 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. 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 Netsvetov 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. Saint Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later. He died in 1925, and for many years his exact burial place remained unknown. Saint Tikhon's grave was discovered on February 22, 1992 in the smaller cathedral of Our Lady of the Don in the Don Monastery when a fire made renovation of the church necessary. Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. Archimandrite Raphael Hawaweeny was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his arch-pastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.