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Sunday	Jun 23	<i>1st Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / All Saints</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
Friday	Jun 28	<i>Eve of SS Peter & Paul</i>
		6:30 pm Great vespers & Litya
Saturday	Jun 29	<i>SS Peter & Paul</i>
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy
		5:30 pm Great Vespers
Sunday	Jun 30	<i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 1 / All Saints of America</i>
		Readings: Rom 2:10-16 Matt 4:18-23
		9:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour
		2:00 pm LeMaster Wedding

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / June 16

Attendance: (Adults 130, Children 30)	160
Operating	\$3,495.00
OCA Assessments	20.00
Uganda Children	95.00
Charities	115.00
Icons	10.00
Maintenance	35.00

WEDDING BANNIS

Peter LeMaster and Caitlin Cooney next Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 pm.

LITURGY TIME NEXT SUNDAY

Due to the wedding, Liturgy will be at 9:00 am.

APOSTLES FAST

Monday, June 24 - Saturday, June 29.

TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of a 4th-5th Grade Teacher and three assistants for 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th and High School. Please see Debbie if you can help.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, Nina Stehnach (Fr's frnds), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter), suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Jim & Tina Capitan (6/23), Bill & Jennifer Butterfield (6/24),

Birthdays: Kathi Deeb (6/25), Vitaly Schelkanov (6/26).

Newborns: Luna (CJ & Iya), Luka (Bobby & Juliana).

Expecting: Tom & Stephanie.

Our Seminarian: Deacon Brian Crivella & Family.

Newly United: Cameron & Kristen, Greg & Grace.

Newly Illumined: Michael, Gregory, Mira.

Sunday of All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth.

They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Saints Peter & Paul

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church.

It is for the same reason that they are called the “Leaders of the Apostles” in the Liturgy.

St. Peter, whose original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be a Disciple. “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mt. 4: 19) After Jesus’ Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles, and a witness of Christ’s divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Gal.2: 11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus, and finally Rome. He was crucified, head downward, most probably in 67 A.D.

St. Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22: 3). At the time of Jesus’ min-

istry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 A.D. After receiving baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare himself for his

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O First-Enthroned of the Apostles! Teachers of the Universe! Entreat the Master of All to grant peace to world and great mercy to our souls.

future mission. He was most zealous to preach the gospel of Christ to

the world. He established many churches and visited many other churches. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Icon of Peter and Paul is simple and direct, striving only to present the holiness and wisdom of the two Apostles whose lives were totally devoted to witnessing the Good News of Jesus Christ and our salvation. They stand majestically, Peter with the keys, and Paul with the Scriptures, as pillars of the Church and teachers of the Lord Jesus.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the “rock of faith” and Paul “pride of the universe.” Together they are celebrated as “luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines, and friends of Christ.” (Matins Hymn)