St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 8 **June 7, 2026** Eothinon 1

First Sunday after Pentecost & First Sunday of Matthew

The Sunday of All Saints

Hieromartyr Theodotos, bishop of Ancyra; Venerable Sebastiana the wonderworker

Today's Reader: Alexander Cadmus

Next Sunday – June 14, 2026

Reader for June 14, 2026: **Isaiah Benefield**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **David & Amy Allen & Family**

Luncheon for Next Sunday is being prepared by the Benefield Family

Bread for the Holy Oblation is Offered by the Caperton Family for the health and salvation of Samuel, Michael and Kayla and the members of the Caperton Family.

It is also offered in loving memory of the departed members of the Caperton Family.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

We now are entering into the Summer months and a time of vacations. Just remember, this is not a time to take a vacation from Church! If you are travelling and would like to attend church while you are away, see Fr Samuel and he will help you find a church that is near your destination if you are uncertain what Church is nearby to the place you are visiting.

The Apostle's Fast begins tomorrow, the Monday after All Saints (June 16th) and continues to June 28th. Let us all observe this important Holy Fast.

There will be a meeting of the Women of the Holy Myrrhbearers NEXT SUNDAY, June 14. This is a very important meeting as we are making our plans for the coming months. If you cannot be there, or have any questions, see Christine Cacic at the Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy.

The Parish Council meeting has been rescheduled to take place on Sunday, June 28 at 1:30 pm. See Fr Samuel if you are unable to attend on that day.

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,

This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion for the Resurrection, *in the Eighth Tone*

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the Saints, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying, Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Saints, *in the Eighth Tone*

As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:33-39; 12:1-2

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.
Verse: Bless God in the congregation.

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

Gospel

Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to His disciples, "Every one who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

THE APOSTLES' FAST - AN OUTLINE

Beginning the Monday after All Saints
and continuing until the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul (June 29)

DAYS	THE HOLY CANONS SPECIFY THE FOLLOWING:	
	Abstinence of:	No Abstinence of:
Monday Tuesday Thursday Saturday Sunday	Meat & Meat products Dairy products	Fruit Shellfish Vegetables & vegetable products Fish Wine Oil
Wednesdays Fridays	Meat & Meat products Dairy products Fish Wine Oil	

If the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul falls on a Wednesday or Friday, the fasting guidelines for that day apply, *except* that fish, wine and oil are permitted.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT FASTING IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT PRAYER AND ALMSGIVING.

Fasting, to whatever extent, should be undertaken after consultation and with a blessing from your spiritual Father.

FASTING PRIOR TO RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
(Throughout the year)

Sunday Morning Divine Liturgy — Complete fast from all food and drink from bedtime or midnight on Saturday evening. Saturday evening should be a quiet time of prayer and preparation for Communion.

Evening Liturgies — Complete fast from all food and drink after lunch. Any (very light) breakfast or lunch meal taken should include only fasting foods.

It is understood that those desiring to partake of the Mystery of the Eucharist frequently and regularly, must also keep the Wednesday and Friday discipline.

Sunday of All Saints

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Third Tone

Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.

Calendar: June-August 2026

6/7/2026 (Sun)		All Saints Day
The Apostle's Fast 6/8/2026 - 6/28/2026		
6/24/2026		Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
6/29/2026 (Mon)	10:00 am	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30/2026 (Tue)		Synaxis of the 12 Apostles
Diocese Parish Life Conference - 7/1/2026 - 7/5/2026		
7/20/2026		Elias the Prophet
7/25/2026		Dormition of the Righteous Anna
Dormition Fast 8/1/2026 - 8/14/2026		
8/5/2026 (Wed)	6:30 pm	Eve Divine Liturgy—Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/6/2026 (Thu)		Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/15/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
8/20/2026		The Prophet Samuel
8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist

Calendar for the Week of June 7, 2026	Saints of the Day
Sunday—June 7, 2026 All Saints Sunday **9:20 am Orthros** **9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry** **10:30 am - Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School**	**All Saints**
Monday— June 8, 2026	Translation of the Relics of Theodore the General
Tuesday—June 9, 2026	Cyril the Archbishop of Alexandria
Wednesday—June 10, 2026 **No Daily Vespers Today**	Alexander and Antonia the Martyrs
Thursday—June 11, 2026	Bartholomew and Barnabas the Apostles
Friday—June 12, 2026	Venerable Onouphrios the Great of Egypt; Venerable Peter the Athonite
Saturday—June 13, 2026 **5:00 pm Great Vespers** **Confessions afterward**	Acylina the Martyr
Sunday—June 14, 2026 **9:20 am Orthros** **9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry** **10:30 am - Divine Liturgy** **After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School**	Elisha the Prophet; Methodius the Confessor

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.