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1st Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of All Saints

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 8 Liturgical Color: **Green**
Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30



SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 24 – Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast Begins / 9:30am Akathist to Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, June 29 – 11-1 Mystery of Holy Confession offered

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

* Monday	Holy Apostle Bartholomew & Barnabas (1st c.)	Romans 2:28-3:18	Matthew 6:31-34,7:9-11
* Tuesday	Venerable Onuphrius the Great (400)	Romans 4:4-12	Matthew 7:15-21
* Wednesday	Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Lebanon (293)	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 7:21-23
* Thursday	Prophet Elisha (10th c. B.C.)	Romans 5:10-16	Matthew 8:23-27
* Friday	St. Michael, first metropolitan of Kiev (992)	Romans 5:17-6:2	Matthew 9:14-17
* Saturday	St. Tychon, bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (425)	Romans 3:19-26	Matthew 7:1-8

* The Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast - Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

June 30 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of Regional (Carpatho-Rusyn) Saints

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 1 Liturgical Color: **Green**
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16; Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Graduate Sunday / Add'l Collections for our Community Outreach (products will be delivered on July 2nd)

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (responded with: **Glory Be Forever!**)
Slava Isusu Christu! (**Slava Na Viki!**)

We are happy that you have joined us today! Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



Sunday, July 7 – Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist / Parish Family Picnic at The Cabin, North park
Friday, July 12 – 9:30 Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)

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Collection for Holy Transfiguration Monastery – Please bring in items by NEXT week, June 30th. (Items will be DELIVERED on Tuesday, July 2nd) Here is this year's list of requested items:

Monastery Supplies:

- Toilet tissue
- Facial Tissues
- Paper Towels
- Paper napkins
- Tall Kitchen White Trash Bags
- Dessert size paper plates
- 9 in. and 12 in. paper plates



Cleaning Supplies:

- Clorox Bathroom Cleaner (not wipes)
- Clorox Bleach Cleaner
- 409 Cleaner
- Dish washing liquid (refill)

Don't Forget:

Bring in your used greeting cards to the bin in the Vestibule

Food Items:

- sugar & creamers containers for coffee hour
- powdered sugar
- canola oil
- cooking spray
- salted canned nuts
- honey – large jars
- honey bear jars – small
- granola bars – snack bars
- small cans of chick peas (plain not seasoned)

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Our annual garage sale is not finalized. We are tentatively looking at having it **September 6-7**. Can you help? We need to get a sense of who is willing to offer some time in the prep for and/or actual garage sale. **Please sign up on the sheet in the church hall.**

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by the Kirish family; Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Kathy Schrmack; Olga Radick; the Mirilovich family; Theresa Sharpless; Cindy Pavidonis; Margaret Rusnak.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by Matthew Peifer, in Memory of Father, +Jack; Tim Martin, in Memory of Father, +Lawrence, and Godfather, +Clifford Enslin; and Cindy Pavidonis, in Memory of Father, +Joseph. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Jim Pamjat!

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St John's Annual Parish Family Picnic – Our annual parish picnic is around the corner! We will gather on **Sunday, July 7th** from Noon to 5:00 at *The Cabin* in North Park (988 E Ingomar Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101). Everyone is welcome! Come and experience a day of fun amongst family and friends. We will share a pot-luck meal – so bring your favorite recipe to share (*a sign up sheet is in the church hall so that we get a good variety*). There will be activities for all! If you need directions, please see Fr Dave. For other questions, please see a Church Council member.

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Garden Blessings – How's your garden coming along? Time to get it blessed! (*The format of the blessing is similar to our annual house blessing.*) Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

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22 Days Till Camp! – *Have you registered your kids yet??* Please talk with Fr Dave before registering to get the online code that you will need. Information regarding registration is available at: www.CampNazareth.org. Our ACRY is offering a partial 'Campership' for assistance and additional assistance is also available if needed. *If you have never been to Camp Nazareth, you do not know what you are missing!* Our Deanery Camping week is **July 14-20** with the theme "Being Believing". Please talk to Fr Dave if you have any questions.

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **June 23-30** – Holy Dormition (12 Washington Ave., Oakmont) Greek

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hall for times and more information or visit holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide

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Diocesan Sobor Essay Contest – We are inviting all high school juniors and seniors as well as college students to participate in writing an essay, maximum 1,500 words, about the Orthodox Christian perspective on one of the following topics: *Abortion; End of Life Issues; Same-sex Marriage; Wealth and Poverty; or Violence, Conflict and War.* All submissions will be printed in the Sobor Journal which will be issued at the XXIV Council. Students are asked to submit their essays as a WORD document to the Chancellor at: fpmloro@atlanticbb.net, no later than **August 31st**. *Please note: applicant's names should not be included on their essays so that essays can be judged without bias.* Three monetary awards will be given as follows: 1st Place - \$500; 2nd Place- \$400; 3rd Place- \$300. Please contact Father Dave with any questions

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 84
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 184
Envelopes:	\$ 416
Total Collections:	\$ 684
Relocation Fund:	\$ 300

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

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Legacy Gift to our Parish – *We have been blessed with the generosity of the Potoski Family as we have received \$10,000 in memory of +Julie Potoski and +Jane Barrett. May their memory be eternal! And may God bless Jim Potoski in his journey! Many Years!*

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Reader of the Third Hour:

June 30: John Kirish

July 7: Available to you

July 14: John Kirish

This should begin by 9:15 and can be read or chanted. Please contact Fr Dave if you are interested in participating in this wonderful stewardship prayer opportunity!

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

June 30: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

July 7: *Annual Family Picnic*

July 14: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The PriestMartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (Bithynia)

Commemorated on June 23/10

The PriestMartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (Bithynia), received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking because of his purity and sanctity of life. At Prussa he converted many pagans to the faith in Christ. The emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363), upon hearing



about Saint Timothy had him locked up in prison, but even there also the saint continued to preach the Gospel. Julian forbade him to anymore teach about the Name of Jesus Christ, but the saint continued to spread about the Christian faith. Finally, the emperor gave orders to behead the saint. The holy relics of the saint were afterwards transferred to Constantinople.

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures." +Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set

before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

³²So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁷He 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; ³⁸and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" ²⁸Jesus 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. ²⁹And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Noetic Faculty

The energy of the mind inside the heart

In the patristic tradition the heart is the center of our self-awareness. This self-awareness is the energy of the mind inside the heart, something the holy fathers referred to as our "noetic faculty". There is an important distinction that must be noted concerning the difference between the Western and Eastern understands of how we come to know God. The scholastic approach that places emphasis on the use of logic and reason in the acquisition of the knowledge of God, as seen in the teachings of Augustine of Hippo and Thomas Aquinas, is unknown in the East.

The Ancient Church taught that knowledge of God comes only through the noetic science of the heart. From the standpoint of Orthodox theology, the mind and logic are not the same

thing, since logic functions within the brain, while the mind functions within the heart. Thus, the noetic faculty of the heart is the energy of the mind inside the heart. This important distinction results in the Eastern Church seeing herself not as a religious institution, but rather a hospital of the soul, wherein one comes for therapeutic procedures that restore the health of the soul, and allow for the ultimate goal of union with God (theosis). For those who wish further understanding of these ancient Christian teaching, the writings of my favorite modern theologian, Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos, are a worthy read.

It is within the life of the Church that we enter into ascetic struggle, "working out", just as an athlete, through fasting and prayer, and the reception of the Holy Mysteries (Holy Communion), in order to be made well. We are restored to health within

the walls of this hospital of the soul, the Church, and trained to this athletic/ascetic dimension of living.

Our mishandling of the memory of God that led to the fall, is now corrected and reactivated through the healing of the "nous" (the eye of the soul), and that memory is restored. This memory is not the reclamation of something of an historical nature, but rather the opening up of a knowledge that has always been there. This healing is not of a juridical nature whereby an angry God has decided to overlook the evil and fallen nature of our souls by the bloodletting of His Son, but by the cleansing of the nous that has been darkened, restoring us to health and wholeness. The memory of God is thus restored, and we are again in full communion with the Most High, freed from the permanency of death by the trampling down of the power of death through Christ's Holy Resurrection.

The purpose of the Church's presence in the world is for the cure of humankind, and the restoration of the hearts of men and women. The Church thus functions as a therapy centered hospital, and the priests function as therapists. This Divine-human Organism is the living Body of Christ, the Church, and is life itself. The healing of the nous that comes within the life of the Church returns us to our true nature. In this state of wholeness our faculties are able to use logic and reason as it was meant to be used. Our reason and logic becomes the rightful vehicle by which we can explore the universe, and behold all that God has created, and science, nature, and even the cosmos, can be seen in the light of a heart is the center of our self-awareness.

Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father can meet M-F 9:30a-4p or by appointment.
Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.
Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.
Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to be fully prepared.
Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.
Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged by all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.
Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.
Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other

a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Father for more details.
Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.
Marriages – are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for more details (before arrangements are made for the hall).
Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.
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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

“And so you must not become despondent in your illness and weakness, but on the contrary, rejoice in spirit, being comforted with the thought that the Lord has come closer to you now, and later will adopt you as His own children, if you will remain faithful to Him to the end and bear without grumbling all the sorrows that He finds necessary to send you. He that endureth to the end shall be saved (Matt. 10:22).”
+Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

MONDAY

“Married life, no less than the life of a monk, is a special vocation, requiring a particular gift or charisma from the Holy Spirit; and this gift is conferred in the Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Matrimony.” - Timothy Ware, *The Orthodox Church*

TUESDAY

“Do not strive with men for the sake of the belly. And do not hate for the sake of honor. And do not find a pleasure in judging.” +St. Isaac the Syrian

WEDNESDAY

“The correct spiritual approach is to forget the good you do to others and to remember the good others do to you. When someone reaches this state of spiritual being, then he is indeed human, a man of God.” +St. Paisios of Mount Athos

THURSDAY

"It is God, Who is merciful and grants everyone what he needs, Who is building him up when He gives him more than he needs; in doing so He shows the abundance of His love for men and teaches him to give thanks. When He does not grant him what he needs, He makes him compensate for the thing he needs through the working of the mind and teaches him patience." +Venerable Abba Dorotheos of Gaza

FRIDAY

"In the event of a violent attack of the enemy, when a weakening of the will and darkening of the mind is felt, vocal prayer is indispensable." +St. Ignatius (Brianchaninov)

SATURDAY

"A man asked a priest: "If God is everywhere, why do I go to Church?" The priest replied: "The whole atmosphere is filled with water; but when you want to drink you have to go to a fountain or a well."

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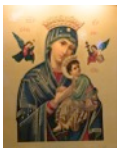
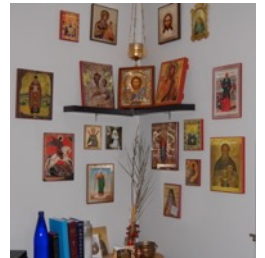
*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs **

A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her* so that *he/she* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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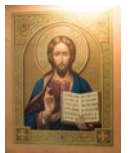
For the Health of... Sarah, Fr. Michael Rustick, Rose Ann, Cynthia, David, John, Patricia, John, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Steven, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Emily, Anthony, Eleanor ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Michael, Daniel, and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach, Holy Transfiguration Monastery ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): *your name here* – Saint _____. *(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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Birthday Prayers for... Mary Jane Hudak (6/23), Margaret Spirnak (6/24), Anna Mae Gogal (6/25/29), Pañi Marianna Bannon (6/25), Darlene Labas (6/26), Nicole Maruscak (6/27), Ryan Dzacony (6/28), *Father's niece,* Aislinn Verbanick (6/28), John Radick (6/29), Elizabeth Radomsky (6/29), Fr Miles Zdinak (6/29) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Anthony, Anthony, Sheila, Anna Marie, Katie, Alexis, Sophie ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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For those preparing for Marriage... Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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Anniversary Prayers for... Danielle & Shane Yakemawiz (6/26), Daniel & Linda Gavulich (6/27) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Pregnant Mothers... Hayley, Alisha ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzacovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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For the souls of the newly departed... Pañi Charlotte Conjelko (6/5) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!*

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you would wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another**. Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is NOT limited to Orthodox Christians.*

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Tropar of the Saints for the 1st Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 4)

Your Church throughout the world, O Lord is clothed with blood of Your Martyrs as with fine linens and purple robes; and so the Church cries out to You, O Christ our God: "Send down Your goodness upon Your people; grant peace to Your Church and great mercy to our souls." Amen.