

From the Front Cover

Sometimes when you read the lives of the saints you shake your head and think, “I could never do anything like that.” Many endured horrible tortures to the point of death because they refused to deny Christ. Others denied themselves food, clothing, and shelter in ways that seem beyond the strength of human beings. Some accepted insult and abuse while forgiving their tormentors and turning the other cheek in a fashion that seems not of this world. As today’s epistle reading reminds us, the Old Testament saints endured such trials purely in anticipation of the coming of the Savior. Most of us, who have received the fullness of the promise in Christ, cannot fathom how we could be nearly as faithful as was this cloud of witnesses who point us by their examples and prayers to commend our lives to Christ.

On this Sunday of All Saints, we commemorate all those who have united themselves to the Lord to the point that they have become radiant with His holiness by the power of the Holy Spirit, including those whose are not formally canonized as saints by the Church. The canonized saints are like the members of the hall of fame who stand as shining examples of obedience to the Lord. We celebrate them because their lives are such vivid icons of what it means for a human being to become a partaker of the divine nature by grace. We do not know the names of all the saints, of course. Not all who are illumined with the divine glory are known publicly as such; of course, the point of holiness is never simply to draw attention to oneself. It is, instead, to be faithful in offering our lives to Christ. Only He knows the names and number of those Who have done that, for He alone knows our hearts.

If we want to join their number, then we must attend carefully to Christ’s teachings today in the gospel reading. “Everyone 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.” We must also ask whether we acknowledge Him before our neighbors every day of our lives in what we say and do. It is only our pride that makes us think that true faithfulness must be dramatic and spectacular. Most of us struggle to be faithful even in our routine trials and temptations. We will fail to unite ourselves to Christ in holiness if we fail to see that the most common challenges that we face are our opportunities to acknowledge that we belong to Him, and not simply to ourselves.



All Saints Sunday

The Weekly Bulletin

June 19, 2022



Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach

*A Parish of the Diocese of Miami and the Southeast of the
Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*
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Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor, we are glad you have chosen to pray with us at Saint Mary's. As a friendly reminder, please observe the following upon entering the church for prayer.

- If you arrive after the services begin, try to enter the Church quietly and observe what is happening. Try not to interrupt the service by your entrance.
- Please silence your cellular telephones.
- Please place your offerings in the basket on the table in the Church Narthex (Entrance), or the Offering Tray when passed.
- You are invited join us in the Banquet Hall for coffee and refreshments following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.



On Father's Day, we lift fathers who love their wives, who are present and available to their children, who support and care for their families, who protect their homes, and above all, who teach their family to fear the Lord and lead them on the path of the Kingdom of God!

A most blessed and joyous Father's Day to all fathers everywhere!

Schedule of Services

All Saints Sunday - June 19th

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the
 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Sunday - June 26th

- Matins at 8:50 AM, followed by the
 - Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Tuesday - June 28th

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

- Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM

Note: Wednesday Evening Vespers will not be held during the remainder of June and the month of July.

Sacrament of Confession

Fr. Peter is available for the hearing of Confessions:

- Sunday's 8:30 to 8:50 AM
- By appointment with Fr. Peter

The Apostles Fast

This year, the Apostles Fast begins on Monday, June 20th, and concludes on Tuesday, June 28th. The Fast of the Holy Apostles is not as strict as the Fasts of Great Lent and the Nativity of Christ. Red meat, poultry, and dairy products are not allowed during the entire fasting period. Fish, wine, and oil are allowed on all days except on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Apostles Fast concludes with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 28th. We will end the fast with the celebration of the Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM, on June 28th.

DOMSE Scholarships

The Diocese of Miami and the Southeast is offering scholarships up to \$2500 for those graduating high school in the 2021-2022 academic year.

For more information, please go to
domse.org/domse-scholarships/

Deadline to apply is
July 1st

This Summer at a Glance

- ◇ Beginning August 1st, we will celebrate 'The 15 Days of August' in preparation for our Church Feast Day - The Dormition of the Theotokos.
- ◇ August 1st, we will pray The Paraklesis Service and Lesser Blessing of Water at 6:30 PM.
- ◇ August 5th, Vespereal Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Grapes for the Feast of the Transfiguration at 6:30 PM.
- ◇ Church Feast Day celebrations Dormition of the Theotokos: August 14 & 15

Authentic Orthodoxy

by Abbot Tryphon



If she is true to herself, the Church acts with an authority that is grounded in love. She holds within her realm the authority to make her people the children of God. She has the authority to forgive, and the capacity to love. And just as her Head, Jesus Christ, she exists to serve, and not to be served. She guides her people with love, recognizing that each person is unique, and is to be ministered to with an authority that is based on serving, not being served.

Christianity itself is in crisis, and many people are embracing the materialist approach of self-help, rather than ascetic struggle and self-denial. Increased numbers of young people are turning to atheism, or wandering in a wasteland of spiritual confusion, having witnessed the betrayal of Christian morality and faith by many religious leaders.

“The incarnation of Christ was considered and was celebrated by the Fathers of the Church and the worshipping ecclesiastical community as the abolishing of religion and its transformation into a Church. In fact, the memorable Father John Romanides had said in the most categorical way that Christ became human, in order to free us of the illness of religion [Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos].”

Until we put off religion, and put on Christ, we will continue to fail in our vocation as servants. Unless the Church demonstrates, with holiness and humility, and in imitation of the Image of Our Savior as servant, the Church will have become nothing but a religion that has lost her way, and the authentic witness of Christ will have been lost.

The youth of today are drawn to authenticity, and until they see Christ in the lives of churchmen who are living icons of Christ, and who are loving, humble servants of this very Christ, they will continue looking for truth in a wasteland of spiritual confusion. The Church must proclaim the Good News in all humility and love, for “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve [Mark 10:45],”



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Divine Liturgy Variables for All Saints Sunday

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated on this day. The service text may be found beginning on page 91 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

- *During the Little Entrance, the Resurrectional Apolytikion is sung. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 8

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.

Apolytikion for All Saints Sunday in Tone 4

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.

Apolytikion of the Church (Dormition) in Tone 1

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion of All Saints Sunday in Tone 8

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.

The Epistle

Prokeimenon: God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

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.

عَجِيبٌ مَّقْ اللهُ فِي قَدَيْسِيهِ،

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللهُ.

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدَيْسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ.

يَا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْقَدَيْسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمَلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأُسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا جَدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوُّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَتَسَرُوا مَعْسَكَرَاتِ الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءً أَمْوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَعَدَّبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا بِالنَّجَاةِ لِيَحْصُلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةِ أَفْضَلِ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهُزَةَ وَالْجَلْدَ وَالْقَيْوَدَ أَيْضًا وَالسَّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَتُشِرُوا وَامْتَحِنُوا وَمَاتُوا بِحَذِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحُوا فِي جُلُودِ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مَعُوزُونَ مُصَابِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحِقًّا لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِبِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَتَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمُلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَتَحْنُ أَيْضًا إِذْ حِدَقْنَا بِنَا مِثْلَ هَذِهِ السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنَلْقَ عَنَّا كُلَّ ثَقَلٍ وَكُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلِنَسَابِقَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الَّذِي أَمَانْنَا، نَاطِرِينَ إِلَى رَّبِّسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكْمَلِهِ يَسُوعَ.

The Gospel

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. [10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30]

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before

Please contact either me or Father Peter to discuss this matter and what assistance you can be to Saint Mary's.

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have." 2 Corinthians 8: 22

In Christ,

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Repair and Improvement Campaign Update

	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Pledged				
	As of 6/13/2022			
	\$27,000			
Received				
	As of 6/13/2022			
	\$25,420			



Saint Mary Orthodox Church of West Palm Beach, Florida

May 31, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While some may step away from the church during the summer months for various reasons, the church continues open its doors and offer ministry to the community. Your continued support to our beloved Saint Mary's Church is greatly appreciated.

Operating the church does not come without any unexpected problems or expenses. Our church community is currently facing a major expense that needs your help. This past week, our air conditioning system in the hall ceased to work and is past the point of repair. The lack of air conditioning in the hall puts the church in a difficult position of having to cancel daily and weekly hall rentals, thus losing rental income. In addition, our Sunday Coffee Hours and fellowship activities are put on hold. The Parish Council is working diligently to replace the air conditioning units as soon as we locate the equipment.

In addition, our parking lot has become an eyesore, fallen into disrepair and presents a hazard in some places. This too needs our immediate attention.

The current estimate to replace the air conditioning units and resurface the parking lot is close to \$100,000, a substantial amount of funds that Saint Mary's does not have. To meet this expense your help is needed. We understand that the urgency of this request is never at a good time - especially during the summer months.

We encourage you not to take away from your current contributions to Saint Mary's that assist with our daily expenses. We ask that you contribute in any way you feel you are able. Keeping our church from a serious financial deficit depends on each one of us and of our ability and willingness to support these expenditures.

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."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

قال الرب لتلاميذه، كل من يعترف بي قدام الناس، اعترف انا به قدام ابي الذي في السموات. ومن ينكرني قدام الناس، انكره انا قدام ابي الذي في السموات. من احب ابا او امًا اكثر مني فلا يستحقني، ومن احب ابنا او بنتًا اكثر مني فلا يستحقني. ومن لا يأخذ صليبه ويتبعني فلا يستحقني. فأجاب بطرس وقال له: هوذا نحن قد تركنا كل شيء وتبعناك، فماذا يكون لنا؟ فقال لهم يسوع: الحق اقول لكم، انتم الذين تبعتموني في جيل التجديد، متى جلس ابن البشر على كرسي مجده، تجلسون انتم ايضا على اثني عشر كرسيا تدبسون اسباط اسرائيل الاثني عشر. وكل من ترك بيوتًا أو إخوة أو أخوات أو ابا أو امًا أو امرأة أو اولادًا أو حقولًا من اجل اسمي، يأخذ مئة ضعف، ويرث الحياة الابدية. وكثيرون اولون يكونون آخريين، وآخرون يكونون اولين.

Communion Hymn for All Saints Sunday in Tone 8

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

After receiving Communion, please read the 'Prayers of Thanksgiving After Holy Communion' on pages 128-131 in the Red Service Book in the pews.

Liturgical Offerings

- Holy Altar Vigil Candle for the week of June 19th is offered in glory of the Most-Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Holy Bread for the Divine Liturgy of June 19th is offered by Fr. Peter & Kh. Myriam for the health of their son Matthew on the occasion of his birthday (June 21st), and in memory of Peter Shportun Sr. (32 years - June 16th).

If you wish to offer Holy Bread or an Altar Vigil Candle, please speak with Fr. Peter.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

For the Living

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5: 14

For the Good Health of the Servants of God: Archpriest Michael & Matushka Annette Zaparyniuk, The Priest John, Michael, Sub-Deacon William Hall, George Frieji, Jodet Rae, Judy Chalhub, Johnny & Joyce Chalhub, Nayla Tacla, Jenna Welch, Shane Brown, Raouf Saballeil, Val Franji, Jennifer Joseph Zicky.

- *Please update Fr. Peter on how the following are doing and whether they should remain on our prayer list!*

For the Shut-ins of our Church Community: Gloria Yedlinsky, Lidia Pawlcuk, Basil Dalack, Angie Smith, Zakia Salloum.

Metropolitan Boulos & Archbishop Youhanna, for their release from captivity and safe return.

For the end of hostilities and sufferings, and for peace in the Ukraine.

For those serving in our armed forces here and abroad: Christopher Smith, Jonathan Shportun.

For the Departed

"With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest O Lord to the souls of Thy servants..."

Thomas Eissey *(newly departed 5/4/22)*, Margo Fankhauser *(5/3/22)*, Fr. Nicholas Neyman *(12/12/21)*, Sonia AbuHadid *(10/3/21)*, Ruth Bashour *(6/28/21)*.



The Church Bookstore is open the first Sunday of each month. The bookstore is located at the entrance of the Banquet Hall.

Join Our Youth Ministry Team



The Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations (SOYO) is a ministry for our youth to help teens (13 - 18 years) in the church live the Orthodox faith daily through the organization's four pillars of worship, witness, service, and fellowship. Teen SOYO strives to help teens get involved in the life of the church and build effective habits that will last throughout their lives.

To assist our teens, a 'Youth Ministry Team' comprised of 3 to 4 volunteers is needed to assist the priest in engaging not only our teens, but pre-teens (11 & 12 years) as well.

If are interested in working as a 'team member' working with our youth, please



Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour is a time for fellowship and to welcome visitors to our church community. Each Sunday, Coffee Hours hosts are needed. To volunteer, Please sign-up at the entrance of the hall, or speak to Jane Pasley or Khouryia Myriam.



Church Directory Information

The Parish Council is in the process of updating our Church Directory to better minister to our Saint Mary's Community. If you have not done so already, please take a minute or two to complete a Church Directory Information Form. Forms are on the table in the Church Narthex.



Home Blessings

If you did not have your home blessed before Great Lent, Fr. Peter will be blessing homes through the end of June. Please speak to him to make arrangements to have your home blessed.



Giving of Your Blessings

Thank you to those who continue to fill our Feed the Hungry Box located in the Church Narthex. This coming week we will forward your food donations to those in need in our local community. The need for non perishable food items; baby formula, diapers, wipes; toothpaste, soap and shampoo are greatly in need.