

Special Hymns for All Saints Day

Today's Resurrection Hymn:

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord, and accepted the three-day burial to free us from our passions. Glory to You, O Lord, our life and our resurrection.

Dismissal Hymn for All Saint's Day:

Your Church, O Christ our God, clothed itself in the blood of your martyrs from throughout the world, as though it were a robe of linen and purple; through them, she cries out to You, "Send down upon Your people compassions, grant peace to Your commonwealth and, to our souls, great mercy."

Dismissal Hymn for Sts. Constantine and Helen:

The form of Your Cross was seen in the sky by Your Apostle among the kings, O Lord. He received his calling, like Paul, not from man, and placed his imperial city in your hands. Ever guard it in peace, O Loving God, through the intercessions of the Theotokos.

Kontakion:

To You O Lord, Ordainer and Creator of the World, the universe offers the god-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of nature; wherefore, through their prayers, and through the intercession of the Mother of God, preserve and peace, O You who alone are most merciful.

Communion Hymn:

Exalt, you just, in the Lord. Exalt, you just in the Lord; from the upright, praise in fitting. Alleluia.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΝΤΩΝ

Αναστάσιμον Απολυτίκιον

Εξ ύψους κατήλθες ο εύσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ίνα ημάς ελευθερώσεις τών παθών. Η ζωή καί η ανάστασις ημών Κύριε δόξα σοι

Απολυτίκιον τών Αγίων Πάντων

Τών εν όλω τώ κόσμω Μαρτύρων σου, ως πορφύραν καί βύσσον τά αίματα, η Εκκλησία σου στολισαμένη δι' αυτών βοά σοι, Χριστέ ο Θεός. Τώ λαώ σου τούς οικτιρμούς κατάπεμψον, ειρήνην τή πολιτεία σου δώρησαι, καί ταίς ψυχαίς ημών τόμέγα έλεος

Απολυτίκιον Αγίου Κωνσταντίνου

Τού Σταυρού σου τόν τύπον εν ουρανώ θεασάμενος, καί ως ο Παύλος τήν κλήσιν ουκ εξ ανθρώπων δεξάμενος. Ο εν βασιλεύσιν Απόστολός σου, Κύριε, βασιλεύουσιν πόλιν τή χειρί σου παρέθετο. Ήν περίσωζε διά παντός εν ειρήνη, πρεσβείαις τής Θεοτόκου μόνη Φιλάνθρωπε.

Κοντάκιον

Ως απαρχάς τής φύσεως τω φυτουργώ τής κτίσεως η οικουμένη προσφερει σοι, Κύριε, τούς θεοφόρους μάρτυρας. Ταις αυτών ικεσίαις, εν ειρήνη βαθεία τήν εκκλησίαν σου διά τής Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

Κοινωνικόν

Αγαλλιασθε δίκαιοι εν Κυρίω, τοίς ευθέσι πρέπει αίνεσις.
Αλληλούια.

Jesus Once Said

"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 after Me is not worthy of Me." Matthew: 10 37-38

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 26 All Saints Day

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2 (Red Book, page 64)

Gospel: Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 (Red Book, page 65)

Acolytes: Group 4 (Archangels): V. Phyrillas, A. Futrick, M. Faust, A. Futrick, Jr. , G. Koumaras, T. Siegel, K. Schlageter, T. Hunsicker, A. Karetas, J. Wagner, C. Hunsicker, C. Kraras

Council Members Welcoming: Tony Phyrillas
Kim Shunk

Council Members Ushering: Harry Dialectos
Gus Kotsakis

40 Day memorial: Michael Marmarou

Fellowship Sponsors: Mr. Augustus Hatzas and Connie Marmarou

Fellowship Hosts: Mrs. Maria Hatzistavakis
Mr. & Mrs. Stratos Hatzistavakis
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hoffman

Wednesday, June 29 Feast Day of Sts. Peter & Paul and Synaxis of the Holy Apostles

Orthros at 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 30

Celebrate Your Faith Night – Reading Phils at 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday

Sunday, July 3 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Orthros at 8:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy at 9:15 a.m.

Acolytes: Group 1 (Thrones): C. Siozos, G. Caloiero, C. Sterious, D. Porcaro, A. Sweigart, A. Zeppos, B. Wadsworth, A. Grassley, E. Hansen, S. Elliker, K. Schlageter, S. Maoury, M. Maoury, L. Elliker

Announcements

Summer Camp: GOYA: July 10-16. Cost is \$500. (Contact Dino for financial aid). Register online at www.pittsburgh.goarch.com. (Follow the link to register).

Save the Dates:

- **VBS** is August 22-26. Please contact: Marisa Hunsicker marisa1976@comcast.net
- The **Church Picnic** is August 21st at St Benedict's Picnic Grove

In the Hospital (Remember in Prayer)

Reading: Christine Georgeadis
George Kakalelis
Harry Pappas



In Hope They Believed Against Hope

June 29th is the feast of the two great apostles Peter and Paul. Both men faced hostility, danger and powerful enemies as they traveled and preached the good news of the Gospel. Both, in their own ways, spoke about what happens after we die.

Saint Paul famously described the mystery of our resurrection: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15: 54).

Saint Peter, to encourage his fellow Christians who were facing persecution, wrote: "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God" (I Peter 1: 23). In the same letter he reminded them after they suffer on earth, "the God of all

grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you" (5:10).

The words they wrote, and the things they endured, mark these apostles as men of faith. They also had visions sent by God. This is why we can trust their assurances that we are in God's hands while we live and after we die.

In Clint Eastwood's movie "Hereafter" there is no attempt to assure us that we can trust anybody's words about what happens after we die, though that is a matter of concern to the three main characters. One is Marie, a tsunami survivor who had a near-death experience when the waves overtook her. The second is a young boy who longs to speak with the twin brother who has died suddenly in a car accident. The third, and most compelling, is George, who feels "cursed" with the authentic psychic power he possesses to connect with the dead. He hates being asked to give "readings" because the emotional toll is so heavy for all involved.

The movie doesn't come to any conclusions. When Marie tries to tell her lover that her experience has convinced her there must be "something" after we die, he responds, "If there were something, don't you think somebody would have proved it by now?"

The young boy, Marcus, consults various fake mediums and of course is disappointed. When he finally persuades the reluctant George to give him a reading, he feels that he has at last connected with his dead brother. But even George cannot tell him what happens, or where we go, after we die. Marcus protests, "But you've done all those readings!" George can only answer quietly, "I still don't know."

This movie reflects the curiosity of many people about "the hereafter." But its creators apparently aren't curious enough to investigate the accounts given by the apostles Peter and Paul, who could tell them all they need to know.

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