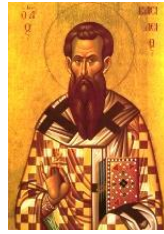


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THE SAINTS OF ANTIOCH

In the Byzantine Churches, the Sunday after Pentecost is observed as the Feast of All Saints. This is to proclaim that the presence of saints in the Church points to the presence of the Spirit who enlivens the Church and transforms those who cherish its life. On this day all the saints – those whose names we know and those we do not – are celebrated, for the state of hearts is truly known only to God. It is also the custom in many places that the next two Sundays after Pentecost honor all the saints of a particular nation or region (e.g. All Saints of Russia, Romania, etc.) or of a particular category (e.g. New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke). The Church of Antioch, “*where the disciples were first called Christians*” (Acts 11:26), can point to almost two thousand years of saints in its heritage from the first days of Christianity until today. A few of them whose names are known are celebrated in all the Churches. They include:

SUNDAY 1st AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, May 29 & Sunday, May 30, 2021

PARISH SERVICES

Holy Liturgy: Monday-Friday 8:30AM

Holy Liturgy: Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 11:00AM

Matins/Orthos: Sunday 9:00AM

Holy Confession: Monday 4-6PM

Vespers: Saturday 3:00PM

Holy Rosary: Sunday 10:30AM

HEALING PRAYERS NEEDED

Prayers needed for our friends MaryAnn Astour, Nazmie Barahmeh, Jean Benoit, Nadia Casab, Jeanette Farewege, Nancy Gazzal, Daniel Klockowski, Jean Murad, Rose Pawlinga, John Roth, Brian Sagrestano, and Karen Zalatan. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

RECENT RECEIPTS

Weekly Collection May 15/16: \$ 00.00

Memorial Services: \$ 00.00

Weekly Collection May 22/23: \$ 00.00

Memorial Services: \$ 00.00

† MEMORIAL MASSES †

NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 29

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By David & Susan Heath

† **Julia Nassimos**, By Catherine Goretsky & Holly Ann Madden

† **John Gazzal**, By George & Penny Kuckel

† **Joesph And Sally Showa**, By Anthony & Sandra Showa

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 30

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By David & Susan Heath

† **Julia Nassimos**, By Rosemary Dougherty

† **John Gazzal**, By David & Pamela Williams

NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 5

† **Eugene Hutchinson**, By David & Susan Heath

† **Julia Nassimos**, By Rosemary Dougherty

† **John Gazzal**, By George & Penny Kuckel

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 6

† **Julia Nassimos**, By John & Michelle Roth

† **John Gazzal**, By David & Pamela Williams

Saints of the Apostolic Age: During the first century the Greek-speaking Christian community in Antioch became the center for ministry to the Gentiles. Among its saints are:

- The Chief Apostles **Peter and Paul** (Jun 29), which is the throne feast of the patriarchate
- Their companions **Barnabas**, who founded the Church in Cyprus (Jun 11) and
- **Luke the Evangelist**, author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles (Oct 18).
- Others from that era include St **Ananias**, who baptized St Paul in Damascus (Oct 1) and St **Thekla**, the first woman martyr (Sep 24)

Martyrs of the Roman Persecutions: Throughout the second, third and early fourth centuries local governors, military commanders and Roman emperors called for the persecution of Christians. Some of their victims were Saints:

- **Ignatius of Antioch, the God-bearer**, killed in Rome c. ad 107 (Dec 20)
- **Sergios and Bacchos** in the fourth century (Oct 7)
- The **Great Martyr Artemios** (Oct 20) martyred under Julian the Apostate
- **Babylas**, third century Bishop of Antioch (Sep 4)
- The **Great Martyr Barbara** (Dec 4) sometimes said to have suffered in Nicomedia, Asia Minor or in Heliopolis (Baalbek)
- **Christina of Tyre** (Jul 24)
- **Febronia of Nisibis** (Jun 25)
- **Galacteon and Episteme**, his wife, martyred at Homs (Nov. 5)
- **Gurias, Samonas and Habib** (Nov 15)
- martyred in Edessa
- **Julian of Homs** the Unmercenary Healer (Feb 6)
- **Lucian of Antioch** (Oct 15)
- **Terence and Neonilla** and their children, Syrians martyred in Carthage (Oct. 28) and
- **Zenobius of Aegae** beheaded with his sister **Zenobia** in Cilicia (Oct. 30)
- **Fathers of the First Millennium:** The life of the Greek-speaking Churches of the Christian East was enhanced by the theological writings and poetic hymns of a number of Fathers including Saints:
 - **Andrew of Damascus**, Bishop of Crete (Jul 4)
 - **Cosmas the Melodist** (Oct 12)
 - **Eustathios of Antioch** (Sep 20)
 - **John Chrysostom** (Nov 13)
 - **John of Damascus** (Dec 4)
 - **Meletios of Antioch** (Feb 12)
 - **Romanos the Melodist** (Oct 1)
 - **Sophronios**, Patriarch of Jerusalem (Mar 11)

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