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**Sunday, July 4, 2021**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints of America

***Glory Be to Jesus Christ!***

***Glory Be Forever!***

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Tone 1. All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete. Ven. Andrei Rublev. Ven. Martha, mother of Ven. Simeon the Stylite. Burial of St. Andrei Bogoliubsky. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Euthymius, Archimandrite, of Suzdal'. Martyrs Theodotus and Theodotia at Cæsarea in Cappadocia. Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Cyrene in Libya and with him Martyrs Cyrilla, Aroa, and Lucia. Ven. Tikhon, Vasily and Nikon, Monks, of Solovétsky Monastery.

Troparion — Tone 8

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace / through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / With them the angels glorify Him, / and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; / and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.

Sunday, July 4	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 11	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, July 18	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Candles (July 4)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of Kay & Paul Maliniak offered by William Yelsh  
Altar Candles... In memory of Parents, John & Helen Molotzak offered by John Molotzak  
Eternal Lamp... In memory of Mother, Mary Wyshosky offered by Julia Forte  
Vigil Crosses ... For the Health of Terri Bogosh offered by Uncle Ted Bogosh  
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of Marion Pickenheim offered by William Yelsh  
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod... In memory of Ronald Yurchak, Sr. offered by Marie Yurchak

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If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

### CONFESSION

Confessions have resumed with minor modifications. Please call the rectory at 570-645-2772 and talk to Father James for a reservation. Call between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Individual schedule times will be spread out during the week. Husband and wife can be scheduled together. Anyone wanting to have a confession, but has concerns of COVID-19, should contact Father James to make the appropriate accommodations.

#### Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, John King, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Olga Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Mildred O'Shura, Olga Sidoriak, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

July Birthdays: 2- Mary Taylor, 11- Geri Vavra, 15- Sami Vavra, 17- Althea Shellock, 20- John Evetushick, 22- Michael Ropitsky

July Wedding Anniversaries: 9- David & Chris King, 16- Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, 18- John & Dorothy King

Financials 6/21-27/21: *Operating Acct:* Candles 47, Altar Candles 20, Offerings 304, Non-Envelope 300, Holy Days 26, Donations 100 = Total \$797.00. Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes.

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## NEVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE

**H**ave you ever heard the saying “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks?” You may have even said “That person will never change. They are stuck in their ways!” Maybe what these people need is to have their eyes OPENED by the Lord.

Early Christians must have seen this transformation in the APOSTLE PAUL. He is a fine example of what it means to change. His given name was Saul. He lived in the first century and was well educated by leading Jewish rabbis. Young Saul became a fiery persecutor of early Christians. It took the powerful voice of our Lord on the road leading to Damascus for him to finally “SEE.” He was overcome by light, fell to the ground and a voice from heaven asked him “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4)

As he trembled with fear, Saul uttered these words of repentance, “Lord, what do you want me to do?” By following Jesus, thru faith and repentance, Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and healed of his “blindness.” Literally, SAUL had become PAUL. After being baptized, he went on to spread the Word of God to many men and women throughout the world. Paul is a riveting example of someone changed by the Lord.

Next time you come across a person who may be “stuck in their ways,” remember, no one is beyond the salvation of God. A true encounter with our Lord always results in positive change. Once again, the Bible shows us an example of how we may reach those who we think of as beyond redemption!

Silent Prayer before reading the Holy Scripture:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

### Romans 2:10-16 (*Epistle*)

But glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (*Epistle, Saints*)

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Matthew 4:18-23 (*Gospel*)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

## Matthew 4:25-5:12 (*Gospel, Saints*)

Great multitudes followed Him – from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Time Management: an Orthodox Perspective

By Albert Rossi, PhD and Julia Wickes, MA

Parish Ministry Resources - Time Management: an Orthodox Perspective - Orthodox Church in America (oca.org)

The first thing to say, from an Orthodox perspective, is that there is no such thing as time management. We don't manage time. Time manages us if we allow the Lord to have a place in our schedule.

#### **Whose time is it?**

Christ is everything, including the giver and owner of our time. He is the Way we format our schedule, the Truth about the meaning of time, and the flow of Life that moves us through time.

C. S. Lewis makes a profound point about time. He says that we usually regard time as our own. We start our day with the curious assumption that we are the lawful possessors of an upcoming twenty-four hours. With that hazardous assumption we then plot a matrix for our day, filling in time slots with tasks or restful moments. We might hope that we are managing our time in a way that will somehow please God. But when we begin with the assumption that time is ours, inconveniences and unexpected interruptions become intrusions into “my time.”

By contrast, we can begin with the assertion that time is not our own. Time belongs to the Lord and He has a plan for time that He desires us to accept for our own peace and joy.

#### **Adjusting our expectations**

Those who are trying to use their time to do the Lord's will must begin every day, and every moment, with Jesus Christ. One question might be, “Lord, what do you want me to do, now?” But an even better question is, “Lord, what do *you* want to do through me now?” This takes the emphasis from the ego and places it on the Lord.

If we believe that God has a plan for each moment, we can then be sensitive to each moment as it unfolds in unexpected ways. When we receive each moment as from the Lord we will begin to experience our time on earth as a series of small deaths and resurrections.

Every loss is a gift that God gives us so that He can give us more. It might be saying goodbye to high school or college days, a move from the old neighborhood, the loss of a job, the loss of physical or mental health. We might lose loved ones through separation or death. In degrees, the reactive thought might be, “This is the beginning of the end.” A more truthful thought would be, “This is the beginning of the beginning.” Death is the beginning of a new relationship with Christ, a fresh beginning of an entirely new life. Each loss and little death is a new beginning towards our ultimate beginning—heaven.

As we adjust our expectations time takes on a new meaning.

To be continued ...