

A WORD FOR THE DAY

Faith is “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

St. Paul, Letter the Hebrews 11:1

The saints, those whom we commemorate today, are those who have lived by faith. It is their faith which is the defining characteristic, the basis of their sanctity, by faith they are already anticipating that which is promised by God: living by the Spirit, making the Spirit manifest.

Our challenge, therefore, is not that of trying to perform extraordinary deeds, but, as we were exhorted in the Gospel, the need to lay aside every weight, everything that might hold us back—whether father or mother, son or daughter, as Christ said in the Gospel, anything that might hold us back from acknowledging him.

We may not be called upon to live in caves or to be sawn in two (or to undergo the horrors that millions today live in), but we certainly are called upon to exemplify the same faith. Such a life—based on a faith which exalts a crucified Lord—is nothing short of miraculous today. One of the desert fathers, Ischyron, said that in future times no one will undertake ascetic labors as they did, but those who have faith in those days will be greater than any before.

Fr. John Behr

Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing [...] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:2-4, 12

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also, faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead [...] For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

James 2:14-17, 26

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

June 11 2017

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (1st c.). All Saints. Ven. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga (1445). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Novotórgsk (1572). Commemoration of the appearance of the Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mt. Athos, and the revelation of the hymn, “It is truly meet...” (*Axion Estin*). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “IT IS TRULY MEET” (“AXION ESTIN”) (10th c.). (Note: The service for the Apostles is transferred to June 12.)



Divine Services

Wednesday, June 14thDaily Vespers.....6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 17thGreat Vespers6:00 p.m.
(*followed by Confessions*)

Sunday, June 18thDivine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom..... 10:00 a.m.
All Saints of America (*Hours Begin at 9:40 a.m.*)

Today's Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

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

Next Week's Readings

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

For Next Week, June 18th

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersIrene Vassos

Epistle:Lisa Goudey

Coffee Hour.....Galina Zeygerman

In Memory of: Joseph George Eshleman,

For the health and well-being of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Irina, Katia, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Galina, Nancy, Maria, Al, and Michael.

June Birthdays

Diana Fiscu (11), Real Gadoury (24), Fr. Joseph (30)

Announcements

Happy Birthday to Diana Fiscu! Many blessed years!

Please pray for Nick Bobrovsky. Nick will be having a procedure done on his heart at the end of June/beginning of July. It's a procedure that replaces one of his

heart valves. For this reason, we will be praying for Nick during our services that God's will be done for the healing of Nick's soul and body.

June Charities OCMC. OCMC stands for Orthodox Christian Mission Center. OCMC's headquarters is located in Florida. They provide missionaries and funding to countries around the world to help spread the gospel. They run charitable programs, provide education, help build churches, train and send missionaries. Fr. Joseph's brother, Aaron, went on mission trips through OCMC three times—to both Albania and Argentina. Like IOCC, OCMC is a worthy Orthodox cause to support. Please donate charitably.

Booklets in the back of the church building. There are booklets in the back of the church that provide helpful and necessary information regarding the spirituality of the Orthodox Church. Please check out the booklets in the back. They are easy to read and provide basic information. There is a donation envelope. Donations are not required, but if we want to keep booklets available for visitors and parishioners, please do donate. Take advantage of the opportunity to be more informed regarding our faith.

Upcoming Events

Ice-Cream Social, Today. To celebrate the end of the Church School year, we will have an ice-cream social today!

Third Thursday on June 15th. June 15th is this Thursday. As is the practice, please come to the rectory at 3pm to offer help for Third Thursday. Third Thursday runs from 5pm to 8pm. We will be needing extra help this upcoming Third Thursday, so please see Rick if you have any questions. Thank you! you!

Collections

Last Sunday's Collection\$1,300

2017 Budget\$96,142

Progress Towards Budget\$36,497