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Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the Carpatho-Rusyn Saints

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 81-83

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

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Services for the week of June 22nd

Tue. 6/24 … +Helen K. Heranic and Basil Kudzina offered by Michael Heranic; +Steve Dedianko offered by Patricia Dedianko; +Anna, John, and George Havrilesko; and +Mary Dirgo.…8:00 am
Thur. 6/26 …+Fr. Charles Kovich offered by Pani Andrea Kovich; +John Bobko offered by Robert Fesko; and +George and Margaret Mann (Perpetual)……..8:00 am
Sat. 6/28 … ***No Vespers Scheduled***

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Sunday, June 29th, 2025

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus on Cyprus

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am

Panachida for ***+William Dudak*** offered by Dave and Melanie Dudak;
+Joseph Rogel and Reader Andrew Talarovich offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak;
+John Sprincz Sr. offered by Helen Dutko; ***+Betty Koslin (21st Anniversary)*** offered by Family;
+Geraldine Yarina (25th Anniversary), +John Yarina, +children, +Donna Yarina,
+Charles and Mary Yarina, and +Anthony and Josephine Jakubik offered by Joann Stamplis
and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by Joe and Pat Kmetz

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 84-86

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33

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Services for the week of June 29th

Tue. 7/01 … **Altar Boy Retreat – Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am (Date subject to change)**
+Michael and Mary Burcha; +Michael and Helen Sukenik offered by Robert Fesko; and +Mary Gajdos offered by George Gajdos (Perpetual)

Wed. 7/02 … ***Moleben to St. Nectarios with holy anointing***…….6:00 pm

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Sunday, July 6th, 2025

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyr Agrippina of Rome and her Paul, Bassa, and Agathonica

Divine Liturgy– 9:00 am

Panachida for +***Barry Gilchrist*** offered by Ron and Joan Bost; +***Helen Dzura Cicmansky and +George Dzura; +Christine Twardy; +Stephen Fesko*** offered by Robert Fesko; and ***+John Pribish***

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 87-89

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Bernadette Valero (6/24); Ryan Buczak (6/26), Andrea Horbal (6/26), Gregory Jenko (6/28), and Tawnya Buczak (6/28).***

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2025

Week 3: Sunday, August 3rd – Saturday, August 9th, 2025

Please contact Fr. Buczak for the code if you are planning on going to camp.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Apostle Bartholomew - June 11/24

Bartholomew was crucified twice while spreading the Gospel of Jesus. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and at times preached with the Apostles Philip and John the Theologian. When Bartholomew and Phillip were crucified, an earthquake killed the pagan judges and some on-lookers. Seeing this, the pagans hastened to save the apostles, but Philip had already died. Bartholomew lived to translate the Gospel and teach all the way to India. In Armenia, he was again crucified but this time the brother of a girl he had cured of madness be-headed him. He was buried in a lead coffin and when miracles continued because of his relics, the coffin was thrown into the sea. However, the coffin would not sink. Instead, it floated to the island of Lipari. The bishop there had been waiting for it, having been foretold in a dream. Bartholomew appeared to Joseph the Hymnographer and blessed him to create many hymns which are still a powerful presence in Church music today. He also appeared to an emperor ensuring that he would protect his town. His relics were finally translated to Rome. ***O Holy Apostle Bartholomew Pray to God for us!***

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Whatever you may be seeking, seek it with all your strength, but do not expect your own search and efforts to bear fruit of themselves. Put your trust in the Lord, ascribing nothing to yourself, and He will give you your heart's desire.

St. Theophan the Recluse

We should constantly and unceasingly repeat the Jesus Prayer. Only the name of Christ must remain inside our heart and mind; when we neglect our prayer, that is our communication with God, then the devil finds a chance to confuse us with negative thoughts.

Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

Confession is like a bridle that keeps the soul which reflects on it from committing sin, but anything left un-confessed we continue to do without fear as if in the dark.

St. John Climacus

Here is a rule for reading: Before reading you should empty your soul of everything. Arouse the desire to know about what is being read. Turn prayerfully to God. Follow what you are reading with attention and place everything in your open heart. If something does not reach the heart, stay with it until it reaches. You should read quite slowly. Stop reading when your soul no longer wants to nourish itself with reading. That means it is full. If the soul finds one passage utterly stunning, stop there and read no more. The best time for reading the Word of God is in the morning, lives of the saints after the mid-day meal, and the Holy Fathers before going to sleep. Thus you can take up a little bit each day. ***St. Theophan the Recluse***

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Sunday of the Synaxis of the Carpatho-Rus Saints



On the Orthodox Church calendar, the first Sunday after Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints of the Orthodox Church. The Kondak for that Sunday tells us: "The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of great creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace."The Second Sunday after Pentecost is designated in some calendars as the Sunday of the Regional Saints. So it is appropriate that the Carpatho- Rusyn saints are commemorated on this day.

The twelve Saints who are remembered are:

1. **St. Maxim of Gorlich**. He was martyred in 1914 for his priestly witness against Austro-Hungarian oppression.
2. **St. Ludmilla**. Martyred in 926. She was the grandmother of King Wenceslaus.
3. **St. Procopius of Sazava**. He built several monasteries in the 11th century which subsequently became centers of Orthodox Christianity when the Church came under severe governmental opposition.
4. **St. Rostislav**. As prince of Moravia in the 9th century, SS Cyril and Methodius were encouraged to begin their missionary work with the Slavic people.
5. and 6. **St. Cyril** and his brother **St. Methodius** who established the Orthodox faith and were the first Orthodox witnesses to the Slav nations. They lived around the year 863.
7. **St. Wenceslaus**. The king of the Czech and Moravian lands known for his charity and promoting of Christianity among his subjects. He was killed in 929. He was the subject of the well-known Christmas song "Good King Wenceslaus." Sometimes identified as Vagislav in martyrologies.
8. **St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre**. He was instrumental in evangelizing many in the early 20th century.
9. **St. Moses the Hungarian**. He was a slave for many years. He entered a monastery in the eleventh century. He endured much for his Christian faith while a slave.
10. **St. Gorazd**. He was the bishop of Moravia and Sleizska. During World War II, he harbored members of the resistance in the Orthodox cathedral in Prague. He was executed by the Nazi.
11. **St. Alexis of Khust**. He led many Carpathian people to the Orthodox faith about the same time as did St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre. He was persecuted by the Nazi during World War II.
12. **St. Ephrem of New Torzhok -** Raised to the rank of Archimandrite, St. Ephrem labored in fasting and prayer until his death in 1053. After his death, many miracles were performed at his grave.

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