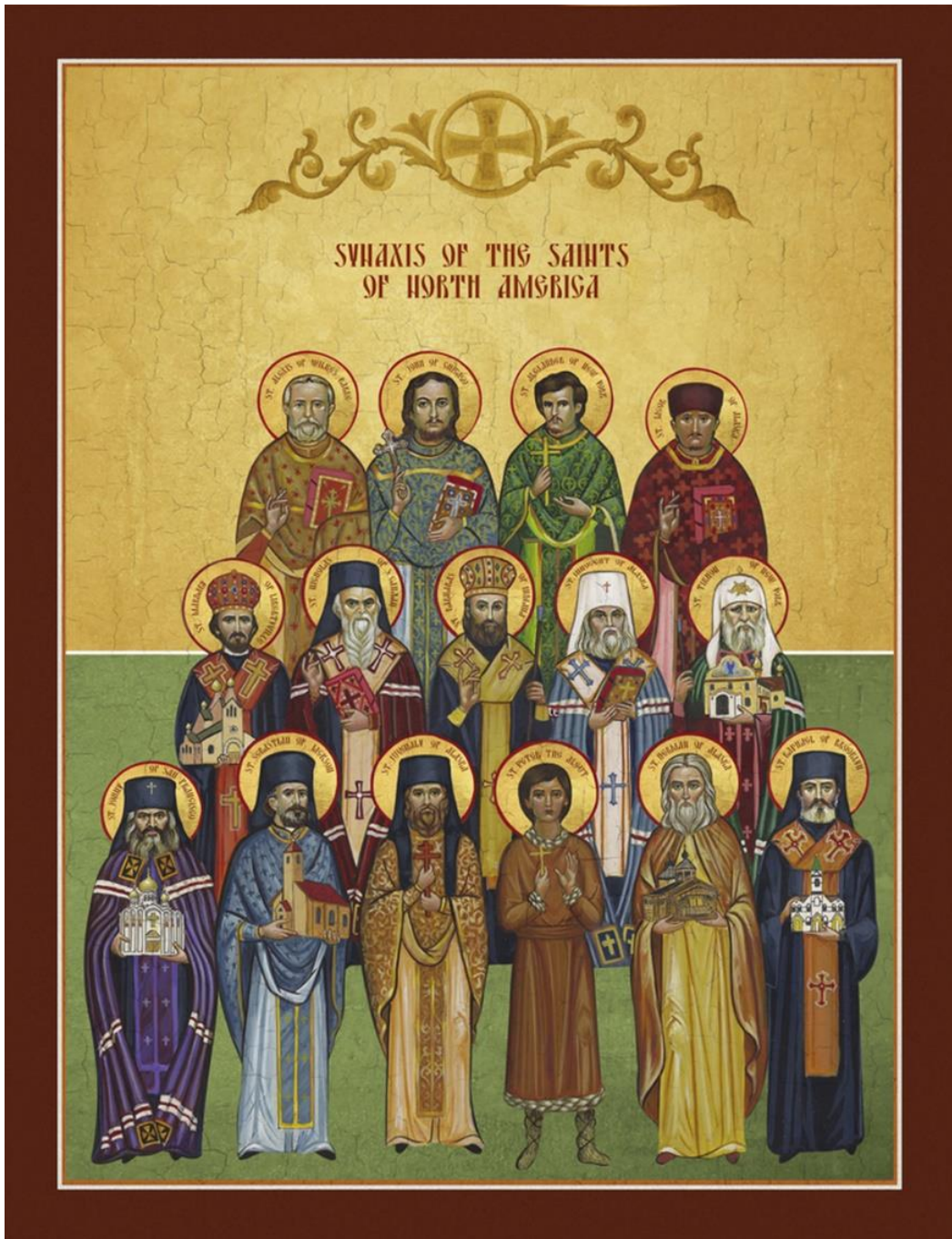


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

**Second Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1  
The Sunday of All Saints of North America  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!**

## **SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

***Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at***

***Web Address [www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights](http://www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights) or [www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan](http://www.youtube.com/user/frdavidcowan)***

**Today – Sunday of All Saints of North America – Happy Father’s Day!**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Prayers for Our Fathers, Living and Departed

**Tuesday, June 23 – Eve of the Nativity of John the Baptist**

6:30 PM Akathist to Saint John the Baptist

**Saturday, June 27**

5:00 PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, June 28**

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### **HELP IS NEEDED CLEANING THE CHURCH BETWEEN SERVICES!**

We are required to clean the church very carefully in between the services, as part of the re-opening process. More volunteers are needed to add to the rotation of tasks, in the following areas:

Nave of the Church: sanitize pews, icons, door handles, and tables

Restroom in Vestibule: clean sink, toilet, and door handles, fill towel & tissue dispensers, empty trash  
(The lower level of the church, including restrooms, is not in use right now.)

We also need two volunteers to serve as

Door Keeper: at each service, open the door for parishioners, mark their names on the attendance sheet, ask them to sanitize their hands, ensure they have a mask, and direct them to their seats.

Please contact Fr. David to volunteer. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEMETERY GROUNDSKEEPING**

One or more additional volunteers are sought for mowing and maintaining our Parish Cemetery. Contact Reader William Haluszczak at [yachooyou@aol.com](mailto:yachooyou@aol.com) or 607-769-2834.

### **A REQUEST FROM SAINT ANDREW’S CAMP**

Dear Parish Family,

St. Andrew’s Camp is in need of board games for our Family Retreat coming up in late July. With social distancing in place, we are in need of many copies of favorite board games like:

Monopoly · Clue · Connect 4 ·  
Pictionary · Quirkle · Chess · Checkers

If you can help by donating a board game you don’t need anymore, or donate a new board game, please let me know, by email [tamarancowan@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarancowan@hotmail.com) or phone (607) 732-3980.

Thank you!

With love in Christ,  
Mat. Tamara

## **Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 & Hebrews 11:33-12:2**

Brethren: Glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Brethren: And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated--of whom the world was not worthy--wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

## **Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 & Matthew 4:25-5:12**

At that time, 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.

At that time, great multitudes followed Jesus – 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."



**Statement of The Holy Synod of Bishops  
of the Orthodox Church in America  
Concerning the Tragic Events in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

“We, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, mourn the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd on May 25, 2020. We too have looked with horror at the footage of this episode, and condemn the brutal actions that caused his violent death. We look to the civil authorities to bring to justice those who participated in this senseless tragedy.

“We categorically reject racism in any form. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27), and was created to exist (Wisdom of Solomon 1:14). We are all, each of us, “one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).” As such, there should be no hatred, no enmity, no hostility between us, but reconciliation.

“In the face of civil unrest, we call upon the members of the Orthodox Church in America, and to all the communities they live in, to engage in the service of righteousness and peace in the Holy Spirit. We exhort everyone to “pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:17, 19).”

Finally, we offer our prayers to God for Mr. Floyd, his family, and to those communities that are experiencing anxiety, sadness, and despair, because they have seen destruction of life and property.”

**Prayers During the Liturgy During Times of Civil Unrest:  
(Prayed During the Litany Following the Sermon)**

Again we pray for this country, for all its cities, towns, and countrysides that are divided by strife; for all those who are victims of violence, of hatred and injustice, of disorder and unrest, and especially for those who have been killed, that they might find their repose in Thee; for all who are beset by anger and fear; for those in civil authority and all who enforce the law; and for all the people of this land: for justice, godly liberty, mercy, a peaceful life, and remission of our sins.

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Again we pray that all people of this land, its rulers and authorities, its citizens and all who reside here, might be enlightened with the light of Thy Gospel and Thy commandments, unto peace and good order, unto justice and love for one another, so that we might easily and safely pass from here, our temporary homeland, to our true one with Thee in Heaven.

Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*)

Saint Andrew's Camp  
is pleased to offer its first-ever

# FAMILY RETREAT

for the 2020 season

With the Covid-19 health crisis impacting our world, and the New York region in particular, we are saddened that we cannot hold our traditional camping program.

But every cloud has a silver lining, and we are excited to offer a different way to be together this summer – a family retreat program!

## WHEN

**Option 1:** July 27 – 31 (Monday-Friday)

**Option 2:** Aug 3 – 7 (Monday-Friday)

*Because of high interest and demand, a third option may be made available during the second week of August*

## WHAT

4-night multiple family get-together, which includes indoor dorm-style accommodations (or a place to pitch tent if you like), meals, chapel services, religious education for both children and parents, kayaking, games, sports, and campfires.

**\$500 per family**

**Contact us to reserve your spot, for more details, and to register**

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**Family Retreat: A time for families to  
connect and grow together in Christ!**