



ALL-MERCIFUL SAVIOR ORTHODOX MISSION

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NEWSLETTER, PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2005

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

June 19 / June 6	SUNDAY OF PENTECOST.	St. Bessarion the Wonderworker.	Hours/Typika 10 am
June 20 / June 7	Mon.—Day of the Holy Spirit	St. Andronicus, archbishop of Perm, new-martyr of Russia.	
June 21 / June 8	Tuesday	St. Theodore Stratelates, great-martyr.	
June 22 / June 9	Wednesday <i>Fast-free*</i>	St. Cyril, archbishop of Alexandria.	
June 23 / June 10	Thursday	New-Martyrs of China: Sts. Metrophanes, Mary, John, et al.	
June 24 / June 11	Friday <i>Fast-free*</i>	Apostles Bartholomew & Barnabas.	
June 25 / June 12	Saturday	St. Onuphrius (Humphrey) the Great.	(No Vespers)

** The entire week of Pentecost is entirely free from fasting, just as the week after Pascha.*

HAPPY FEAST!

Today we keep the sacred Feast of Pentecost, one of the Orthodox Church's Twelve Great Feasts. This week we celebrate the revelation of the All-Holy Trinity at Pentecost, and the descent of the All-Holy Spirit. It is a fast-free week, just like the week after Holy Pascha, since during this time we are to especially rejoice in the Lord.

FR. AIDAN'S ABSENCE

During the summer in Texas, due to the pronounced heats, folk often dream of traveling north. Fr. Aidan will not be merely dreaming, but actually travelling there, probably departing before next Sunday. According to Bishop Peter of Cleveland, acting administrator for the Diocese, Father will stay at the Russian Monastery in Jordanville (central New York state) in order to be first trained and prepared, then ordained to the priesthood in the Russian Church Abroad, then celebrate the 40 days of daily Liturgies which it is customary for a newly ordained Priest to celebrate. So far \$220 has been raised to help fund Father's trip, but he needs \$400 for the expenses of travel, accommodation, and meals. Please consider making a **donation** for this purpose, which should be delivered not to Fr. Aidan but to Genevieve Keller, acting treasurer for All-Merciful Savior Mission.

The question arises among our congregation: What will happen in Fr. Aidan's absence? Subdeacon Michael will be celebrating the Hours and Typika on Sunday mornings, assisted by John Aguirre, and delivering a talk from the Fathers' sermons or from the Lives of the Saints. Please come and pray at our church on the Sundays, and do not only pray for Fr. Aidan, who undertakes a solemn responsibility, but also for each another.

Our chapel costs \$800 a month to rent. It is imperative this July and August that all members of the Mission contribute their regular pledges, either when attending on Sunday or by mailing pledges to All-Merciful Savior's mailing address: 1509 Cullen Ave., Austin, TX 78757. Two months is a small wait compared to the months our Mission spent in uncertainty and separation from the Sacraments and full regular services. When the grace of Sacraments comes to us, we must be ready for this responsibility. Also, please be gathering ideas for **outreach** and **missionary expansion**, which upon Father's return will become his #1 priorities. *Thank you.*

WORKS OF MERCY (REPEATED FROM LAST FIVE SUNDAYS)

Corporal:

- Feed the hungry,
- give drink to the thirsty,
- give clothing to the naked,
- shelter the homeless,
- visit the sick,
- visit the imprisoned, and
- bury the dead.
- Turn back sinners,
- teach the ignorant,
- counsel the wavering,
- comfort the grieving,
- bear wrongs patiently,
- forgive injuries, and
- pray for the living and the dead.

Spiritual:

WISH LIST

Our new mission church has a need for:

- a permanent location for a temple and rectory
- four 2-foot by 2-foot tables, 3.5 feet high, on which to place candle boxes (until we can get proper Russian style candlestands)
- a guest book for visitors to sign
- three icon stands (3.25 feet high in front, 4 to 4.5 feet high in back)
- a matching set of icons for placing on the walls
- additional monthly-rent pledges
- shelves for our little bookstore

SCRIPTURES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun. Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12

Mon. Ephesians 5:9-19;
Matthew 18:10-20

Tue. Romans 1:1-7, 13-17;
Matthew 4:26-5:13

Wed. Romans 1:18-27;
Matthew 5:20-26

Thu. Romans 1:28-2:9;
Matthew 5:27-32

Fri. Romans 2:14-29;
Matthew 5:33-41

Sat. Romans 1:7-12;
Matthew 5:42-48

NEWS

Please note the beautification of the iconostasis as it moves closer and closer to a complete form. Thanks to Raphael Flores for construction, and Mary Marilyn Cary and Maria Sola Eastburn, for their work on the curtains and staining the wood. The new gold lampadas you see on the iconostasis were found on eBay by John Paul, for a very low price.

OUR TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion, tone 8. O All-Merciful Saviour, Thou Luminary like the sun: | Through the light of Thy radiance grant us eloquence, | that with pure conscience we may sing praises on Thy feast all-divine, | glorifying Thee the only-begotten Son, and the consubstantial Spirit; | for Thou givest us peace and great mercy.

Kontakion, tone 4. I committed every abomination, O All-Merciful Saviour, | and fell into the pit of despair. | Yet I groan from the depths of my heart | and cry to Thee, O Word: | Hasten, O Merciful One, | and quickly help us, | for merciful art Thou!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all the benefactors of our Mission. Pray for Fr. Aidan as he journeys to Jordanville, and for Michael Widener as he shoulders the new responsibility of leading Sunday prayers. It ought to do him good. Also, please pray for the Urdy family, their prematurely-born son John was able at last to leave the hospital this week, for home.

ON THE WEB & ON THE STREET

Russian Orthodox Church Abroad: www.rocor.org

Diocese of Chicago & Detroit: www.chicagodocese.org

Holy Protection Orthodox Church, 5309 Burnet Rd., Austin, TX 78756 (this church has no priest at the moment)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 3617 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX: www.orthodox.net (priest is Fr. Seraphim Holland)

Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring Orthodox Mission, Bryan/College Station, Texas (priest is Fr. Cassian Sibley)

St. Jonah Church, 2530 Old Louetta Loop, Ste 113, Spring, TX (Houston): www.saintjonah.org (priest is Fr. John Whiteford)

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 24 Tidwell Rd., Houston, TX: pictures at www.saintjonah.org. (priest is Fr. Ljubomir Kupec)