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Schedule for the Week of June 10 - 16, 2018

Sunday Jun 10	All Saints of Russia / Всех Святых в земле Русской Просиявших
Saturday Jun 16	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jun 17	St. Mitrophan / Свят. Митрофана 8:15 AM Nocturns, Hours, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия



В сегодняшний воскресный день мы совершаем память «Всех Святых в земле Российской просиявших». В этот особый день чествования наших соотечественников мы прославляем их подвиги и воспеваем святость. Среди живших в нашей

стране просияли преподобные, иерархи, благоверные князья, мученики и священномученики, праведные и Христа ради юродивые, целый сонм святых жен, имена которых известны или не дошли до нас, угодившие Богу словами, делами и самой жизнью. От их имен и Русь получила тезоименитство, стала называться «Святой».

Земля Русская пропитана их кровью, хранит в себе их тела, но души угодников Божиих обитают сейчас на небесах. Как поется за богослужением праздника, ныне «бесчисленный сонм сродников наших предстоит Царю Славы и молебно ходатайствует о нас».

Первейшие русские мученики Борис и Глеб уже в начале XI века показали образец характерно русской святости: лучше отдать жизнь в руки брату, чем вступать в братоубийственную войну.

Их родители и прародители, святой Владимир и княгиня Ольга, после познания истиной веры, направили все силы и богатство государства на просвещение народа, ради общественного блага.

А святые печерские затворники начиная с Антония и Феодосия, неприхотливостью жития и мудростью разума как магнитом притягивали не только киевлян, но жителей окрестных городов и русских княжеств.

Мы сегодня прославляем тех наших сродников, финалом жизни которых стала святость и на земле и в Отечестве Небесном. Поставим себе вопрос: достижима ли их святость для современного человека? Если слова молитвы Господней «да придет Царствие Твое» непреложны, и мы верим в них, то – да. Как писал св. Иоанн Кронштадский «когда Бог будет во всех мыслях, желаниях, намерениях, словах и делах человека, тогда приходит, значит, к нему Царствие Божие».

Православная вера сделала из многих разрозненных славянских племен единое государство, мощь которого была в святости, напряженном поиске Правды Божией. *(Иеромонах Ириней (Пиковский))*

On The Feast of All Saints of Russia *Saint John of Shanghai & San Francisco*

The feast of All Saints of Russia is not a feast of just righteous ones, but of saints. God is filled with holiness; "Holy is the Lord our God." But man is created in the "image and likeness" of God, and the

Lord at creation blew into him the power to partake of the Divine essence and thereby come closer to God, and the closer a man is to God, the holier he is. Saints are those who have partaken of the Divine essence and made it their own; to God, they become "His own." ... The people of Holy Russia venerated them, kissed their icons and holy relics, wanted to be as close as possible to the saints, touched holiness, and the Russian land was filled with it. Holy Prince Vladimir demonstrated the regenerating power of the Divine essence upon himself. Previously wild and passionate, he was completely reborn, so that he became a new person, radiating light and joy, and was called "beautiful sun." ... All peoples can live in the spirit that Holy Russia lived and lives in, and then they are close and comprehensible to each other. St. Anthony of the Kiev Caves and St. Anthony the Roman were men of different countries, but together they built the Russian Church, and they are equally near and dear to her. Until recent times we did not have martyrs, but there was a multitude of saints. They influenced the direction that the Russian people took; the people loved them and tried to follow them, and this determined the way of life. All of life was illuminated, until spiritual apostasy began, which led to a fall. But Holy Russia is alive. When the persecution began, strugglers were revealed, confessors, and now we have martyrs. The spirit of Holy Russia lives. Holy Russia is part of the Ecumenical Church. Celebrating the saints, we desire to be together with them and to acquire the power of God through their holiness. They know us, our nature, our characteristics and spirits, and they know our souls, too-what is necessary for us. We are close to them as children are close to parents. The Apostle Peter prayed for his disciples. St. Demetrius of Thessalonica rushed to help the Greeks because this was his own nation. Sts. Boris and Gleb helped their relatives (e.g., Alexander Nevsky), and their own Russian people.

Молитва Всем Святым в Земле Российской Просиявшим

О преславнии и всехвальнии угодницы Божии, вси Святии ведомыя и неведомыя в земле Российской просиявшии! К вам, яко теплым ходатаям и предстателям нашим с любовью прибегаем и смиренно молимся: Умолите

Господа Бога, да вашими благоприятными молитавами, своим же человеколюбием, да дарует нам тихое и благочестное житие в веке сем пожити, да избавит нас от искушений и соблазнов лукаваго диавола, и от бед и напастей и всякаго зла; на Страшнем же Суде Своем сподобит нас деснаго стояния и наследники Царствия Своего Небеснаго да сотворит, яко благословися пречестное и великолепое Имя Отца и Сына и Святаго Духа, ныне и присно и во веки веков, Аминь.

On Monday after All Saints Sunday we begin to fast again: the feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Why is there such a fast at this time when we need energy for working in the fields or gardens, or when we should simply like to take well-deserved vacations? It is to show that we are all called to be saints.

We feel that a saint must be someone quite extraordinary – that it is not possible for some such as us with all our weaknesses and our desire for comfort and pleasure to attain such a state. But this is not true. Every human being was created to be like our Heaven Father. When we follow Him we live a truly normal life.

Comfort and pleasure are not forbidden to God's children. On the contrary it is He Who created them and Who made us with the capacity to enjoy them. The problem is that we can become so accustomed to these things – because we have not yet found balance in our lives – that we can become their slaves. But no one was created to be a slave to anything.

Thus, weak as we all are, we can still desire to become better, to get closer to God, to appreciate His mysteries and the mysteries of His creation, visible and invisible. We can desire sanctity because we desire life in all of its fullness. And we are never really satisfied without it, even though we often do not know what it is that we really want. There is a lot of hope in this. Desire exists in order for it to be satisfied. (*V. Rev George Kutash*)