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SUNDAY JULY 3RD, 2016

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. All

Saints of America (All Saints of Russia). Martyr Hyacinth of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (108). Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow (1652).

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-23; 25-5:12

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Confessions: Saturdays Following Vespers
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm

Vigil: Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9:15

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Sun, July 3: Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10; Coffee Hour.
Wed, July 6: Akathist – 9:15am
Sat, July 9: Great Vespers – 6pm
Sun, July 10: Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am; Coffee Hour.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to those who have responded so far. June is covered for Coffee Hour and the Cleaning Schedule is covered. As we move into July and August, those who are able are asked to volunteer for Coffee Hour.

F.O.C.A. Orthodox Family Picnic: Sunday July 17 at Knoebels Amusement Park. Free Parking and Admission, pay as you go rides. Picnic Dinner \$5 per person, children under 6 free! Arrive any time after Divine Liturgy, picnic at 6pm in Picnic Pavillion K. RSVP by Sunday July 10th, Greg Ressetar 717 439-0527 or ressetar@yahoo.com.

Graduates Breakfast: Thank you to all who attended and special thanks to Sandy and Peter, Ken and Dorothy and the Holy Myrrhbearers Sisterhood.

Parish Council: it was decided to update our Google group parish email. In the near future all registered members of the parish will receive an email asking whether they want to be on it. You must respond if you want to be removed from the list, otherwise you will remain until we are told otherwise. Parish news is available on our website, Facebook page, twitter feed and Instagram, as well as the weekly bulletin.

Financial Report for May:

Income: \$14, 619

Expenses: \$9,386

Scrip: Today. Gift cards make great graduation gifts and can also be used to purchase supplies for graduation celebrations, barbeques and family get together's, not to mention movies, books, and other items. Purchasing cards through the program helps St. Mark's as we do our usual spending. Questions? See Mat. Heidi.

Wrightstown Food Cupboard: Needs include pasta, tea, coffee.

Today we celebrate all the saints of North America. Yesterday was the feast of one of those, St. John the Wonderworker of San Francisco and Shanghai. Renowned for his holiness, gentleness and pastoral care for the sick, orphans and exiles, he is one of the stars of our Orthodox Church whose relics may be venerated in the Joy of All Who Sorrow cathedral in San Francisco. His life is presented with this bulletin.

VIGIL LIGHTS



From the Swan Family

For the Health of: Constance, Michelle, Kathryn, Venus, Michael, Mary Anne

In Memory of: Thomas Jr., Neville

From Ristveys

For the health of: George and Margaret

In Memory of: Mary



Birthday

*Charla Bendas
Katerina Moser
Michael Browne
Grace Browne
Benjamin Stell
Marek Szeliga*

Names Day

Sergei Arhipov

St. John of San Francisco and Shanghai



Life

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14); Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918); and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925). He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to

Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Aboard resolved to elevate him to the episcopate.

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed.

Deeply revering Saint John of Kronstadt, Archbishop John played an active role in preparation of his canonization. He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral