

## SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

<b>May 30, 2021: Sunday of All Saints</b>		
Epistle: Heb. 11:32 - 12:2		Gospel: Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38 & 19: 27-30
<b>Mon., May 31</b>	9:00	+ For Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
<b>Tues., June 1</b>	9:00	+ Anna Benio (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Wed., June 2</b>	9:00	+ Frank (Carol)
<b>Thurs. June 3</b>	9:00	+ John Sereditch (Steve Pendrak) 6:00 pm Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Fri., June 4</b>	9:00	+ Evelyn Trently (Debbie, Paulette, Kenny & Dan)
<b>Sat., June 5</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Michael & Anne Shumek (Michael Shumek)	
<b>Sun., June 6</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

## **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS CELEBRATED BY THE EARLY CHURCH ON THE SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

All Saint's Day is a Christian holy day observed by Eastern churches on the first Sunday after Pentecost, keeping the traditional date as celebrated in the early church. The feast was transferred for the Latin church to November 1 in 835 by Pope Gregory IV. The day now honors all saints of the church, even those not known by name.

All Saint's Day is celebrated by Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox,

Anglicans, and Lutherans. However, because of their differing understandings of the identity and function of the saints, what these churches do on the Feast of All Saints differs widely. For Roman Catholics, Eastern Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, and to some extent, Anglicans, All Saints is a day to remember, thank God for, but also to venerate and pray to the saints in heaven as intercessors for various helps.

In the early days the Christians

were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of the observance of this feast on the Sunday after Pentecost is found in Antioch. In the fourth and fifth centuries there is also mention of a common day in a sermon of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, and in the 74<sup>th</sup> homily of Saint John Chrysostom of Constantinople.

At first only martyrs and Saint

John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio confessorum* for the Friday after Easter.

In the sixth century, Pope Boniface IV accepted the Pantheon as a gift from the Emperor Phocas and proclaimed May 13, 610 as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. He dedicated it as the Church of Santa Maria Rotonda in honor of the Blessed Virgin and all martyrs.

During Pope Gregory III's reign, the festival was expanded to include all saints and a chapel in St. Peter's church was dedicated accordingly. In 835, Pope Gregory IV changed the date to November 1 for the Latin Church and the name to Feast of All Saints.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General

John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

*The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the*

## REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



## ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

*graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves

of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and

Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-

wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress

declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

## 24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotions

*Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the skies.*

*All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier or sailor,  
God keep.*

*On the land or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, Must thou go,  
When the day, And the night  
Need thee so?*

*All is well. Speedeth all  
To their rest.*

*Fades the light; And afar  
Goeth day, And the stars  
Shineth bright,*

*Fare thee well; Day has gone,*

*Night is on.*

*Thanks and praise, For our days,  
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,  
'Neath the sky,  
As we go, This we know,  
God is nigh.*

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call Taps. The melody is both eloquent and haunting and the history of its origin is interesting and somewhat clouded in controversy. In the British Army, a similar call known as Last Post has been sounded over soldiers' graves since 1885, but the use of Taps is unique with the United States military, since the call is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services.



## JUST A REMINDER: ARCHIEPARCHIAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES ARE STILL IN EFFECT

At a meeting with our Archbishop Borys this past Wednesday, he said that he thinks that the faithful should still continue to wear a mask in Church until further notice. **In compliance with**

**the Archbishop's instructions, please continue to wear your masks while in Church.** Also, we will continue to disinfect the communion spoon after each communicant.

### HOW BIG IS ONE?

As a man walked a desolate beach one cold, gray morning he began to see another figure, far in the distance. Slowly the two approached each other, and he could make out a local native who kept leaning down, picking something up and throwing it out into the water. Time and again he hurled things into the ocean.

As the distance between them continued to narrow, the man could see that the native was picking up starfish that had been washed upon the beach and, one at a time, was throwing them back into the water.

Puzzled, the man approached the native and asked what he was doing. "I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen."

"But there must be thousands of

starfish on this beach," the man replied. "You can't possibly get to all of them. There are just too many. And this same thing is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast. Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?"

The local native smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea he replied, "Made a difference to that one!"

Each of us is but one person: limited, burdened with our own cares and responsibilities. We may feel there is so much to be done, and we have so little to give. We're usually short of everything, especially time and money.

When we leave this shore, there will still be millions of starfish stranded on the beach. Maybe we can't change the whole world, but there isn't one of us who can't help change one person's whole world. One at a time. We can make a difference.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**Paul T. Lassiter III**, the son of Paul and Catherine nee Mayak Lassiter II, and **Samantha J. Evans**, the daughter of David and Linda nee Harvey Evans will contract marriage on Saturday, June 12, 2021. This is the second announcement of Banns for this Marriage.

## **THE 11TH ANNUAL ST. CYRIL'S RUMMAGE SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 2021**

The dates have been set for Friday, September 24th, and Saturday, September 25, for St. Cyril's Rummage Sale/Furniture Sale for the 11th year. We have learned, over the years, Sunday is very slow for the Rummage Sale, and therefore only planning for two days in the Fall.

The next Pre-Rummage Sale Set-up will be On Monday, June 7th, and Tuesday, June 8th (two shifts) from 9:30 a.m. - NOON, and then in the evening from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Cyrils School Gym. (closed for the week of May 30th-June 5th)

All are welcome to volunteer, (Teenagers and adults) after 10 years, you know what is involved. Every hour you volunteer helps in the final outcome, the financial help to St. Cyrils. Boxs and bins are unpacked, placed by "Price", all items need to be ticketed, (sitting at the tables) and then placed on the racks and tables. It's comfortable working in the school gym, it is not too hot and not too cold. Come and socialize with your fellow parishioners and friends and do some shopping too!!! A few men are needed to work with stacking the empty boxes and bins etc... come and lend a helping hand.

The following week, Moonday, June 14th, and Tuesday, June 15st, will have the same time schedule, (2 shifts) as listed above.

Any questions, call Lauren at cell 646-241-9443 or 570-383-0319. During this time, your donations will be accepted.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2021 is Team #1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for May 22 & 23, 2021: \$**

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### *From the Fathers*

When you perceive that God is chastising you, fly not to his enemies . . . but to his friends, the martyrs, the saints, and those who were pleasing to him, and who have great power ...

*St. John Chrysostom*

A Christian people celebrates together in religious solemnity the memorials of the martyrs, both to encourage their being imitated and so that it can share in their merits and be aided by their prayers.

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

In this way is he [the true Christian] always pure for prayer. He also prays in the society of angels, as being already of angelic rank, and he is never out of their holy keeping; and though he pray alone, he has the choir of the saints standing with him.

*St. Clement of Alexandria*

In addition to the study and true knowledge of the Scriptures are needed a good life and pure soul and virtue in Christ, so that the mind, journeying in this path, may be able to obtain and apprehend what it desires, in so far as human nature is able to learn about God the Word. For without a pure mind and a life modeled on the saints, no one can apprehend the words of the saints.

*St. Athanasius the Great*

The divine Scripture likewise says that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. "For they travailed in this life and shall to the end," and "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God. For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

*St. John of Damascus*