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**SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022**

**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 1**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

APOSTLE JUDE (THADDEUS), BROTHER OF THE LORD; VENERABLE ZENON OF PALESTINE;  
MARTYR ZOSIMAS THE SOLDIER AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

Happy Father's day

To all the fathers, grandfathers and godfathers of St. John Parish Family!

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**



On this day, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints who shone forth throughout all the world, North and South, East and West.

David the Prophet and king, who revered the beloved of God, and respected them because of his great piety, said in the Psalms, "How precious are Thy beloved unto me, O God" (138:17). And the Apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, recounted the lives of the saints, when he wrote, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us; and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (12:1). Therefore, as Orthodox Christians, we honor the beloved saints of God, respecting them as keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue and benefactors of humanity. We commemorate all of the holy ones every year on this day, as the list of saints ever increases, even though some of their names escape us. Nevertheless, we honor them for their piety and strive to imitate their good works.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, 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 does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

عَجِيبٌ هُوَ اللهُ فِي قَدِيسِيهِ،

فِي الْمَجَامِعِ بَارِكُوا اللهَ.

فَصَلُّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولُسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى الْعِبْرَانِيِّينَ.

يا إِخْوَةَ، إِنَّ الْقَدِيسِينَ، بِالْإِيمَانِ قَهَرُوا الْمَمَالِكَ، وَعَمِلُوا الْبِرَّ، وَنَالُوا الْمَوَاعِدَ، وَسَدَّوْا أَفْوَاهَ الْأَسُودِ. وَأَطْفَأُوا  
حَدَّةَ النَّارِ وَنَجَّوْا مِنْ حَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَتَقَوَّوْا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وَصَارُوا أَشِدَّاءَ فِي الْحَرْبِ، وَكَسَرُوا مَعْسَكَرَاتِ  
الْأَجَانِبِ. وَأَخَذَتْ نِسَاءٌ أَمَوَاتَهُنَّ بِالْقِيَامَةِ، وَعَذَّبَ آخَرُونَ بِتَوْتِيرِ الْأَعْضَاءِ وَالضَّرْبِ، وَلَمْ يَقْبَلُوا بِالنَّجَاةِ  
لِيَخْصَلُوا عَلَى قِيَامَةِ أَفْضَلِ. وَآخَرُونَ ذَاقُوا الْهَزْءَ وَالْجَلْدَ وَالْقَيْوَدَ أَيْضًا وَالسِّجْنَ. وَرُجِمُوا وَنُشِرُوا وَامْتَحِنُوا  
وَمَاتُوا بِحَدِّ السَّيْفِ، وَسَاحُوا فِي جُلُودِ غَنَمٍ وَمَعَزٍ وَهُمْ مُعَوَّزُونَ مُضَايِقُونَ مَجْهُودُونَ. وَلَمْ يَكُنِ الْعَالَمُ مُسْتَحِقًّا  
لَهُمْ، فَكَانُوا تَائِهِينَ فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْجِبَالِ وَالْمَغَاوِرِ وَكُهُوفِ الْأَرْضِ. فَهَؤُلَاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهُودًا لَهُمْ بِالْإِيمَانِ لَمْ  
يَنَالُوا الْمَوْعِدَ. لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَبَقَ فَنَظَرَ لَنَا شَيْئًا أَفْضَلَ، أَنْ لَا يَكْمَلُوا بِدُونِنَا. فَحَنُّ أَيْضًا إِذْ يُحَدِّقُ بِنَا مِثْلَ هَذِهِ  
السَّحَابَةِ مِنَ الشُّهُودِ فَلَنُلْقِيَ عَنَّا كُلَّ ثِقَلٍ وَكُلَّ خَطِيئَةٍ مُحِيطَةٍ بِنَا، وَلِنُسَابِقَ بِالصَّبْرِ فِي الْجِهَادِ الَّذِي أَمَامَنَا،  
نَاطِرِينَ إِلَى رَئِيسِ الْإِيمَانِ وَمُكْمَلِهِ يَسُوعَ.

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

## فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

قال الرب لتلاميذه، كُلُّ مَنْ يَعْتَرِفُ بِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أَعْتَرِفُ أَنَا بِهِ قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. وَمَنْ يُنْكِرُنِي قُدَّامَ النَّاسِ، أُنْكِرُهُ أَنَا قُدَّامَ أَبِي الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ. مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًَّ أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي، وَمَنْ أَحَبَّ ابْنًا أَوْ بِنْتًا أَكْثَرَ مِنِّي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. وَمَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ صَلَيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعُنِي فَلَا يَسْتَحِقُّنِي. فَأَجَابَ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ لَهُ: هُوَذَا نَحْنُ قَدْ تَرَكْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَتَبِعْنَاكَ، فَمَاذَا يَكُونُ لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ، إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمْ الَّذِينَ تَبِعْتُمُونِي فِي جِيلِ التَّجْدِيدِ، مَتَى جَلَسَ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ عَلَى كُرْسِيِّ مَجْدِهِ، تَجْلِسُونَ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا عَلَى اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ كُرْسِيًّا تَدِينُونَ أَسْبَاطَ إِسْرَائِيلَ الْإِثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَكُلُّ مَنْ تَرَكَ بِيوتًا أَوْ إِخْوَةً أَوْ أَخَوَاتٍ أَوْ أَبًا أَوْ أُمًَّ أَوْ امْرَأَةً أَوْ أَوْلَادًا أَوْ حُقُولًا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِي، يَأْخُذُ مِئَةَ ضِعْفٍ، وَيَرِثُ الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ. وَكَثِيرُونَ أَوْلُونَ يَكُونُونَ آخِرِينَ، وَآخَرُونَ يَكُونُونَ أَوْلِينَ.

### “Love your Neighbor”- A Ministry of St John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

During these next few months at the beginning of summer, we will be helping our neighbors in the Bay Area who are struggling with various mental and physical health issues. Please also keep these neighbors in your prayers.

**June - Contra Costa Crisis Center** - The mission of the Contra Costa Crisis Center is to keep people alive and safe, help them through crises, and provide or connect them with culturally relevant services in the community.

**July - Women's Daytime Drop in Center – Berkeley** - California's Northern Alameda County is home to the country's highest concentration of chronically homeless individuals, nearly all of whom struggle with addictions, physical disabilities, domestic violence, or severe and persistent mental illness. The Women's Daytime Drop-In Center provide a safe space, warm meals, counseling, and support to identify housing to any homeless woman and her children during the day, when shelters are closed. WDDC serves an average of 150 women and children each month.

### Upcoming Events

June 20 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Three Holy Children Camp in Jackson, CA
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Belated Father's Day Barbecue after Divine Liturgy
September 24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Festival

### Coffee Hours

June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nelly Nassif for the good health of her family.
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fairouz Freij in memory of Angel Freij, 27 years.

### **Holy Oblations**

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Noha Schulze, George Messih** and **Nabil Wahbeh**. Many years!
- † Hala Youakeem and the Youakeem family for the good health of **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nadia Frangieh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Helen Addes**. May her memory be eternal!

### **Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:**

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Swiess, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin

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## Father's Day Picnic



After Liturgy  
 Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
 St. John Church Grounds  
 501 Moraga Way, Orinda  
 \$20 Adult                      Children FREE

**We will be roasting a LAMB  
 In Memory of Naim Frangieh**

*Plus hamburgers, & hot dogs,*

*Beer and Wine \$5*

FUN FOR ALL

Backgammon, Tug of War, Games & Prizes

*Generous Donations are always welcome*

*We will be needing help from our community*

### St. John Financial Snapshot

*Year to Date Actual Finances as of 05/31/2022*

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2022 Year To Date</b>	<b>% of Total Income</b>	<b>2021 Year to Date</b>
Membership Pledges	\$ 71,145	55%	\$ 68,177
Tray Collections	\$ 5,282	4%	\$ 1,476
Preschool Contribution*	\$ 29,583	23%	\$ 27,083
Crab Feed and Festival	\$ 13,667	11%	\$ 12,120
Ladies Contribution	\$ -	0%	\$ -
Other**	\$ 9,180	7%	\$ 4,225
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 128,858</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 113,081</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 113,251</b>		<b>\$ 95,432</b>
<b>YTD Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,607</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$ 17,649</b>

\* In addition to the above, preschool payments to the church include \$400 per month to offset expenses paid by the church and \$4,833.33 per month towards the building fund (deposited directly into building fund)

\*\*Other includes bookstore, candles, flowers, palms, coffee hour, memorials, weddings, prior year pledges

Building Fund Balance                      **\$ 1,056,617.31**

Those who wish to see the full financial statement should contact Parish Council Treasurer Matthew Simon



June 10, 2022

Dear parishioners,

In January we held our general meeting wherein we discussed, among many things, the status of our fellowship hall. As many of you know this has been a long multi-year journey which, after much work and labor, is nearing its start. Unfortunately, this year we incurred a few more delays in obtaining loan approval which has in turn delayed our projected start date.

Initially, we had sought to obtain a construction loan which is a more efficient and cost-effective way to pay for the hall. During this time, material costs continued to rise making it a more challenging path since the entire cost of the project would be required upfront; we cannot complete the project without a fundraising campaign. At that point we opted to pivot to an equity loan on our property. In our fiduciary responsibility to the church, we explored a few different options which took more time. We are now in the stages of underwriting and hope to have approval back by July with an August start date.

Despite the delays, we are still expecting to break ground this year and deliver on our efforts and vision. With faith, prayer, and a community effort we will see this project through to fruition.

In Christ,

Joseph Sweis  
Chairman, Parish Council