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1st Sunday after Pentecost –
All Saints

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Heb. 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matt. 10:32-33, 37-38

- Fellowship – Please come downstairs following Liturgy for Coffee Hour, provided by Robert Pierce in honor of his wife Alla and all their family. Thank you!

The Apostle's Fast begins tomorrow.

Schedule of Services

Saturday, June 5

4:45pm – Adult Enrichment Program

6:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday, June 6 – All Saints of America.

8:30am – General Confession

9:00am – Divine Liturgy

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Martyrs and Confessors

On June 1 we remember Saint Justin the Martyr, and the next day we celebrate Saint Nicephorus the Confessor. These titles, Martyr and Confessor, have different meanings, as we would expect.

A martyr, which means "witness," is one who gives his or her life for the faith. A confessor is a person who does not actually die for the faith but witnesses to it under difficult and often dangerous conditions. The lives of these two saints commemorated a day apart make it clear that both kinds of witness demand courage and fortitude.

These two men might both be described with a third title: apologist. The word "apology" in its original meaning doesn't have the connotation of making amends after having done something wrong. "Apologetical" writings are those that explain and defend the faith, which Justin and Nicephorus both did.

Saint Justin, born to pagan parents, studied many forms of philosophy, searching among them for the truth about God. He was always left unsatisfied, and one day he met an old man who challenged him and got him to admit his dissatisfaction. The man told him about the writings of the prophets and the Savior they describe, urging him to read and to pray for enlightenment. Justin did read and pray, and became a committed Christian. Seeing the willing self-sacrifice of Christ's followers, he became even more convinced of the truth of their belief.

Justin was able to save many Christian lives by writing his "Apologia," explaining the faith for those who were new to it. After reading this work, the Emperor Antoninus halted the persecution of Christians. In the following years, Justin convinced many people to become believers. When in the year 166 he faced martyrdom due to false accusations, he was able to answer the government official who asked him, "Do you think by dying you will receive a reward from God?" Justin replied, "I do not think; I know."

Several centuries after Justin's martyrdom, Saint Nicephorus became Patriarch of Constantinople in 806. He was immediately controversial, having reluctantly accepted appointment by the

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Agnes Silberman, Julia Brelinsky, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara
Memory Eternal!

Emperor while still a layman. This appointment, not surprisingly, was unpopular with many monks and priests. There were also those who disapproved of some of his patriarchal decisions. Most significantly, as a staunch defender of the veneration of icons, he later came into conflict with an equally staunch enemy of icon veneration--the new emperor, Leo, who allowed him to be harassed and finally exiled him.

During his years of harsh isolation, Nicephorus wrote several apologetical works defending the importance of icons, never backing down in his insistence that they must be part of Orthodox worship. He declined all offers to regain imperial favor by renouncing his views, and died in 829.

Martyrs and confessors acquired certainty about the faith through prayer, study and effort. They dared to say things like, "I do not think; I know." In our day, when such words might well bring accusations of arrogance and exclusivity, we need their example more than ever



Today's Memorial Offering

• *Sanctuary Lamp* – in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff – Anniversary of Death – by John & Helen Wanko

• *St. Nicholas's Cross* – in memory of Lydia Wanko – Anniversary of Death – by John & Helen Wanko



Announcements

❖ The Apostle's (Ss. Peter & Paul) Fast begins tomorrow, Monday, May 31st and until June 29th - the Feast of the Holy Apostles, our Patron Saints.

❖ Next Saturday, June 5th we will continue with our **Adult Enrichment Program**. At 4:45pm in our Church Hall we will watch and discuss the fifth, last part of video book "Eastern Christianity: The Byzantine Tradition".

❖ Please, note, that from the Memorial Day weekend and until **Sunday, September 5**, (Labor Day weekend) *all* Divine Liturgies (both on Sundays and on Feast days that fall in the middle of the week) will begin at **9am**.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: June 6th – provided by Matthew & Tonya Galati; June 13th – by Marianne & Carmine Guagenti; June 27 – provided by RBO on St. John's Day.

❖ Available at the candle desk are memorial candles, Altar wine and bread to be sponsored in prayerful intentions of your loved-ones.

Welcome to our Parish

We warmly welcome all families, friends and guests to our parish. We are glad to pray with you here today. Over the past eighty-six years, hundreds of people have called Ss. Peter and Paul their home.

If this parish is the kind of a spiritual home you have been searching for, we would love to have you become a part of our family.