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**IMPORTANT
DATES**

June 1 - Holy Spirit Day
Matins at 9am

June 7 - Annual Parish
Picnic @ Robson Park

June 15-18 -Vacation Bible
Study @ St. Seraphim's

June 21- 27 - St. Eugene's
Summer Camp

ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

June 2026

AFTER THE BLESSED FIFTY DAYS: THE CALL TO BECOME SAINTS

On June 7, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. This is a logical sequence since the purpose of the coming of the Holy Spirit is fulfilled by us becoming saints. This is indeed the very purpose of the creation and salvation of the world. (I Peter 1:15-16)

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann loved to quote the French novelist Leon Bloy who wrote: "There is but one sadness—not to be a saint."

Moving from the general to the specific-- on the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the feast of All Saints of our local Church. For us, it is the feast of All Saints of North America.

As we complete the fasting period which begins on the day after All Saints, we fulfill this special time of the year with the celebration of the Chief Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th.

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Lord's Day does not begin when we walk through the church doors on Sunday morning. In the Orthodox tradition, Sunday begins with Vespers on Saturday evening. For those preparing to receive Holy Communion, the hours between Vigil and the Divine Liturgy form a single movement of prayer, reflection, and spiritual attentiveness.

For that reason, we try to keep Saturday evening free—even of parish activities—after Vigil. The longer daylight hours of summer allow us to begin Vigil an hour later, giving everyone a little more time to complete the practical tasks of the week and enter more fully into the celebration of the Lord's Day.

Because Vigil begins later during the summer months, confessions may also be scheduled with Fr. Stephan before the service by appointment.

A gentle reminder: we spend considerable time preparing for vacations, celebrations, and important appointments. The Divine Liturgy is not simply another item on the weekend calendar. It is our encounter with the risen Christ. A little preparation can make all the difference.