SUNDAY, JUNE 19th 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostle, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit. (OCA.org)

Troparion (Tone 8) (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our <u>sufferings!</u> O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, <u>glo</u>ry to You!

Troparion (Tone 4) (All Saints)

As with fine porphyry and royal <u>purple</u>,

Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world.

She cries to You, O Christ God:

"Send down Your bounties on Your people,

grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion (Tone 8) (All Saints)

The universe offers You the God-bearing <u>Martyrs</u> as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and <u>Creator</u>. By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in <u>abiding</u> peace through the Theotokos, O most <u>Merciful</u> One!

Prokeimenon (Tone 8) (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a) v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle (Hebrews 11:33-12:2)

The Saints who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, 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 clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 4) (Ps. 33:17, 19)

- v The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles.
- v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

Gospel (Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also 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 after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Communion Hymns:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia!