

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints

Their Death is More like Dreaming

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

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First Sunday

THIS FATHERS' WEEKEND we greet and salute all our fathers with our love and respect on their big day. Our Parish is blessed with many good fathers and fellows who love the Lord, our Church and all their families. These good men answer the call when their families need them, give good example in their daily lives, bring their children to Church and School to learn about their Heavenly Father. We will treat and toast all our parish men after Liturgy this weekend for all they do and for all their mean to us -NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20 at 2 pm TV Network EWTN will broadcast the June 4 enthronement of our new Archbishop Borys from our Philadelphia Cathedral. Check out this great event and tell all your family and neighbors about this telecast this coming Thursday at 2 pm

WE GREET AND SALUTE all our parish graduates this spring on the completion of this great milestone in their lives. Please give Father Pastor the names of any graduates in your family. To date, our current list includes: Brianna R. Plush (Villanova), Derek Koziol (HS), Caroline Rotondo (HS). Congratulations to all these scholars.

ON TUESDAY WE SANG the burial liturgy for +Maryann Rocus, 74, the mother of Natalie and David. Maryann was a faithful parishioner, very generous to all our church needs. We all pray today that the Risen Lord will now take Maryann home to heaven - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

WE CONGRATULATE Peter Kohut Sr. and Peter Kohut Jr. on achieving the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus, as well Mark Kochanowsky as the new Grand Knight of our local Bridgeport Council. God bless these good men in our parish and loyal ushers in our church.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30 at 11:30 am Dr. George Isajiw will speak at St. John Church here in Bridgeport about his grandfather Blessed Nicholas Konrad, a Ukrainian Catholic priest martyred by the Russian KGB in 1941. Many of you should find this event most interesting.

TERRIFIC PHOTOS, TAKEN BY Dan Francis, of our May Holy Communion ritual are now available for the families to take home. See Father today after Liturgy to claim these beautiful memories.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUR parish sick and ailing folks, especially George Halas and Maryann Erdek, both under hospice care. Perhaps a prayer, a kind word, even a get-well card...?

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Ralph and Olga Fink (The Parish Auxiliary)
Sunday, 9 am +Myroslava Yakobowska (Irena Khromiak)
+Steve Klus, Edward, Prokip Wowk (Daughter Joanne)
Thursday, 7 am +The Suzanne Family (Joan Helenski)
Friday, 7 am +John Cwynar and Family (The Maruszczak Family)
Saturday, 8 am +Loretta Roscioll (Joe Nicola)
Saturday, 6 pm +Horace Hitchens (The Parish Auxiliary)
Sunday, 9 am +Maksym, Petro, Inna, Dmytro, Antonina (The KOzak Fam.)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Throughout the world Your Church was clothed in the blood of martyrs, as if in purple and fine linen. Today Your Church cries out to You: "O Christ, send Your mercies upon Your People, grant peace to the Christian community, and bestow Your mercy upon our souls, amne."

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O Lord, the universe offers the God-bearing martyrs as its first fruits to the Creator of all things. O Lord, through their prayers and those of the Theotokos, preserve Your Church and Your Community of Faithful in true peace and love.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and give glory to the Lord, Our God, amen.

