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**Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Or Sunday of All Saints of North  
America**

## **Troparion of All Saints of North America**

*As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of  
salvation,*

*the lands of North America offer to You, O  
Lord, all the saints who have shone in  
them.*

*By their prayers keep the Church and our  
land in abiding peace*

*through the Theotokos, O most Merciful  
One!*

## **Kontakion of All Saints of North America**

*Today the choir of Saints who were  
pleasing to God in the lands of North  
America*

*now stands before us in the Church and  
invisibly prays to God for us.*

*With them the Angels glorify Him,*

*and all the Saints of the Church of Christ  
keep festival with them;*

*and together they all pray for us to the  
Pre-eternal God.*

## **Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2. Psalm 27.9,1**

O Lord, save your people and bless your  
inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my  
God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the  
Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace  
for every one who does good, the  
Jew first and also the Greek. For God  
shows no partiality. All who have  
sinned without the law will also

perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.



### **The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



### **Quotes from the Desert Fathers**

"Evagrius said, 'A wandering mind is strengthened by reading, and prayer. Passion is dampened down by hunger and work and solitude. Anger is repressed by psalmody and long-suffering and mercy. But all these should be at the proper times and in due measure.'"

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"Antony said to Poemen, 'Our great work is to lay the blame for our sins upon ourselves before God, and to expect to be tempted to our last breath.'"

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“Arsenius always used to say this, ‘Why, words, did I let you get out? I have often been sorry that I have spoken, never that I have been silent.’”

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“Mathois said, ‘The nearer a man comes to God, the more he sees himself to be a sinner. Isaiah the prophet saw the Lord and knew himself to be wretched and unclean (Is. 6:5).’”

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“I may be wrong but I think nothing needs so much effort as prayer to God. If anyone wants to pray, the demons try to interrupt the prayer, for they know that prayer is the only thing that hinders them. All the other efforts in a religious life, whether they are made vehemently or gently, have room for a measure of rest. But we need to pray till our dying breath. That is the great struggle.”

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“Two hermits lived together for many years without a quarrel. One said to the other, ‘Let’s have a quarrel with each other, as is the way of men.’ The other answered, ‘I don’t know how a quarrel happens.’ The first said, ‘Look here, I put a brick between us, and I say, That’s mine. Then you say, No, it’s mine. That is how you begin a

quarrel.’ So they put a brick between them, and one of them said, ‘That’s mine.’ The other said, ‘No; it’s mine.’ He answered, ‘Yes, it’s yours. Take it away.’ They were unable to argue with each other.”

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“The hermit said, ‘This is the way to be strong: when temptations start to speak in your mind do not answer them but get up, pray, do penance, and say “Son of God, have mercy upon me.”’

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“It is dangerous for a man to try teaching before he is trained in the good life. A man whose house is about to fall down may invite travellers inside to refresh them, but instead they will be hurt in the collapse of the house. It is the same with teachers who have not carefully trained themselves in the good life; they destroy their hearers as well as themselves. Their mouth invites to salvation, their way of life leads to ruin.”

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“The devil appeared to a monk disguised as an angel of light, and said to him, ‘I am the angel Gabriel, and I have been sent to you.’ But the monk said, ‘Are you sure you weren’t sent to someone else? I am not

worthy to have an angel sent to me.’  
At that the devil vanished.”

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“Macarius said also, ‘If you are stirred to anger when you want to reprove someone, you are gratifying your own passions. Do not lose yourself in order to save another.”



## Liturgical Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b> <i>June, 21</i>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Paraklesis of Theotokos</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>June, 24</i>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Vespers?</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>June, 25</i>	<b>8:30am</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>

### Announcements:

- Birthday Celebration in June: John Diangelis (26); Fr. John (30)
- June 25, St. Nicholas’s church picnic. The Liturgy will be served together with us.
- Confession and House Blessing upon request

