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Synaxis of the Saints of Carpatho-Rus ~ All Saints of America and Russia

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Schedule of Events

Today ~ Father's Day:

- **9:00 A.M.** Confessions heard by appointment!
- **10:00 A.M.** Divine Liturgy begins!
- A **Panachida** will be served before the Final Blessing today for our departed Fathers, Grandfathers, Great-Grandfathers, and Godfathers as we commemorate Father's Day.
- The **Coffee Social** will be sponsored by our Church Board in honor of **Father's Day!** All of our faithful and guests are invited and encouraged to attend and join in fellowship!

Saturday:

- **9:30 A.M.** Birth of John the Baptist Holy Day Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, June 25:

- **10:00 A.M.** In Father Sam's absence, the Typica with Holy Communion is scheduled to be served by Father Deacon Peter. This service is somewhat similar to the Liturgy. Holy Communion will be consecrated during Saturday's Divine Liturgy. There is no Cherubic Hymn or Great Entrance.
- No **Panachida** will be served.
- A sponsor is needed for the **Coffee Social Hour**.

Today's Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16. Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone 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.

Today's Gospel Reading

Saint 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.

Maintenance Mania 2017

The Maintenance Mania sign-up is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Donation is \$250/square. If all of the 60 squares are paid for by December 1st, our parish will once again receive a matching grant of \$15,000 from the John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation. In addition, four lucky squares will be chosen to receive a prize!

100th Anniversary Celebration on June 25th

Our Deanery Parish of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church will celebrate its 100 year anniversary.

Please attend if you can!

*Hierarchical Diving Liturgy – 9:30 a.m.
His Grace, Bishop Gregory officiating
545 E. 77th Avenue ~ Schererville, IN*

Saints and Feasts

Leontius, Hypatius, & Theodulus the Martyrs of Syria. The Martyr Leontius was from Greece. Being of great bodily stature and strength, he was an illustrious soldier in the Roman legions who had won many victories, and was known for his prudence and sobriety of mind. When it was learned that he gave grain to the poor from the imperial stores, and was moreover a Christian, Hadrian the Governor of Phoenicia sent Hypatius, a tribune, and Theodulus, a soldier, to arrest him. Saint Leontius converted them on the way to Tripolis in Phoenicia, where Hypatius and Theodulus were tormented and beheaded by Hadrian for their confession of Christ. Then Hadrian with many flatteries and many torments strove to turn Leontius from Christ. All his attempts failing, he had Leontius put to such tortures that he died in the midst of them, under Vespasian in the year 73.

Leontios the Myrrh-Streamer of Argos
Aitherios the Martyr of Nicomedia

Wisdom of the Fathers

But mark both their faith, and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how greedy a thing fishing is), when they heard His command, they delayed not, ... but "they forsook all and followed," ... Because such is the obedience which Christ seeks of us, as that we delay not even a moment of time.

St. John Chrysostom

Prayer, fasting, vigil and all other Christian practices, however good they may be in themselves, do not constitute the aim of our Christian life, although they serve as the indispensable means of reaching this end. The true aim of our Christian life consists in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

Vigil Candles at the Iconostas



Loving Memory & Eternal Memory of Husband & Father **John Berzinis** offered by Mary and Donna Berzinis

Loving Memory & Eternal Memory of my Brother-in-Law **John Berzinis** offered by Anthony R. Charnota

Good Health & Birthday Wishes to "BABA" **Kathy Mysliwicz** on the occasion of her 70th Birthday offered by Karrington Clarke & Emerson Mysliwicz



In Loving Memory of **Lawrence Zydowsky** (6/23/95) offered by Children & Grandchildren

For the Good Health of **Helen Vavrinchik** offered by Mary & Donna Berzinis and Tony Charnota

Being Obedient



Do you know what it means to be obedient? You might think of a dog being obedient to its master. But have your parents ever

asked you to be obedient to them? When you obey somebody (when you're obedient), you do what somebody says to do. Sometimes, that might be something you want to do...but other times, maybe it isn't!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about two people who were obedient to their Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. Peter and Andrew were out fishing, but when Jesus came by, He asked them to follow Him. They dropped everything and followed the Lord. Their friends, James and John, also left everything and followed Christ too, just like that.

Saint John Chrysostom once said that that's the kind of obedience Christ wants from us, too! He doesn't want us to waste even a minute! He wants us to follow Him just as soon as He asks us.

Sometimes it might be hard to know what God wants from us. You probably won't hear a voice from God that tells you just what to do! You can listen to your parents, to your priest, and to your teachers. You obey them because they are watching out for you and helping you to grow in the right way. When we follow another Christian, we are following Christ too!

By [Presvytera Alexandra Houck](#) in [The Children's Word](#)



2017 Parish Graduates

8th Grade: Matthew Blacklaw, Angeliki Karavitis, Anna Rezac

High School: Lexi Haskell, Lucas Rezac

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