

## **ST. MARY'S HELPERS**

**June 26**

**July 3**

<b>Prosphora</b>	Children & Galina	Daniel & Hanne
<b>Reader</b>	Dan & Stefan	George D & Violeta
<b>Greeter</b>	Giani & George C	Alex & George D
<b>Coffee hour</b>	Lipon Family	
<b>Lawn</b>	Corneliu	Giani



Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement and let the organizer know.



'If you wish to attain salvation, renounce sensual pleasure and learn self-control, love and how to pray with concentration.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan

## **TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S**

*Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. Please join us for coffee. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.*

*As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all*

**Mark your calendar- Archbishop Nathaniel will visit St. Mary's July 9 & 10. Make plans to attend and meet our Hierarch!!**



## **St. Mary's Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church**

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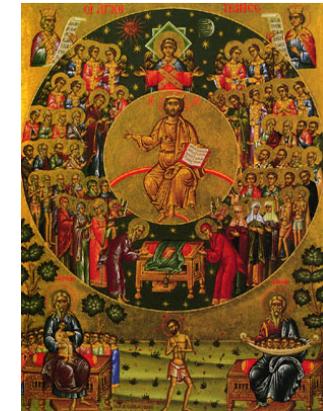
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## **Sunday of All Saints Duminica a Tuturor Sfinților June 26, 2016**

Vespers Saturday 6 pm

Divine Liturgy Sunday 10 am

Confessions by Appointment

Other services as announced

## **ORTHODOX TEACHING**

- Thank-you to everyone who helped with the Boys and Girls sleep over. Mark your calendars for next year- June 9 & 10, 2017
- **2 Weeks left!! July 9 & 10- Archbishop Nathaniel's visit to St. Mary's. Don't miss this event!! Come visit with your Hierarch. Tickets for the lunch are available NOW. Stampede lunch with mititei and many other delicious foods. A fun time will be had under the tent! Tickets available from Anne L, Ana Maria G, Ani P, Violeta I- \$25.00 for adults, children 7-15 \$15.00, children under 7 free.**

### *Schedule for Hierarchal Visit:*

#### *Saturday July 9*

*12:00 – Lunch with Parish Council*

*5:00 pm – Vespers*

*6:00 pm – Reception and light meal in church hall*

#### *Sunday July 10*

*9:30 – Receiving of Hierarch*

*Divine Liturgy*

*12:00 – Stampede Lunch under the tent*

### **Reading: Sunday of All Saints**

Honouring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honourable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen. Reading © Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA

**1st Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints). Epis. Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2. Gos. Matthew 10:32-35; 37-38; 19:27-30. Tone 8.**

**Duminica 1-a după Rusalii (a Tuturor Sfinților). Ap. Evrei 11,33-40; 12,1-2. Ev. Matei 10,32-35; 37-38; 19,27-30. Glas 8,**

#### **Tone 8**

***You descended from on high, O merciful one. You endured burial for 3 days to free us from passions. You are our life and resurrection, O Lord glory to you.***

***Tropar for the church Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.***

**Thank-you to all the parents who helped with the children's sleep over event this past weekend. A special thank-you to Violeta who helped tirelessly.**

**The children had a fun time and learned a lot about our Holy Orthodox church. See you next year!! June 9 & 10, 2017**