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Sunday, June 6, 2010. Second Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 1). All Saints of America and Russia.

Saints of June 6: Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker of Egypt (4th-5th centuries).
Scripture Lessons: Romans 2:10-16, Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2 (Saints)
Matthew 4:18 – 23, Matthew 4:25 – 5:12 (Saints)

Monday – Friday, June 7 - 11. There are no daily services this week.

Saturday, June 12. Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 6:00PM.

Sunday, June 13. **Third Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 2).** Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria (293); St Tryphillius, Bishop of Nicosia in Cyprus (370); Ven. Andonicus (1395), disciple of St Sergius of Radonezh.

Divine Liturgy, 10:00AM (Sixth Hour, 9:50AM)
Scripture lessons: Romans 5:1-10, Matthew 6:22-33

The Apostles' Fast. We have completed one week of the Apostles' Fast. Until the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul on June 29, Orthodox Christians who are able should abstain from certain foods, and each of us should also make an effort to intensify our prayer life, our almsgiving, and our spiritual reading. The extra effort should make sense for you, but it should be something above the "usual". Looking for some direction? Ask Fr. Theophan.

It's summer, why do we fast?? Most of us associate fasting with Great Lent, but it is important to keep the flame of Great Lent alive in our hearts all year long. In the long, dark months of winter, there was much during Lent to sustain and feed our souls on the journey to Pascha. You can enjoy the same experience during the long, bright days of summer! To keep the flame of repentance alive in our hearts, the Church gives us two fasting seasons in these warmer months -- the Apostles' Fast and the Dormition Fast. These are special and timely ways of receiving God's love for us.

Need a summer tune-up? Of course you do. Fr. Theophan cannot help you with your automobiles, but he can schedule an appointment for an even more important kind of tune-up! During the Apostles' Fast, let God shower you with His love. Bring your confessions and your repentance to Him, and He will refresh your soul with forgiveness and joy. Our cars cannot drive indefinitely without a tune-up, and neither can our souls! (Confession is available after Vespers on Saturday, when a priest is available, and by appointment. Please speak with Fr. Theophan.)

Clergy Schedule for June

Saturday, June 19 – Great Vespers, 6:00 PM – Fr. John Teague

Sunday, June 20 - Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM - Fr. John Teague

Saturday, June 26 – Great Vespers, 6:00 PM – Fr. Theophan Whitfield

Sunday, June 27 - Divine Liturgy, 10:00 AM - Fr. Theophan Whitfield

Fr Theophan and his family are in the process of packing up and moving to Salem. Matushka Manna and their daughters (Ayame, Miya, and Emi) will finish school in June, and at the end of June the moving truck will arrive at St Vladimir's Seminary! Fr Theophan's full-time ministry in Salem will begin on July 1, but he is easily reached by phone, so do not hesitate to contact him. Messages can be left at the rectory phone number, and Fr Theophan will return your call as soon as possible.

Looking Ahead. June 29, Tuesday
July/August

Sts. Peter and Paul, End of the Apostles' Fast.
Summer Schedule – 9AM Divine Liturgy