



All Saints of North America Orthodox Church

MAY & JUNE 2018

"Ours must be an Orthodoxy of the heart, not just of the mind" -



Faith Tested by Fire, and Prayer as a Nuclear Bomb

In April, our parish executive received some unexpected news: an Orthodox Christian foundation which had generously supported our mission work would not be continuing their sponsorship for 2018. They were undertaking some new, more ambitious (and indeed, more generous) work for the Church, and resources did not allow them to support both areas of ministry.

For us, this news came as a shock. Not only had our Hamilton parish appreciated the help of this foundation, it had allowed us enough stability to undertake the ambitious mission work of purchasing and renovating St. George's in Brantford. It had helped support a visiting priest, as well as helped equip the new altar for services.

Yet the surprise of this news reminded us of other events: the unexpected nature of our own first church building; and also, the surprise arrival two years ago of a church in Brantford - a second mission which we weren't looking for. None of this had been planned for, or budgeted, yet it had all happened, and it was all sustained, despite our apparent human inability to make it work.

Faith in God means depending on Him at times when there is nothing humanly possible to do to help ourselves. In some cases, it takes unexpected events like these to reveal to us the reality that our plans are usually built on sand, and that God holds everything in His hands.

To suggest our parish leadership is not wondering how we will navigate the road ahead would be incorrect - we do wonder, and sometimes, we worry. Yet one hopeful sign of strengthening faith is an absence of panic and trust in God's immense power, and love for us.

A Greek grandmother once told me, "Prayer is a nuclear bomb!" - she had learned from experience how to trust God. We are now beginning to learn this, too, and remain confident that in the months remaining in 2018, we too will know such spiritual "nuclear bombs", in numerous and unexpected ways. - FrG+



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2018</h1> <p><i>In which we commemorate the Ascension of the Lord</i></p>						
		1 St John of Decapolis  18	2 St John of Palestine Akathist to the Mother of God 6pm 19	3 St Theodore the Hairshirt 20	4 HMar Januarius 21 Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	5 Ap Nathanael Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i> 22
6 St George Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am 23 St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am <i>Archbishop Visit</i>	7 St Alexis of Wilkes-Barre 24	8 Ap Mark 25	9 HMar Basil of Amasea Akathist to St George 6pm 26	10 Ap Symeon 27	11 Aps Jason & Sospater 28 Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	12 St Basil of Ostrog Vespers 6pm <i>No Confessions</i> 29
13 Ap James Mother's Day Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am	14 Pr Jeremiah 1	15 St Athanasios 2	16 M Timothy Akathist to St John Maximovitch 6pm <i>VCS Meeting to follow</i> 3	17 Ascension <i>(No Liturgy - Priest away)</i> 4	18 GMar Irene 5 Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	19 Rt Job Vespers 6pm <i>NO Confessions</i> 6
20 Sign of the Cross Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am <i>Collection for PSSH</i> 7 St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am	21 Ap John 8	22 Pr Isaiah  9	23 Ap Simon the Zealot Akathist to St Nectarios 6pm <i>(Small Unction Service to follow)</i> 10	24 Sts Cyril & Methodius 11	25 M Pancratius of Rome 12 Akathist 7pm St George's  <i>Confessions to follow</i>	26 St Epiphanius Vespers 6pm <i>Confessions to follow</i> 13
27 Pentecost Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am <i>Kneeling Prayers to follow</i> St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am	28 St Pachomius 15	29 St Brendan  16	30 Ap Andronicus Akathist to St Brendan the Voyager 6pm <i>VCS Meeting to follow</i> <i>Fast Free</i> 17	31 M Theodotus 18	 <i>Look for this sign to save the date for Orthodox Coffee Talks and Catechism sessions at both the Hamilton and Brantford Parishes!</i>	

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<p>June 2018 In which we begin the Apostles' Fast</p> <p>Black background indicates a service at St. George's, Brantford; All other entries are All Saints, Hamilton. Service times are approximate. Fasting Days are shaded grey. Dates are shown in civil dates (top) and Julian (Church) Calendar dates (bottom). - Wine & Oil Allowed Fish Allowed Milk & Cheese Allowed - Domestic Chapel (Call for Details) Coffee Talk/Question Hour Charitable Works Collection</p>						
					1HMar Patrick Fast Free 19	2 St Ethelbert Vespers 6pm Confessions to follow
					Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	20
3 All Saints Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am 21	4 Holy Spirit Apostles' Fast Begins	5 Ven Michael of Synnada; Myrrhbearer Mary, wife of Cleopas	6 St Symeon the Stylite Akathist to St Mary of Egypt. 6pm	7 Third Finding of the Head of St John the Baptist	8 Ap Carpus (70) 26	9 Ven Bede Vespers 6pm Confessions to follow
St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am					Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	27
	22	23	24	25		
10 All Saints of North America Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am Street Sign Unveiling 	11 V Mar Theodosia	12 St Macrina	13 Ap Hermes Akathist to St John Maximovitch 6pm VCS Meeting to follow	14 St Justin Martyr	15 GM John of Suceava 2	16 St Chlotilde Vespers 6pm Confessions to follow
St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am					Akathist 7pm St George's Confessions to follow	3
	29	30	31	1		
17 All Sts Britain St Mitrophanes Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am Question Hour	18 HMar Boniface of Mainz	19 Ven Bessarion	20 M Theodotus Akathist to the Mother of God 6pm	21 Relics of St Theodore	22 St Cyril of Alexandria 9	23 St Timothy of Prusa Readers Workshop 3pm Vespers 6pm NO Confessions
St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am					Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	10
	5	6	7	8		
24 Martyrs of China Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am Prison Ministry Collection 11	25 Ven Onuphrius the Great	26 M Antonina	27 Pr Elisha Akathist to the Martyrs of China 6pm	28 Pr Amos	29 St Moses of Optina 16	30 M Nectan Vespers 6pm Confessions to follow
St George's Hours 10am Liturgy 10:30am					Akathist 7pm St George's Brantford	17
	12	13	14	15		

A READERS TRAINING WORKSHOP will take place during the month of June. Please contact Deacon Sean if you are interested in being a part of this training. A date will be coordinated with those who confirm their interest.

PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY - An insert is included with this calendar: please remember these names daily in your prayers. Email needs requests to korzg@hotmail.com. Please pray daily for each member of the parish, and for the departed.

QUESTION HOUR will take place following the potluck luncheon on Sunday, June 17th. All who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Orthodox Christian faith are invited to attend.

CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTIONS in support of those in need in our community will be taken up on Sunday, May 20th (for Pregnancy Support Services of Hamilton), and Sunday, June 24th (for the Archdiocesan Prison Ministry).

WE WISH MANY BLESSED YEARS to Patrick G. (May 6 Birthday), George K., Reader George L., and George T. (May 6 Namesday), Father Mark L. (April 25/May 8 Namesday), Rudy A. (May 16 Birthday), Irene F. (May 5/18 Namesday), Irina C. (May 5/18 Namesday), Deacon Sean R. (May 22 Birthday), Ioana A. (May 26 Birthday), Matushka Juliana R. (May 30 Birthday), Lubov G. (May 30 Birthday), Sara F. (May 17/30 Namesday), Zoran R. (June 1 Birthday), Samantha (Justina) P. (June 1 Namesday), Konstantin S. (June 2 Birthday), Kosta R., Costas T, and Tina T. (May 21/June 3 Namesday), Caleb (Theodore) (June 8 Birthday), Natasha G. (June 8 Birthday), Justina D. (June 15 Birthday) Melanie P. (June 8/21 Namesday), Sasha M. (June 29 Birthday). Please advise the priest of any other occasions.

CanadaHelps.org Helps Orthodox Mission Work

Over the last year, we've set up an online connection at the Hamilton parish website, asna.ca, which allows individuals to make both one-time donations, as well as regular monthly donations. For small and medium-sized donations, CanadaHelps is an excellent, efficient way to ensure your help in our mission efforts can be put to use right away. **Arranging monthly online donations are a particular help to the work of the church**, since they provide stability to maintain everyday, necessary administration and site functions (including covering the ever-growing cost of utilities), **leaving our clergy and faithful free to concentrate on the main work of the holy services, catechism, and Church outreach.**



Each donation is subject to a processing fee, plus a surcharge of about 3% of the total amount – thus, for a gift of \$100, about \$3 dollars will go to the fee, another \$3 dollars will go to the surcharge, and about \$94 will go to the church. As such, those wishing to make a larger donation to the mission work of the Church are encouraged to make it directly to the parishes, using cheque or money order, in order to avoid substantial loss due to the fee structure.

For most donors, CanadaHelps provides a smooth and ideal option to regularly support the work of Christ's Church, minimizing the inconvenience of scheduling donations each month and preparing cheques or donation envelopes.

Please visit CanadaHelps.org, and search for *All Saints of North America Orthodox Church* (donations to St. George's can also be made through this page: simply include a memo stating your intentions), and sign up for this worthwhile service.

A Note to Our Donors

Saint George's Orthodox Church in Brantford currently functions under the missionary umbrella of All Saints of North America parish in Hamilton. As such, all donations (receiptable and otherwise) are required to go through the account and charitable oversight of All Saints of North America. *Please make cheques to parish payable to "All Saints of North America Orthodox Church", for both the Hamilton and the Brantford parishes, and include a memo to indicate any funds to be directed to the Brantford parish. Charitable receipts will be issued at year end, and both churches are under the incorporation and charitable number of the Hamilton parish.*

*Please note that in a few instances, banks have refused to accept cheques made out to "ASNA" or "ASNA Orthodox" – **please use the full name of the parish.** Your help is much appreciated.*

A flyer for an event at Saint Sebastian Way. On the left, there are two green street signs: "ST SEBASTIAN WAY" and "MELVIN AVENUE". The background is a blue-tinted image of a man in a suit reading a book. Text on the flyer includes: "All Saints of North America ORTHODOX CHURCH", "Invites you to join us for our Parish Feast Day including the unveiling & dedication of Saint Sebastian Way", "Divine Liturgy Service 10:30am", "Procession & Sign Dedication 12:00 noon", "– Sunday, June 10th, 2018 –", "Refreshments to follow", "397 Melvin Avenue at Woodward", "Hamilton, Ontario, Canada", and a logo for "15 Years of Mission 2003-2018" with the text "All Saints of North America ORTHODOX CHURCH" below it.