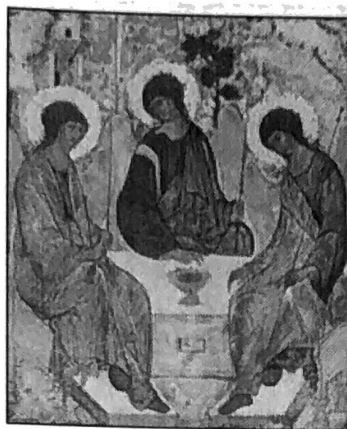


# SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



*Icon of All Saints*

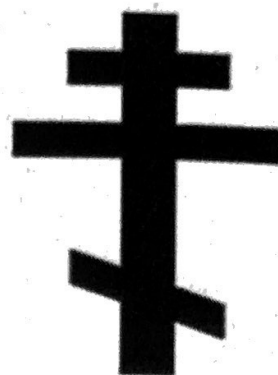




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**June 15, 2025**  
Sunday of All Saints  
Festal Tone

**Our return to God for the gifts He continues to shower on us (June 8) \$1,458**  
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**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**June 15, 2025**

**Sunday of All Saints**

Sat. June 14 5 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for all our parishioners  
Sun. June 15 9 AM Divine Liturgy for + Christine Sackash Kephart  
(given by Fran Armstrong)

**June 16–28, 2025**

**Apostles' Fast**

Wed. June 18 9 AM Divine Liturgy for Francis Wohar and family  
(requested by Natalia Tapsak)  
  
Fri. June. 20 9 AM Akathist to Jesus Christ, Lover of Mankind (N)  
6:30 PM Vespers

**June 22, 2025**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**~Tone 1~**

Sat. June 21 5 PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for all our parishioners  
Sun. June. 22 9 AM Divine Liturgy for + Margaret Kennis  
(given by John and Joanne Nemeth)

The Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered 4–4:30 PM on Saturdays before the Vigil Divine Liturgy, after any scheduled service, or by request. Liturgy intentions can be requested through the offertory envelopes provided or in person from Fr. Nate or Deacon Luke. A liturgy may be requested with or without a stipend, which is to be considered a donation, not a requirement. The suggested offering is \$20, but may be requested for any amount. Thank you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mark your calendars:** Our annual parish picnic will be on Sunday, July 13.

**Holy Trinity Golf Tournament:** Sunday, July 20 will be the annual Holy Trinity Golf Tournament. Registration is at 8 AM with tee off at 10 AM. This event will be held at Kenterra Golf Course, 929 Kennis Road, Dubois. Cost is \$75 per person and includes golf and cart fees. Dinner and prizes will be awarded after golf. Silent Auctions, Mulligans, a putting contest, Vegas hole, and lottery hole are just some of the fun events that will happen during the event.

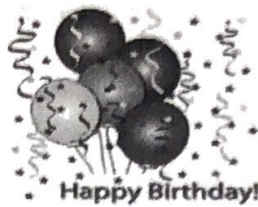
**Donations Needed:** Donations of any kind would be greatly appreciated for the Golf Tournament. Please consider donating a basket for the silent auction or sponsoring a hole for this event. Proceeds will benefit the kitchen remodel and youth activities funds. Gift items are needed no later than June 29. Contact Teresa Kennis 814-771-6608 for donations/suggestions.

**Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries:** The Archeparchy is requesting RSVPs for its annual celebration of significant wedding anniversaries (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and more). All who are celebrating such a milestone anniversary are encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy and subsequent celebration on September 7 at 3pm at St. Elias Church in Munhall, PA. Please reach out to Fr. Nate if you are celebrating an anniversary, as even those who cannot attend will be mailed a certificate. RSVPs are due by August 15.

**Vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, June 28 will be cancelled,** as Fr. Nate has been asked to help out with the Archeparchy's young adult retreat that Saturday.

**The Celebration of the Lord's Day in Our Tradition:** As a reminder, starting this August, we will be replacing roughly one Saturday evening Divine Liturgy per month with either Great Vespers or a Vigil, so that we may enrich our parish life with a fuller participation in the Church's authentic liturgical tradition. The start time (5pm) will always remain the same, unless announced otherwise. All such instances are in connection with the "Life and Liturgy" adult catechesis series. The dates may be found on the flyer in last week's bulletin, which is also posted on the bulletin board at the front of the church.

**"Life and Liturgy" Adult Catechesis Series:** Each month between August 2025 and June 2026, Fr. Nate will be presenting on various topics about how the patterns and symbols of our liturgy connect to patterns in our own lives and how living liturgically can change our lives. Do you find aspects of the Byzantine Catholic faith confusing? Is it hard to make sense of why we do what we do? Do you feel like church is irrelevant to the rest of your life? If your answers are yes, even as a lifelong Christian, then this series is for you. Please join us if you would like to renew your participation in your faith, experience it as personally meaningful, and deepen your relationship with Christ. Though the series is designed as "adult" catechesis, teens are also welcome to attend. The first session will be on August 9. As a reminder, we will begin with Great Vespers at 5pm, followed by a potluck and the presentation until about 7pm. For more information, visit [https://holyltrinitysykesville.org/news\\_250605\\_1](https://holyltrinitysykesville.org/news_250605_1)



Thomas Kundrich (June 17)  
Roberta Kosko (June 19)



Daniel and Mona Kennis (June 21)  
Brad and Holli Lashinsky (June 22)

### *Their Death is More like Dreaming*

We ought to honor the saints. They are Christ's friends, children and heirs of God. This is the teaching of the theologian and evangelist John: 'To all who received him ... the Word gave power to become children of God' (John 1:12). The Creator of all things is called in Scripture Lord of lords, King of kings, God of gods. The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created. Indeed, the saints of their own choice are united to God, they have welcomed Him as a guest in their hearts, and by sharing with Him have become what He is by nature.

They have become God's servants, friends and children. The honor given to His faithful ser-

vants of which they are the witness is a test of our love for our Lord and theirs. He has found in them a spotless dwelling place and has performed his promise: 'I will make my abode among you ... and I will walk among you and will be your God' (Lev. 26:11-12).

It is of the saints that Scripture says: 'The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and the torment of death shall not touch them' (Wisd. 3:1). In fact, their death is more like dreaming than dying. God is life and light, and those who are in the hand of God are themselves life and light. By means of the Spirit, God is dwelling in the bodies of the saints. Why then should we not honor the temple of the living God?

*St. John of Damascus*