

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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Sunday June 11, 2017

Sunday of All Saints

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas; Venerable Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga; Martyr Theopemptus and four others; Saint Metrophanes Chi Sung and the martyrs of the Boxer Rising (see also June 10); commemoration of the appearance of Archangel Gabriel to a monk on Mount Athos, and the revelation by the angel of the hymn "It is truly meet" (*Axion estin*); Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos *Axion Estin*; repose of Righteous recluse Melania of Eletz and Zadonsk; translation of the relics of Saint Arcadius, monk of Vyazma and Novotorzhk; opening of the relics of Saint Ephraim, Abbot and Wonder-worker of Novotorzhk (see also January 28); Saint Luke (Voiono-Yasenetsky), Bishop and Wonderworker of Simferopol and Crimea.

Services for the week of June 11

Saturday, June 17: 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Parish News

WELCOME: to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

OFFERINGS: June 4: \$939.00

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff Wall and Anna Semonco (Tikhon and Mary) who were crowned yesterday in the Holy Mystery of Marriage. May God grant them many years of blessings!

PLEASE REMEMBER: Janet Mikel and Martha Smith. May God place His hand of blessing on them both!

ALTAR SOCIETY YARD SALE has been rescheduled for June 17. Please see Makrina Wellons for more information.

REFLECTION

A true friend prays to God for his friend. A true friend is concerned about the salvation of the soul of his friend. To dissuade a friend from false paths and to direct him on the path of truth, that is precious friendship. The saints of God are the best friends of mankind. Two youths, Barnabas and Paul, were friends while together they were attending the school of Gamaliel. When Barnabas became a Christian, he persistently and tearfully prayed to God that He would also enlighten the mind and turn the heart of Paul in order that he becomes a Christian. Barnabas often spoke to Paul about Christ the Lord but Paul ridiculed him and considered him as one led astray. However, the Good Lord did not leave the prayers of Barnabas without fruit. The Good Lord appeared to Paul and turned him from the path of falsehood to the path of truth. The converted Paul then fell before the feet of his friend and cried out: "O Barnabas, teacher of truth, I am now convinced that everything which you spoke to me about Christ is the truth!" Barnabas wept with joy and embraced his friend. Barnabas, the friend saved the soul of his friend by his fervent prayer. If Barnabas has succeeded to place Paul as the emperor of Rome, he would have done less for him than what he succeeded in doing with prayer to bring him to the truth.