

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

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Sunday June 10, 2018
Sunday of All Regional Saints

Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa; Martyr Alexander and Virgin Martyr Antonina at Constantinople; Saint Bassian, Bishop of Lodi in Lombardy; Venerable Theophanes, monk of Antioch; Saint Pansemne, the former harlot of Antioch; Saint John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobolsk and All Siberia, Wonder-worker; Venerable Silvanus the Schemamonk of the Kiev Caves; Martyr Neanicus the Wise of Alexandria; Saint Canides, monk of Cappadocia; Saint Apollo, Bishop; Saint Alexius of Bithynia, Bishop; Hieromartyr Metrophanes, the first Chinese priest, and the Chinese New-Martyrs of the Boxer Uprising, at Peking and other places, in 1900; Saint Gregory, Bishop of Assos; Saint Ithamar, Bishop of Rochester; synaxis of the saints of Ryazan; Synaxis of All Saints of Siberia; repose of Elder Nahum of Solovki and Schemamonk Sergius of Valaam; finding of the relics of Saint Basil, Bishop of Ryazan (see also July 3); translation of the relics of Saint Yvo of Slepe

Services for the week of June 10

Saturday, June 16: 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 3: \$630.25

OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY ROOM is completed! Please look at the new architecture, the books and the reading chairs which are now offered for our parish and guest readership. An enormous thank you to Mike and Randy, Joyce and Ranae, and all others who helped to make this improvement possible!

THE SAINT PETER AND PAUL FAST continues. Please be aware of this and of the Vigil and Feast on June 28 and 29. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray to God for us!

HOMILY

About how that of which he is afraid, befalls the sinner

"The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted" (Proverbs 10:24).

The wicked one fears imminent death, the thief fears the burglar, the murderer fears the sword, the proud one fears shame, the abductor fears hunger, the glutton fears sickness and the slanderer fears the judgment of truth. That which the wicked one fears is what will befall him.

The righteous one desires a pure conscience, good thoughts, peace, charity, love, truth, justice and meekness. God gives these to him even while he is here on earth. The righteous one desires the Kingdom of God, desires Paradise, desires the company of the angels and the saints and desires to reflect upon the face of God in life eternal. God gives all these to him when He calls him to Himself.

O how just is the Lord toward the wicked one and how All-benevolent He is toward the righteous one! That which the wicked one fears, the Lord permits to befall him and that which the righteous ones fears the Lord removes from him. Of what is the righteous one afraid? Only sin. God removes sin from the righteous one and directs his feet on the path to virtue; and God protects the righteous one from evil spirits, the sowers of sin and, by His grace, waters the seed of virtues in his heart.

O All-seeing Lord, protect us from the paths of the wicked, from the gain of the wicked and from the fear of the wicked! Help our wavering heart to become steadfast in the desire for that which is only pleasing to You. For that which is pleasing to You will, in the end, conquer and reign and everything else will be given over to decay and forgetfulness.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

