

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

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Sunday of All Saints of Mt. Athos and the Turkish Yoke

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel (Savel), and Ismael (Ishmael) of Persia; Hieromartyr Philoneides, Bishop of Kurion in Cyprus; Saints Joseph and Pior, disciples of Saint Anthony the Great; the Alfanov brothers (see May 4); Saint Ananias the Iconographer of Novgorod; Martyr Isaurus, and with him Basil, Innocent, Felix, Hermes, and Peregrinus, of Athens; Saint Botolph, Abbot of the Monastery of Ikanhoe, and his brother Adulph; Martyr Nectan of Hartland; Martyr Shalva of Akhaltsikhe; Saint Ypatios of Roufiana; Saint Moling, Bishop of Ferns

Services for the week of June 17

Saturday, June 23: 6:00 pm Vigil for the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

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 10: \$862.00

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY: To all of our Dads, Uncles, Big Brothers and Mentors and the special men in our lives, we wish you a wonderful day. May God bless and strengthen you to continue to be a good example!

LIBRARY DONATIONS: Please check with Father before donating books to our new library. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RANDY BAILEY AND HIS FAMILY this week, as he is to undergo surgery on Friday, June 22nd. May God guide the physicians' hands and may his recovery be speedy, through the prayers of the Holy Great Martyr, Panteleimon!

HOMILY

About the punishment of those who bear false witness

"The false witness will not go unpunished and he who utters lies will perish" (Proverbs 19:9).

God and all the hosts of heaven see everything that happens in the world. Therefore, how can man conceal the truth from so many witnesses of the truth? And, not only do the heavenly hosts see the truth, but they also are zealous for the truth. Therefore, how can a mortal man go against the truth, which means, to go against the myriads of heavenly zealots for the truth? In truth, darkened in the mind is the one who thinks that he can conceal the truth and proclaim a lie instead of truth. When millions of discerning angels know the truth, can a man conceal the truth? Can someone rise up against the truth and not be punished? O my brethren, there is nothing more false than falsehood! Nothing more unsuccessful! Nothing more arrogant! Nothing more insane!

God and all the Hosts of heaven see that which occurs inside man. Especially the Guardian Angel of man sees that. And this Guardian Angel does not tolerate that man brings out from himself and about himself that which is not in him. If a man remains persistent in his lie, his Angel will abandon him and will turn him over completely to the spirits of lies. Then, woe to that man! Of what benefit is it to witness falsely against the entire world if his Angel would witness truthfully against him before God and the hosts of heaven! It would be better for that man if he had not been born. For, whoever lies, lies to the Spirit of God and the Spirit of God abandons the liar in darkness and death.

O Lord of Truth, sustain us by the power of Your Holy Spirit that we never witness falsely. Sweeten to us Your Holy Truth and turn away a false word from our tongue.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

