

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

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*Sunday June 3, 2018*

***Sunday of All Saints***

Martyr Lucillian and those who suffered with him at Byzantium: four youths: Claudius, Hypatius, Paul and Dionysius, and Virgin Paula; Hieromartyr Lucian, and with him Deacon Julian, Presbyter Maximian, Marcellinus, and Saturninus at Beauvais in France; Saint Athanasius, Wonder-worker of Cilicia; Saint Hieria, widow, of Mesopotamia; Saint Clotilde (Chlotilda), Queen of France; Saint Pappos, monk; Saint David of the Gareji Monastery; Saint Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough, Ireland; Saint Meriasek, Bishop of Camborne; translation of the relics of the slain Crown Prince Demetrius of Moscow (see also May 15)

*Services for the week of June 3*

Tuesday, June 5: 7:00 pm Parastas for the Repose of +Archimandrite Adrian on his 40<sup>th</sup> day

Saturday, June 9: 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:** May 27: \$1079.00

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our High School Graduates, Michael Vrienceanu and Elias Tyson. We are happy to celebrate their achievements on this special day. There will be a potluck Coffee Hour following the Liturgy. May God grant them both many years of health, happiness and faith in God!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Joyce and Mike Peters for the lovely decorations last week at Pentecost. The church looked wonderful due to their work and decorating.

**THE PETER AND PAUL FAST BEGINS** tomorrow. As always, our Mother the Church calls upon us to avoid meat and dairy products until June 29. Fish is generally allowed on all days, with the exception of Wednesdays and Fridays. Please speak to Father Mark for more details.

## **HOMILY**

### **About the peace of the simple and the prosperity of the fools**

***"For the turning away of the simple shall slay them and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them" (Proverbs 1:32).***

Does peace kill? Yes, godless peace kills. Does prosperity destroy? Yes, prosperity without God and contrary to the laws of God can destroy. Simple are they who seek such a peace and they who run after such prosperity are fools. For, in essence, they do not seek peace but rather the sword and are not running after prosperity but rather after destruction. What is the peace of the simple and what is the prosperity of fools? The peace of the simple is physical peace and the prosperity of fools is physical feasting. King Herod wanted such a peace and he was consumed by worms. Jezebel wanted such a prosperity and dogs consumed her.

By what name would we call a man who, in deciding to build a house, thinks that he will place the roof in the air first and afterward erect walls and then lay the foundation of the house? We would call him a simpleton and a fool. Much the same are all those who are attempting to establish peace in the world without interior peace and to establish exterior prosperity for men without interior prosperity. The Christian Faith is the only one which builds from the foundation and the foundation is Christ, a firm and indestructible rock. Thus, the Christian Faith for the peace and prosperity of men builds on Christ. An internal, blessed and joyful peace is built on Christ the Lord and on this peace, external peace is built. So also is true and lasting prosperity. It is still better to say that true peace and true prosperity is like a well-built house and external peace and prosperity are like the external adornments of the house. However, if the adornments fall, the house will stand but if the house is destroyed, will the adornments then hang in the air?

O my brethren, the Christian teaching is the only reasonable teaching about peace and prosperity. All else is madness and foolishness. For, how could the servants build a mansion on the estate of the Master without permission of the Master and without His help?

O Lord, the source of eternal true peace and true prosperity, save us from the peace of the simple and the prosperity of fools.

**To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.**