

St. John of Kronstadt Orthodox Church

June 21, 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of All Saints of the British Isles

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

11 The Great Litany

14 First Antiphon – Bless the Lord O my soul: Blessed art Thou O Lord. Bless the Lord O my soul: and all that is within me bless His Holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul: and forget not all His benefits. Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, longsuffering and of great goodness. Bless the Lord O my soul: Blessed art Thou O Lord.

17 Second Antiphon – Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord O my soul, I will praise the Lord as long as I live I will sing praises to my God while I have by being. Put not your trust in princes in sons of men in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to his earth. On that very day his plans perish. The Lord will reign forever: Thy God O Zion to all generations.

19 Only Begotten Son – Both now and ever unto the ages of ages, Amen. Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God. Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate. Of the holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary. Who without change didst become man and was crucified. O Christ our God, trampling down death by death. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

22 The Beatitudes – In Thy Kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven.



Entrance Hymn – O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ O Son of God, Who didst rise from the dead save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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This coming week:

Tuesday, June 23: *Daily Matins*, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Great Vespers and Moleben, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24: *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*
Daily Matins, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Icon Greeting and Akathist, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 25: *Daily Matins*, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Great Vespers with Lity, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 26: *Tikhvin Icon*
Divine Liturgy, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Saturday June 27: *Vigil*, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Confession, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 28: *3rd & 6th Hours*, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Great Vespers with Lity, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

NOW IN! Gift Cards/Scrip. With outdoor season upon us why don't you purchase gift/scrip cards to use at Lowe's or Menards for those plants and landscaping projects? Scrip is being sold each Sunday after Divine Liturgy. These cards are used as cash at your favorite business. Our church makes a small amount off each card you purchase. Check out what we currently have. If there is a business or two you would like to see added, please contact Diane. dianewhite1976@gmail.com



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30 Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2 – When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay Hell with the splendor of Thy God Head! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!

44 St. John of Kronstadt Troparion, Tone 4 – O Wonderworker living in Christ forever with love have mercy on those in danger. Hear thy children who call on thee with faith, be compassionate to those who hope for aid from thee. O Father John of Kronstadt our beloved Shepherd.

Choir – All Saints of the British Isles Troparion

31 Kontakion of the Resurrectional, Tone 2– Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Choir – All Saints of the British Isles Kontakion

46 Steadfast Protectress – Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor You.

48 Trisagion Hymn – Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!

52 Prokeimenon, Tone 2 – The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Reading of the Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

56 Alleluia

Reading of the Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Sermon

58 The Litany of Fervent Supplication

60 The Litany for the Catechumens

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Martyr Archil II, King of Georgia

The Holy Martyr Archil II, King of Georgia belonged to the dynasty of the Chosroidoi, and he was a direct descendant of the holy emperor Saint Mirian (+ 342).

During the reign of Archil II, Georgia was subjected to a devastating invasion by Murvana-Kru (“the Wild”), so called by the Georgian people for his inexorable cruelty. The position of the Georgian people was desperate, and the emperor Archil II, together with his brother Myro, the ruler of Western Georgia, tearfully implored the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos, and She showed forth Her mercy.

At a battle by the Rivers Abasha and Tskhenis-Tskhali the Georgian forces miraculously gained the victory over the significantly superior forces of Murvana-Kru.

After this victory the emperor Archil II was occupied with the restoration of the Georgian kingdom. He rebuilt the city of Nukhpatis, rebuilt ruined churches in Mtskheta and furthered the acceptance of Christianity by many of the mountain tribes. But soon Georgia suffered a new Arab invasion with the sudden appearance of Dzhidzhum-Asim (Jijum-Asim). Having paid a tribute to the Arabs, the emperor did not expect this invasion. In order to deliver the land from new devastation and avert the intrusion of Islam upon it, he deemed it beneficial to go himself to Dzhidzhum-Asim, and subject formerly independent Georgia to the Arabs, and ask for peace. Placing all his hope on the mercy of God and ready to offer up his soul for his holy Faith and for his nation, Saint Archil went to the camp of the Arabs. Dzhidzhum-Asim received him hospitably and promised his suzerainty, but insisted on acceptance of Mohammedanism. As the “Georgian Chronicle” relates, the holy emperor Archil calmly said, “It will not be, that I should forsake Christ, the True God, Who for our salvation took upon Himself human flesh. I know, if I obey you, then I shall die a spiritual death and shall suffer eternally. If for my firmness you put me to death, I shall then rise as did my Lord, and I shall go to Him”.

Hearing these words, Dzhidzhum-Asim gave orders to seize the confessor and take him off to prison. But neither tortures nor promises could make the eighty-year-old emperor Archil apostasize.

On March 20, 744 the holy emperor Archil was beheaded. The body of the martyr was secretly taken by Georgian Christians to the locale Ertso and buried in Kakhetia, in the Notkor church built by the holy emperor himself.



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Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.

Luke 6:38

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Martyr Julian of Tarsus, in Cilicia

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born at Diocesarea in the province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband, she and Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety. When

Julian reached the age of eighteen, Emperor Diocletian (284-305) began to persecute Christians, issuing a decree that everyone had to offer sacrifice to the idols. If they refused, they would be tortured. Among those arrested was Saint Julian. They brought him before the eparch Marcian to be tried, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts or honors could convince the devout young man to sacrifice to the idols and deny Christ, and so the holy confessor remained steadfast in his faith.

For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and torture, after which they threw him in prison. Saint Julian's mother followed her son and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In the city of Aegea, she besought the eparch to let her to visit the prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to the idols. When she saw him, she did just the opposite. She spent three days in prison with Saint Julian, exhorting him to remain strong until the end.

Once again, Saint Julian was brought before the eparch. Thinking that his mother had persuaded her son to obey the imperial decree, Marcian tried to convince her to offer sacrifice, but she continued to confess Jesus Christ, and boldly denounced polytheism. Marcian then ordered that her feet be cut off, since she had followed her son from Tarsus.

Then Saint Julian was placed into a sack filled with sand and poisonous snakes, and it was thrown into the sea. The Martyr's body was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria. There his body was buried by a certain pious Christian. Saint Julian's death occurred around the year 305. Afterward, his relics were transferred to Antioch.

Saint John Chrysostom honored the holy Martyr Julian with an encomium, and fragments of the Saint's relics are found in the Monasteries of Pantokrator and Saint Panteleimon on Mount Athos.

We pray to Saint Julian to protect gardens and fields from creeping things, snakes, and harmful insects.

Lycaonia in the first century. He was tortured and beheaded for his faith in Christ.

Other Saints of the Day: Saint Julius, Presbyter of Novara and his brother, Saint Julian the Deacon; Martyr Luarsab II King of Georgia; Venerable Anastasia of Serbia; New Martyr Niké of Nisyros near Rhodes.

To read about these Saints go to: www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/06/21

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***** *Holy Eucharist* *****

64 Cherubic Hymn – Let us who mystic'ly represent the Cherubim, represent the Cherubim. And who sing the thrice holy hymn to the life creating, life creating Trinity. Now lay aside all cares, lay aside all earthly cares, lay a side all earthly cares.



63 The Great Entrance

65 Cherubic Hymn continued – That we may receive the King of all, Who comes invisibly up-borne by the angelic hosts. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

69 Litany of Supplication

73 The Peace



74 The Creed: The Symbol of Faith I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the scriptures And ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. In one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

77 The Anaphora

87 Theotokion – It is Truly Meet

95 – Commemoration and Blessing

96 Litany before the Lord's Prayer



98 The Lord's Prayer

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Choir – Communion Hymn

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105 Receive the Body of Christ— Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Receive the body of Christ, taste fountain of immortality. Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality.

109 The Litany of Thanksgiving

112 Dismissal



“Bogolyubov” Icon of the Mother of God

Commemorated June 18

The Bogolyubov Icon of the Mother of God, one of the most ancient wonderworking icons of Russia, was painted in the twelfth century at the request of Prince Andrew Bogolyubsky (July 4), to commemorate the appearance of the Mother of God to him. Painted on cypress wood, the Icon is remarkable

because of its large size.

In the year 1131, an Icon was sent from Constantinople to the Holy Prince Mstislav (Theodore in Baptism, commemorated April 15) in Russia, and was placed in the Devichii monastery in Vyshgorod, the ancient appanage (land given by kings and princes to their younger children for their support) city of Saint Olga (July 11).

One night in the summer of 1155, Prince Andrew secretly removed the wonderworking Icon of the Mother of God from the Vyshgorod church without the blessing of his father, Prince George Dolgoruky, and started northward toward Suzdal'. Some sources say that his father bequeathed the Icon to Prince Andrew. Later, this Icon would be known as the Vladimir Icon (August 26, June 23, May 21). Tradition says it was one of the Icons painted by the Holy Evangelist Luke (October 18), or a copy made from the original.

Seven versts from Vladimir, the cart carrying the wonderworking Icon stopped and could not be moved from that spot. Prince Andrew asked the priest Nicholas, who accompanied him, to serve a Moleben before the Icon. For a long time Andrew prayed before the holy image with tears. Later, he went into his tent and continued his fervent prayers. The Most Holy Theotokos appeared to him holding a small scroll in her right hand, and said: "I do not wish you to take my Icon to Rostov, but to the city of Vladimir. Here, in this place (the site of her miraculous appearance), you shall build a stone church and a monastery in honor of my Nativity."

Then the All-Holy Virgin lifted one hand toward Heaven, and received a blessing from Christ the Savior, and the vision ended.

To continue reading about this icon of the Mother of God go to: [“Bogolyubov” Icon of the Mother of God - Orthodox Church in America](#)

Readings

Romans 5:1-10 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.