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As Orthodox Christians, we 'get' to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension forty days after Pascha and it is the last time we see Jesus in His body on earth. It was the time He physically left His apostles and mother behind with instructions. Jesus' instructions were to wait for the Gift of the Father. That gift was the power of the Holy Spirit who would ignite this flame within their hearts to proclaim the message of Jesus' Gospel, become an example of love and unfold the plan for salvation to the whole world!

When we truly think about it, it is tempting to see Christ's Ascension as the conclusion of Jesus' sacred ministry, an ending to a movement, and revolution and not an invitation to engage our self and others with God's gospel of love and plan for salvation. We can be misled to think the chapter is closed and that's it. It seems as if Ascension Day is one of the few remaining main feasts in the church year that hasn't really been touched by our secular American society. We've seen that Christmas has been distorted by a Santa who is looking for 'naughty and nice' people so he can ride his reindeers to give everyone presents!

Then Easter comes along and for many has replaced the mystery of Christ trampling death upon death, with egg hunts, Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs! Yet this month we will 'not' see Ascension Day sales at Macy's and I'm guessing most do not receive any "Happy Ascension Day" cards in the mail, or went out for Ascension Day dinner. But the day of our Lord's Ascension was the beginning for His disciples to begin proclaiming His radical message of love!

It says in Acts 1:4. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Jesus proclaimed 2000 years ago and says that same thing today to us, that, "we are to be baptized with water and we shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to Him." Jesus' final words at His holy Ascension should empower us to proclaim His Gospel, His truth and to know that we will receive the power from the Holy Spirit to do His will. We are called to become His follower who will proclaim the truth that He is God, that He is the Light, that He is the door, that Jesus is the Way.

We too are called, as the disciples were called to be imitators of Jesus, we are to be our Lord's hands and feet. St. Teresa of Avila says: "Christ has no body on earth but yours. He has no hands or feet buy yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. And yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

The Ascension of our Lord invites us to a holy sense of responsibility to become servants as Jesus was who served the needs of others first and always. At the Ascension of Lord, Jesus gives us the command to know our faith and to intimately know our Lord so we can live our life in Christ and become a fragrance of peace and truth and sanity in this desperate world!

Our Lord's Ascension should inspire us to realize that we get to continue the revolution Christ started! A revolution creating communities of love! A community that helps people become free from the trappings of the world and become united to their need and hunger for God. We are inspired to continue Jesus' revolution that embraces people rather than judges, unite hurting members rather than lecturing them on how to feel better.

Jesus handed the baton to His beloved son's and daughters on Ascension Day to be His voice and hands, feet and eyes! We are called to be Christ's vessels and instruments of peace that helps transforms lives and provides a culture where we can encounter our real Lord who fills our souls with sheer delight.

As we meditate on Christ's Ascension let's not think of Jesus performing a disappearing act into space beyond the clouds but let us seek Him in prayer, in our heart so we become transformed into His image.

Yes, Lord, guide us to become more of You. God, we are broken people. Show us how to be Your hands and feet. Open our eyes that we may comprehend the true message of your holy gospel that we might share Your love, compassion and peace to others. Lord, please crack our hearts showing us how to have you as our priority. That we put you first in everything we do. Lord let our life always reflect Your light in this dark world.

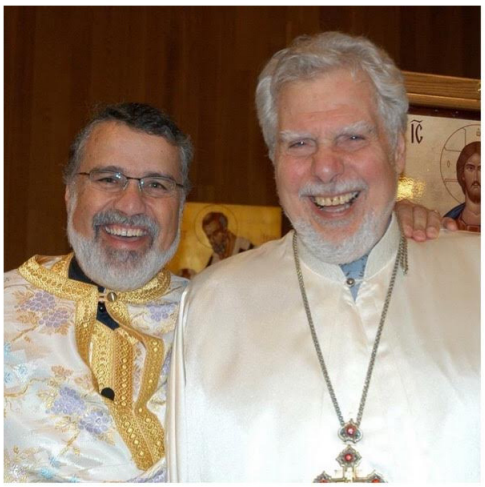
In Jesus' sweet name, Amen.

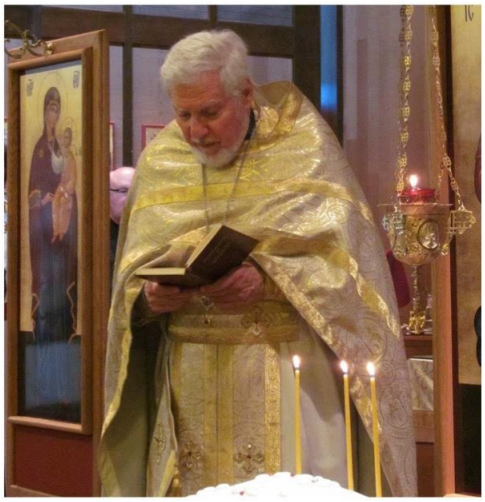
+fr. tom

The Passing of Archpriest Vadim Pogrebniak
July 26, 1937 - May 16, 2018

Fr. Vadim will be missed at Holy Apostles. He has been an incredible pillar of faith and loved by many in the Pacific Northwest. Many who attended his funeral and the divine liturgy truly experienced the grace and love of God as the clergy and laity came to honor Fr. Vadim. The beautiful church filled with amazing icons with the prayerful hymns by the choir helped us experience what it is to be in heaven while in this world.

May his memory be eternal!





please join us for

Holy Apostles Feast Day Celebration

Friday, June 29th
Vespers 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 30th
Orthros 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
followed by a Luncheon

at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church 19421 Ashworth Ave N, Shoreline WA 98133

MEN'S GROUP

Holy Apostles has a men's book discussion group that meets every other Monday at 7:30pm in the Holy Apostles Teen Room.

Contact Scott Ross at scott.ross@mytwu.ca if you have any questions.

GARAGE SALE

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the people who volunteered and donated items to our garage sale.

The sale made over $3300 for our Building Fund!

Philoptochos News

Philoptochos is the women's philanthropic arm of the church that helps meet the needs of the community. If you have questions about Philoptochos or want to know how you can get involved, please contact Antigoni Tsircou: antigonitsircou@yahoo.com

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who helped with the 2018 Festival of Tables! It was another wonderful event. A big 'thank you' to our table hosts and people who donated for our auction - we were able to raise almost $3000.00!

MEMBERSHIP:

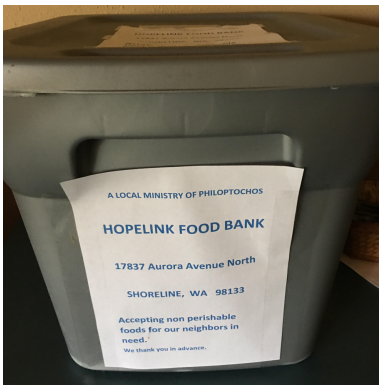
Please remember to fill out your annual membership form. The annual fee is $40 per person. Please contact Ethel Barbas if you have questions: eabcamano@wavecable.com

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

Please bring donations of shelf-stable food to church on Sunday!!

There is a grey tub at the back of the Fellowship Hall to collect the food.

These food donations will go to the Hopelink's Shoreline Food Bank.



Holy Apostles Montessori School Summer and Fall Program

SUMMER PROGRAM

July 10th to August 16th.
Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 9am – noon.

FALL PROGRAM

Monday to Friday:
Morning Class 9am – 12 noon
Lunch Club 12:30 – 1:00pm
Afternoon 12:30pm – 3:30pm
After School Care & STEAM CLUB – 3:30pm – 6:00pm

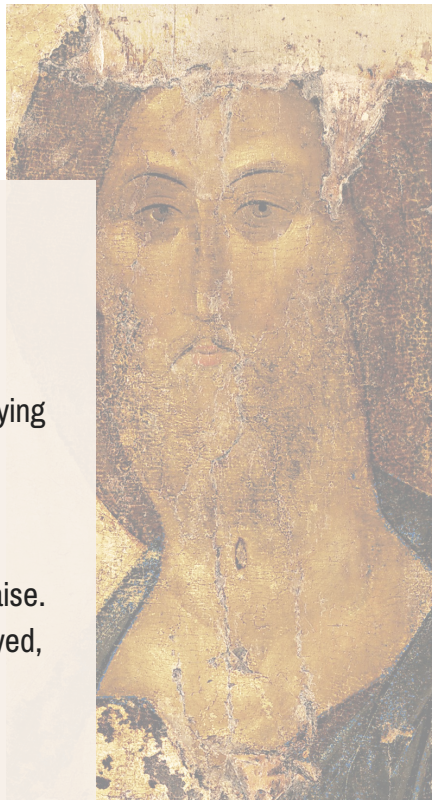
For questions please call or email Eva Sailor – 206-972-7570 – eesailor@live.com

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Accito
Stevie Adamek
Alison
Angelia
Angeliki
Pete Anthony
Sidonia Anthony
Pres. Maria Armatas
Artemis
Midge Conner
Kathy Auer
Gene Auer
Aaron Barlas
Jamie Baudin
Margaret Baumgartel
Ben
Tom Belesiotis
Bouzinekis Family
Jeanne Boss
The family of Parker Brown
Linda Busse
Carol
Carina
Katelyn Carlsen
Chad
Christina and Tedor
Christina
Christine
Dana
Darla
David
Barbara Deligan
Chaleen DeStephano
Tammie Duskin
Costa
Eugenia
Renee Feria
Efthalia Geanous
Evangelia
Ferdi
Gabriella
Gementzopoulou Family
Merrill Gilchrist
Geoffrey Gilmore
Janell Gilmore
Alan Herr
Stephanie & Athena Hineline
Howard
Fr. Isidore
Jaclyn
Jessica
John
Judy
Michael Karsiotis
Kelly
Candace Kerwin
Kimberly
Judy Knittle
Kurt
Kristen
Betty Kouldoukis
Beau Larson
Laura
Laurie
Andrew and Ciara Leckie
Blair Leckie
Georgia Leckie
Fotini Leviton
Sophia Lott
Martha
Matthew Gray
Mason
Michelle
Michael
Michaila
Marie Moffitt
Mary Moffitt
Hayley and Ashley Montgomery
Jim and June Morrison
John Mastor Jr.
Natalia
Natasha
Nathan
Nia
Nikiphora
Jon & Erin Ornes
Oliver
Paul
Alexandra
Stephanie Pappas
George Paris
Nancy Paris
Christy Pessemier
Alana Petrie
Sarah Powell
Philip & Barbara
Patricia Rey
Rachael
RJ
Ronald
Rose
Sarah
Sasha
Marsha Sherwood
Kurt and Kathy Simons
Navaeh Smith
Sophia
Greg Spyridis
Stephanie
Stephen
Alice Stevenson
Karen Stevenson
Vasili Stumpus
Sallie Squires
Tanya
Teodor
Teresa
Christopher Themelis
Terry Olson
Ed Talerico
Joyce Talerico
Joseph Taylor
Gus Themelis
Tina
Trae Tinglestadt
Michael Tsagalakis
Marianna Turko
Vasili
Steve Voss & family
Sarah Webb
Johnnie Whitby
Yvonne

O Holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, who has sent Your Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: please visit and heal Your servant (Name), granting him/her release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that she/he may give thanks to You and bless Your Holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS



Our heart is like a mirror; as the objects of the outer world are reflected in an ordinary mirror, so ought the truth to be reflected with all exactitude in our hearts.
- St. John of Kronstadt

When we once begin to form good resolutions, God gives us every opportunity of carrying them out.
- St John Chrysostom

Take heed, then, often to come together to give thanks to God, and show forth His praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith.
- St. Ignatios of Antioch, 2nd century

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY-NORTHWEST PRESENTS

COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE IN PERSONAL CRISIS

Presented by Dr. Kevin St. Jacques.

This FREE presentation is for members of our community in King and Snohomish County who want to learn how to safely and compassionately interact with individuals experiencing trauma, mental health issues, and homelessness, whether it's someone you know or a stranger you encounter in the community.

Effective Management of the Person in Crisis:

Focus on Basic Crisis Communication Skills
and
Focus on Mental Illness and Personality Disorders

Saturday, July 21st
1:00pm to 5:00pm
at:
Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church
19421 Ashworth Ave. N.
Shoreline, WA 98133

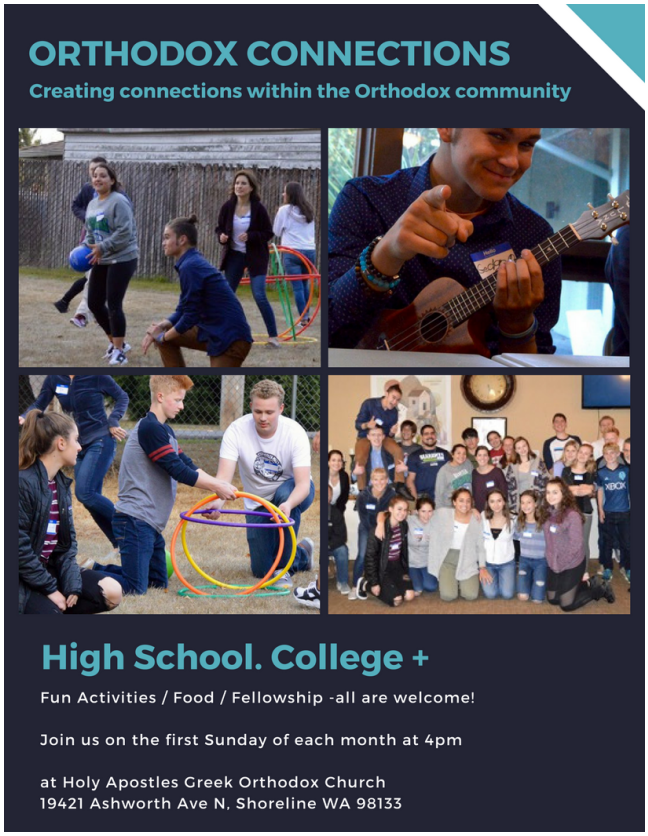
Free Registration Required: register online at: http://vid.us/y2ncek
or email: Lewis@ocpmnorthwest.org

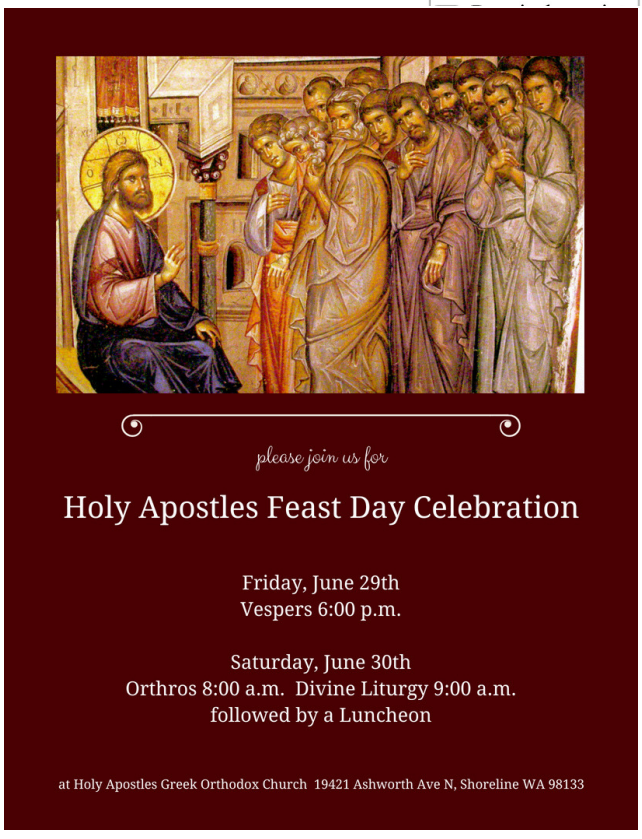
Dr. Kevin St. Jacques holds a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and is currently a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Washington State. He does presentations on behavioral health and crisis intervention as well as forensic behavioral health, violence reduction, and mental health. He teaches Crisis Intervention skills to law enforcement and fire service personnel at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission as well as social service agencies, universities, and private companies.

Holy Apostles Calendar

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy • 4:00PM Orthodox Connections: Teen and Young Adult Group	4	5	6	7 • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	8	9
10 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	11 • 7:30PM - 9:00PM Men's Group	12	13	14	15	16
17 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	18	19 • 6:30PM - 8:30PM Parish Council Meeting	20	21 • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	22	23
24 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	25 • 7:30PM - 9:00PM Men's Group	26	27	28	29 • 6PM Vespers for Holy Apostles	30 • 8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy *Holy Apostles Feast Day* *Followed by a Luncheon*





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July 2018						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
1 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy • 4:00PM Orthodox Connections: Teen and Young Adult Group	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	**6**	**7**
8 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	**9** • 7:30PM - 9:00PM Men's Group	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	**16**	**17** • 6:30PM - 8:30PM Parish Council Meeting	**18**	**19** • 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	**20**	**21** 1:00pm - 5:00pm Crisis Communication Training
22 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	**23** • 7:30PM - 9:00PM Men's Group	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27**	**28**
29 • 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	**30**	**31**				

One of the great dangers in our spiritual lives is justifying our own personality and characteristics, especially our fallen nature and sinful habits, instead of coming before Christ with a humble spirit, an open mind, and a contrite, repentant heart, ready to conform and transform our lives according to His Will and His ways.

When we understand God as approving who we are and everything we do, we feel comfortable and find little need for change. Yet when we try to understand God as He truly is, and lay aside our preconceived notions, then we can see ourselves in a new light, which will lead us to deep repentance and radical change.

Jesus constantly shocked people. He shocked them, first of all, by accepting and loving everyone unconditionally – sinner and saint alike. Yet by accepting everyone, this didn't mean that he allowed them to stay the way they were. He would challenge everyone he met to lay aside their sinful ways and grow into His divine likeness, to fulfill the unlimited potential each one of us has as children of God created in His likeness.

Fr. Luke Veronis

Holy Apostles Calendar

August 2018						
Sunday	**Monday**	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	**Saturday**
			1 · *Dormition Fast Begins* **Paraclesis 6:30pm**	**2** · 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	**3** · **Paraclesis 6:30pm**	**4**
5 · 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy · 4:00PM Orthodox Connections: Teen and Young Adult Group	**6** · **Transfiguration** Orthros 8am Divine Liturgy 9am · 7:30PM - 9:00PM Men's Group	**7**	**8** · **Paraclesis 6:30pm**	**9**	**10** · **Paraclesis 6:30pm**	**11**
12 · 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy	**13**	**14** · Vespers **at Church of the Assumption** 7pm	**15** · Dormition of the Theotokos **at Church of the Assumption** 8:45am Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy	**16** · 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	**17**	**18**
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26 · 8am-Orthros 9am-Divine Liturgy · 11AM - 12PM Parish General Assembly	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** · 7:00PM - 9:00PM Give Back Group (Addiction Support Group)	**31**	

Parish General Assembly

Sunday, August 26th
at 11am
Please join us for an update on
our Parish Strategic Plan

ARE YOU IN AN APOSTLE GROUP?

HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR COFFEE HOUR!

If you have joined us for coffee hour then you have already enjoyed the wonderful food provided by our Apostle Group Hospitality Ministry Program. Each Sunday, on a rotating basis, our Apostle Groups host our coffee hour and provide food and refreshments.

All Holy Apostles members and visitors are encouraged to help. People are assigned to groups based on where they live. This is a great way to meet people who live near you and to volunteer to be a part of this ministry of hospitality.

If you are not in an Apostle Group, Father Tom is encouraging you to start today. Many hands make light work and this is a wonderful way to offer your gifts to our church.

contact Judy Bethea at judy.bethea@comcast.net or 425 772-3077 for more information.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AN APOSTLE GROUP

Every year some members of Holy Apostles leave to move to other cities or states for a new job or to be nearer to extended family. This has resulted in some Apostle Groups having so few members left that it is difficult for them to host coffee hour.

If you are not in an Apostle Group and enjoy the wonderful food provided for us by Apostle Groups every Sunday, please sign up to join this ministry of hospitality given freely to our own congregation and to all visitors.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Email: _____

You may fold and place this information in the collection basket and it will be given to Judy Bethea, the coordinator of Apostle Groups. Thank you!

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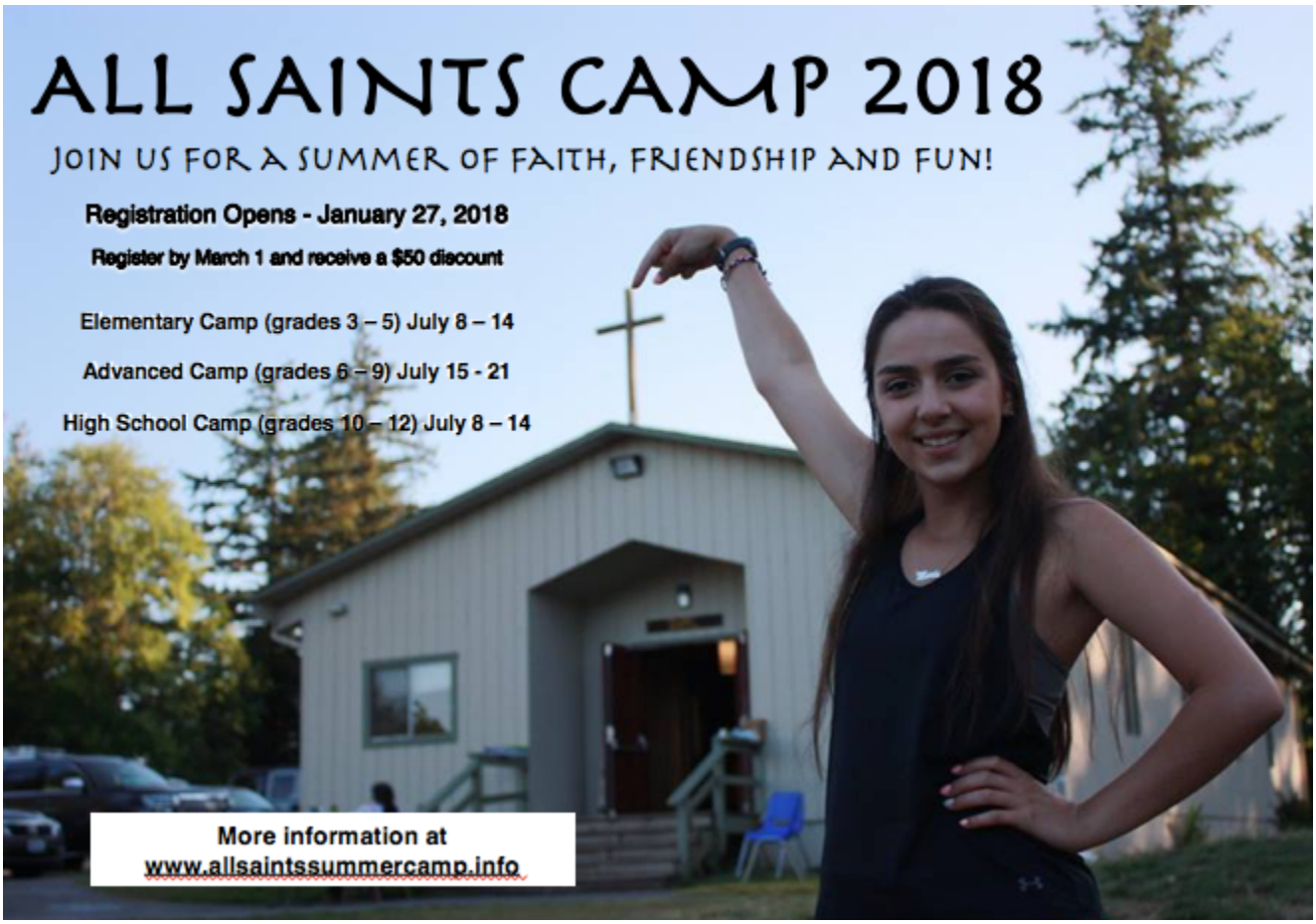
"Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God"