

# All Saints of North America Orthodox Church

## JULY & AUGUST 2017

*"Ours must be an Orthodoxy of the heart, not just of the mind" -*

*Including  
services for  
St. George's  
BRANTFORD, ONTARIO*



## HOW DOES THE LOSS OF FAITH OCCUR – and how can it be preserved or renewed?

– By Protopriest Sergey Chetverikov

Why is it that some people are able to know God and believe in Him until the end of their days, while others lose their faith while still young? How does this loss of faith occur and by what means can faith be preserved or renewed? Before answering these questions I would like to say a few words to those who say that religious beliefs should not be "foisted upon" children.

Religious faith cannot be foisted upon a person; it is not something which is alien to man, but, on the contrary, it is an essential need of human nature, it constitutes the primary content of man's inner life.

When we take care to have a child grow up truthful, good, when we develop in him a correct understanding of and a taste for beauty, we do not foist upon him something alien or extraneous to his nature; we only help him to extract this from within himself, we help him recognize within himself those traits and movements which are common to all human souls.

The same should be said concerning knowledge of God.

According to the principle of not foisting anything upon a child's soul, we would generally have to renounce all assistance to the child in developing and strengthening the talents and capabilities of his soul. We would have to leave him to his own devices until he grew up and decided which principles to adopt and which to reject.

But in this case we would not have guarded the child from external influences, but would have only made these influences chaotic and arbitrary.

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The Feast of the  
**DORMITION**  
*of the*  
**Mother of God**  
**AUGUST 15th/28th, 2017**

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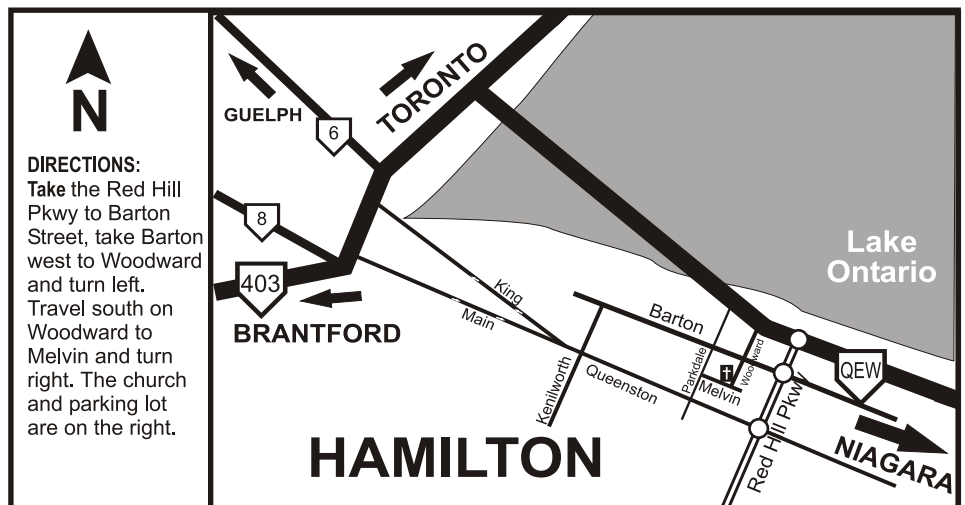
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### DIRECTIONS:

Take the Red Hill Pkwy to Barton Street, take Barton west to Woodward and turn left. Travel south on Woodward to Melvin and turn right. The church and parking lot are on the right.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 2017</b> <i>In which we commemorate the Holy Apostles</i>						1 <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i>
2 St John Maximovitch <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 19	3 St Nahum of Ochrid 20	4 St Cormac of the Sea 21	5 St Alban Akathist to St John Maximovitch 6pm 22	6 M Agrippina 23	7 Birth of St John the Baptist 24 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	8 VMar Febronia <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 25
9 St David of Salonica <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 26	10 St Sampson the Hospitable	11 Relics of Sts Cyrus & John	12 Sts Peter & Paul <b>Liturgy at St Vladimir's UOC</b>	13 Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles	14 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	15 Placing of the Robe of the Mother of God <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 2
<b>ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL</b>						
16 M Hyacinth <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 3	17 St Andrew of Crete 4	18 St Athanasios of Athos 5	19 St Sisoos Akathist to St. Nectarios. 6pm 6	20 St Thomas of Maleon 7	21 GMar Procopius 8 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	22 HMar Pancras <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 9
23 St Anthony of the Kiev Caves <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 10	24 St Olga July 24-28 <i>Archdiocesan Assembly in Edmonton AB</i> 11	25 Ss Proclus & Hilary 12	26 Archangel Gabriel <i>No Akathist</i> 13	27 Ap Aquila (70) 14	28 St Vladimir 15 <b>NO AKATHIST</b>	29 HMar Agathonicas <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 16
30 GMar Marina <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 17	31 M Emelian 18	Servicetimes are approximate. Fasting Days are shaded. Dates are shown in civil dates (top date) and Julian (Church) Calendar dates (bottom date).  - Wine & Oil Allowed  - Domestic Chapel Service (Call for Details) Fish Allowed  Milk & Cheese Allowed  Coffee Talk/Question Hour  Charitable Works Collection				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>August 2017</b> <i>In which we commemorate the Dormition of the Mother of God</i>						
		1 St Macrina 19	2 Prophet Elijah Akathist to St Herman of Alaska. 6pm 20	3 Ven Symeon & John 21	4 St Mary Magdalene 22 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	5 M Trophimus <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 23
6 GMar Christina <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> <i>Blessing of Vehicles</i> 24	7 Dormition of St Anna 25	8 M Paraskeve 26	9 V Panteleimon Akathist to St Seraphim of Sarov 6pm 27	10 Ap Prochorus 28	11 M Callinicus 29 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	12 Ap Silas & Silvanus (70) <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 30
13 Rt Eudocimus <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> <i>Readers Workshop to follow</i> 31	14 Procession of the Holy Cross 1	15 Relics of St Stephen 2	16 M Isaac Akathist to St Mary of Egypt 6pm 3	17 7 Youths of Ephesus 4	18 M Eusiginas Vespers 6pm 5 <b>VESPERS 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	19 <b>Transfiguration</b> Liturgy 10:30am <i>Blessing of Fruit</i> <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i>
20 VMar Dometius <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> 7	21 St Emelian <b>Canon 6pm</b> 8	22 Ap Matthias <b>Canon 6pm</b> 9	23 M Lawrence <b>Canon 6pm</b> 10	24 <b>Canon 6pm</b> 11	25 M Photius 12 <b>Akathist 7pm</b> St George - Brantford	26 Conf Maximos <b>Vespers 6pm</b> <i>Confessions to follow</i> 13
27 <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> <b>Vespers 6pm</b> 8	28 Dormition of the Mother of God <b>Hours 10am</b> <b>Liturgy 10:30am</b> <i>Blessing of Flowers</i> 9 10	29 Translation of the Lord's Image 10	30 M Myron Akathist to the Mother of God 6pm 11	31 St John of Rila 12	White spaces refer to services at All Saints of North America, HAMILTON  Black spaces refer to St. George Orthodox Church, BRANTFORD	

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*Apostles*

**2017 ORTHODOX  
VACATION  
CHURCH  
SCHOOL**

**July 10th – 14th, 2017**  
9:00am to 3:15pm  
St. Vladimir Ukrainian  
Orthodox Church, Hamilton

*Primary • Junior • Intermediate • Senior  
Students Ages 5–17*

*Special thanks to all who continue to support our Sunday potluck lunches by bringing food to share.*

*May God bless you for your contribution to strengthening our church!*

**THE BLESSING OF VEHICLES** will take place immediately following the Liturgy on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, the week of the feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah, patron of vehicles. Bring your car, truck, motorcycle, or bike to church this day, and encourage friends and family to do the same, as we sanctify the vehicles of our faithful and friends, asking the Lord to preserve them in safety throughout the months ahead.

**PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY** - An insert is included with this calendar – please remember these names daily in your prayers. You can email korzg@hotmail.com for any needs requested. Please pray daily for each member of the parish, and for the departed.

**QUESTION HOUR** will take place following the potluck luncheon on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. All who are interested in deepening their understanding of the Orthodox Christian faith are invited to attend.

**CHARITABLE WORKS COLLECTIONS** in support of those in need will be taken up on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**WE WISH MANY BLESSED YEARS** to John Maximovich T. (June 19/July 2 Namesday), Reader Alban (Ray) D. (June 22/July 5 Namesday), Matushka Johanna L. (July 10 Namesday, July 13 Birthday), Polina H. (July 15 Birthday), Sara H. (July 19 Birthday, July 13/26 Namesday), Magdelene R. (July 18 Birthday), Sophia H. (July 29 Birthday), Julia R. (July 16/29 Namesday), Meagan (Marina) L. (July 30 Namesday), Juliana C. (July 30 Birthday), Viacheslav T. (July 30 Birthday), Jordan (Anna) R. (August 1 Birthday), Tatiana D. (Birthday August 2), Magdalena K. (August 4 Birthday & Namesday), Magdelene R. (July 22/Aug 4 Namesday), Michael A. (August 4 Birthday), Kristen (Kristina) L. (August 6 Namesday), Grace C (August 11 Birthday), Fanny K. (August 14 Birthday), Irina C. (August 16 Birthday), Kassiane T. (August 4/17 Namesday), Andrew K. (August 18 Birthday), Maryam R. (August 15/28 Namesday). Please advise the priest of other occasions.

**ORTHODOX CHURCH SCHOOL** will resume in September. May God bless our teachers for their efforts over the last year, and preserve the hearts and minds of our students throughout the summer months!

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY** will take place in Edmonton from July 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our priest and warden who will represent our parish. If you require pastoral assistance during this time, please contact one of the area Orthodox clergy

**A READERS' WORKSHOP** will take place on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> following the Potluck Lunch. All who assist with the reading during services should plan to attend this important workshop, where important elements of the services and liturgical reading etiquette and skills will be reviewed and taught.



# How does the loss of faith occur and how can it be preserved or renewed?

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Let us return to the question of why some people retain in their hearts a constant and unshakable faith until the end of their days, while others lose it, sometimes completely and sometimes returning to it with great difficulty and suffering?

What is the reason for such a phenomenon? It seems to me that it depends on the direction which a person's inner life takes in his early childhood. If a person, consciously or instinctively, is able to preserve a correct relationship between himself and God, he will not lose faith, but if his ego occupies an unseemly preeminent and dominant place in his soul, then his faith will be superceded. In early childhood a person's nature does not yet occupy first place, does not yet become an object of worship. For this reason it is said: if you do not become like children, you will not enter the Heavenly Kingdom. As the years advance, our innate egoism grows more and more within us, becomes the center of our attention and the object of our gratification.

And this self-centered egoistic life usually runs along two channels - the channel of sensuality, gratification of the body, and the channel of pride, of strict trust in and worship of reason in general and one's own in particular.

These two channels do not usually coexist within one and the same person. Some are dominated by the temptations of sensuality, while others by the temptations of reason. With age sensuality sometimes changes into unhealthy sexuality, from which those who are dominated by reason and pride are often free.

Sensuality and pride - two ways of serving one's nature - are precisely those traits which, as we know, were manifested in the original sin of Adam and Eve, and created a barrier between them and God.

That which happened to our forebears, now happens to us.

The unhealthy direction of our inner life from childhood, which leads to the development within us of either sensuality or pride, pollutes the purity of our internal spiritual sight, deprives us of seeing God. We stray away from God, we remain alone in our egoistic life, with all the consequences of such a condition.

Such is the process of our abandonment of God.

In those, however, who succeed in keeping a correct relationship with God, the development of egoistic, sensual and proud attitudes is impeded by the memory of God; such people preserve their purity of heart and humbleness of mind; both their bodies and their minds are placed within a framework of religious consciousness and duty. They look upon all that springs up within their soul from the height of their religious consciousness, evaluate their feelings and passions properly, and do not allow them to take control. Despite all the temptations that come across their path, they do not lose the basic direction of their lives.

Thus the purpose and the difficulty of religious guidance lies in helping the child, and later the teenager, to preserve the right relationship between himself and God and to not allow the development within himself of the temptations of sensuality and pride, which pollute the clarity of internal spiritual sight.

Remembering my youth, I must admit that it was precisely through such an internal process that I lost my religious faith when I was 13-14 years old. The enticements of sensuality, the excessive trust in reason and the pride of rationality which were developing in me, deadened my soul. And I was not alone, the majority of my friends suffered the same fate.

Had an experienced spiritual instructor happened to be alongside us and peered into our souls, perhaps he would have found something good in them, but primarily he would have found idleness, gluttony, deceit, hypocrisy, self-assurance, inordinate belief in one's powers and abilities, a critical and skeptical attitude towards the opinions of others, a tendency towards hasty and rash decisions, stubbornness, and a trusting attitude towards all kinds of negative theories, etc.

The only thing he would not have found in our souls would be the memory of God, and the inner quiet and humbleness which it engenders.

We did not have such an instructor. Our religious teacher, a venerable protopriest, barely had time to check on our lessons in the Law of God and to explain further. And we regarded these lessons with the same boredom and indifference as all the others. Outside of these lessons we had no contact with our teacher. Confession, to which we went once a year, we approached with no understanding whatsoever.

And nothing prevented us from becoming spiritually extinguished.

*Source: <http://orthognosia.blogspot.com.by/2015/09/why-do-children-lose-faith-in-god.html>*