The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Even though each of the Twelve Great Apostles has his own particular feast day during the year, the Church has set aside this day as a general feast of all the apostles together, and Paul with them. Let us recall how each one of these, the most holy and selfless men in the history of the world, ended his earthly life:

Saint Peter was crucified upside down.
Saint Andrew was crucified.
Saint James, the son of Zebedee was beheaded.
Saint John the Theologian died in a miraculous manner.
Saint Philip was crucified.
Saint Bartholomew was crucified, scrapped (flayed) and beheaded.
Saint Thomas was pierced with five spears.
Saint Matthew the Evangelist was burned alive.
Saint James, the son of Alphaeus was crucified.
Saint Thaddeus or Jude, the Brother of James was crucified.
Saint Simon the Zealot was crucified.
Saint Matthias was stoned and then beheaded after death.
Saint Paul was beheaded.

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Martyr Peter of Sinope; New-martyr Michael the Gardener of Athens

Matins Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):
While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Synaxis (Tone 3):
O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.
**Kontakion for Ordinary Sunday (Tone 2)**
O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto Thee in faith, for Thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honour Thee.

**Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):**
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

**Prokeimenon Psalm:**
Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.
The heavens show forth the glory of God.

**Epistle Reading: the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians 4:9-16**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8**

**Saturday, July 6:** Vespers, 7:30 PM *(Confession available before and after)*

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**News and Announcements**

**Vacation Church School:** VCS is a weeklong (August 6-9, 9:30 AM – 12:30 pm) summer camp program available to kids age 3-12 from Christ the Savior (933 N. LaSalle). Join us for a fun week, learning about the Saints of the Orthodox Church.

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**Volunteers**

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