

Today, the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All Saints. We remember all the men, women and children known to us and unknown to us; but known to God, who lived holy lives, seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven. There are many saints from throughout the generations coming from all over the world to which we remember and honor today for their witness and lives which touched those whom they were in contact.

All Saints is commemorated on the first Sunday after Pentecost because it is with the descent of the Holy Spirit which makes it possible for us to rise up and be made whole as the image and likeness of God. All the saints are the “cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) which surround us. They offer intercessory prayers to God for us, and are examples to which we can imitate, for they too are like us and walked the path of salvation.

Dearest ones, we were created to be Saints! This is our calling! Look around, it is each and every one of us who can become saints if we so choose! We should commit our lives to Jesus Christ and His teachings every day, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each one of us was created as unrepeatable miracles to which we can offer our gifts from God to Him and one another in love—for His glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

May all the Saints intercede on our behalf to God so that we too may join by God’s grace the “great cloud of witnesses” giving all honor, worship and glory, to Him in the Highest; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen.