On the Hexaemeron
St. Basil the Great, Homily III, Point 10

"And God saw that it was good." God does not judge of the beauty of His work by the charm of the eyes, and He does not form the same idea of beauty that we do. What He esteems beautiful is that which presents in its perfection all the fitness of art, and that which tends to the usefulness of its end. He, then, Who proposed to Himself a manifest design in His works, approved each one of them, as fulfilling its end in accordance with His creative purpose. A hand, an eye, or any portion of a statue lying apart from the rest, would look beautiful to no one. But if each be restored to its own place, the beauty of proportion, until now almost unperceived, would strike even the most uncultivated. But the artist, before uniting the parts of his work, distinguishes and recognises the beauty of each of them, thinking of the object that he has in view. It is thus that Scripture depicts to us the Supreme Artist, praising each one of His works; soon, when His work is complete, He will accord well deserved praise to the whole together. Let me here end my discourse on the second day, to allow my industrious hearers to examine what they have just heard. May their memory retain it for the profit of their soul; may they by careful meditation inwardly digest and benefit by what I say. As for those who live by their work, let me allow them to attend all day to their business, so that they may come, with a soul free from anxiety, to the banquet of my discourse in the evening. May God Who, after having made such great things, put such weak words in my mouth, grant you the intelligence of His truth, so that you may raise yourselves from visible things to the Invisible Being, and that the grandeur and beauty of creatures may give you a just idea of the Creator. For the visible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, and His power and divinity are eternal. Thus earth, air, sky, water, day, night, all visible things, remind us of Who is our Benefactor. We shall not therefore give occasion to sin, we shall not give place to the enemy within us, if by unbroken recollection we keep God ever dwelling in our hearts, to Whom be all glory and all adoration, now and for ever, world without end. Amen.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.
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.

Megalynarion for Pascha:
The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice O pure Virgin. Again, I say rejoice: Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead; rejoice, rejoice O ye people. Shine! Shine! Shine, O new Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult, and be glad O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
Thou, O Lord, shalt keep us and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

Wednesday, June 5: 7 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy for Ascension

Saturday, June 8: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

News and Announcements

Fasting during the Paschal season: In accordance with the custom of the Patriarchate of Antioch, we do NOT fast on Wednesdays and Fridays during the forty-day season of Pascha. We resume normal fasting practices the day after Ascension. We do still observe the normal pre-communion fast from food and drink during this time.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!
Hristos a inviati! Adevarat a inviati!
Al-Massih kam! Hakkan kam!
Christos Voskrese! Voisintu Voskrese!
Christus Surrëxit! Surrëxit vere!
Cristo ha resuscitato! Verdaderamente, ha resuscitado!
Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!
Le Christ est ressuscité! Vraiment Il est ressuscité!
Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!
Krishti u ngjall! Vërtet u ngjall!
Christos harjav i merelotz! Orhniale harutjun Christosi!

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