Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna
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Saint Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah, and was a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Saint Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi. Saint Anna’s family came from Bethlehem.

The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never grumbled, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him.

Once, during a great feast, the gifts which Joachim took to Jerusalem as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest Reuben, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained the old man very much, and he, regarding himself the most sinful of people, decided not to return home, but to settle in solitude in a desolate place.

When Saint Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his desolate solitude the righteous Joachim also asked God for this. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Saints Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary.

Saint Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Saint Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband.

Saints Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

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September 8, 2019 – Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross & Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos


Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3):
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead.

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):
Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

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.
Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):
By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; the people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

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 soul.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Epistle Reading: Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

Saturday, September 14: Divine Liturgy, Elevation of the Holy Cross, 10 AM

Saturday, September 14: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

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News and Announcements

Elevation of the Holy Cross: Please remember to bring your basil plants on Saturday September 14th before the Holy Liturgy.

Walk the Walk for IOCC: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church 5649 N. Sheridan Rd. in Chicago is holding the 13th Annual 5K Walk/Run for IOCC on Saturday September 21st form 8 AM to 12 PM. Please visit iocc.org/events for more information or to register.

Orthodox Women in the Healing Ministries will hold its 27th Annual Retreat on October 4, 5, & 6 in Rives Junction, Michigan. Retreat speaker V. Rev. Dimitrie Vincent. Theme: "My Grace is Sufficient for You, My Strength is Made Perfect in Weakness." For details, visit https://owhm.org/schedule

The 2018 Touchstone conference Fight or Flight: The Benedict & Other Options for Facing the World, the Flesh & the Devil will be held from Thursday, October 10 to Saturday, October 12 at Trinity University in Deerfield, Illinois. Speakers include Anthony Esolen, Rod Dreher, Robert George, Leah Libresco and many others. The conference price is $199.00 for the general public, but Touchstone is making tickets available for FREE to students attending All Saints, and $19.00 for any adult members of All Saints. Please go to this link to register: https://www.touchstonemag.com/fight-or-flight/. When you arrive on the page where you select the number of tickets, you must click on the link in the top left corner that reads "Enter Promo Code." When prompted, enter one of the codes: ASOC (for the $19.00 adult ticket price, including meals) ASOCS (for the FREE student ticket price, which also includes meals)

The Annual All Saints Women's Retreat: is scheduled for Saturday October 19. The theme is Filled with Less a movement to simplify and declutter our lives in order to make room for what really matters. As a society, we are more overwhelmed, distracted, and drowning in material possessions than ever, making it difficult to access Christ’s joy and become good stewards of the gifts He has given us. Led by Integrative and Functional Nutrition Health Coach Cynthia Damaskos, Professional Organizer Presbytera Stacey Dorrance, and podcaster and blogger Molly Sabourin, the Filled With Less workshop is designed to help its participants become intentional about reducing the clutter in their homes, the toxins in their bodies and environments, the stress in their lives, and the vices preventing them from pursuing peace. Please see JoAnne T. for details. An e-mail regarding registration will be sent out soon.