Catherine was the daughter of King Constus. After the death of her father, she lived with her mother in Alexandria. Her mother was secretly a Christian who, through her spiritual father, brought Catherine to the Christian Faith. In a vision, St. Catherine received a ring from the Lord Jesus Himself as a sign of her betrothal to Him. This ring remains on her finger even today, Catherine was greatly gifted by God and was well educated in Greek philosophy, medicine, rhetoric and logic. In addition to that, she was of unusual physical beauty. When the iniquitous Emperor Maxentius offered sacrifices to the idols and ordered others to do the same, Catherine boldly confronted the emperor and denounced his idolatrous errors. The emperor, seeing that she was greater than he in wisdom and knowledge, summoned fifty of his wisest men to debate with her on matters of faith and to put her to shame. Catherine outwitted and shamed them. In a rage, the emperor ordered all fifty of those men burned. By St. Catherine's prayers, all fifty confessed the name of Christ and declared themselves Christians before their execution. After Catherine had been put in prison, she converted the emperor's commander, Porphyrius, and two hundred soldiers to the true Faith, as well as Empress Augusta-Vasiliissa herself. They all suffered for Christ. During the torture of St. Catherine, an angel of God came to her and destroyed the wheel on which the holy virgin was being tortured. Afterward, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to her and comforted her. After many tortures, Catherine was beheaded at the age of eighteen, on November 24, 310 A.D. Milk, instead of blood, flowed from her body. Her miracle-working relics repose on Mount Sinai.

Prologue from Ochrid

**THE HOLY GREAT-MARTYR CATHERINE**

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November 24, 2019 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

**After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos**

Clement, bishop of Rome; Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; Martyr Alexander of Corinth

**Matins Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4):**

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation.

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Kontakion of Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)
The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

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:
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

Epistle Reading: Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10


This Week at All Saints

Wednesday, November 27: Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving, 7:00 PM
Saturday, November 30: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

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**News and Announcements**

**Gifts for Foster Children:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bring a gift for the DCFS foster children. All gifts are due **TODAY November 24**. If you have not brought your gift please contact Kim A. to make arrangements.

**St. Nicholas Stockings:** Ladies, Please join us on Saturday, **December 7th, at 10:30 a.m.** for filling and hanging the children's St. Nicholas stockings. If anyone in the Women's Group has not received the e-mail for this annual event, please contact JoAnne. The stockings will be distributed to our children by St. Nicholas on **December 8th**.

**St. Nicholas Visit:** St. Nicholas will be visiting All Saints on **Sunday, December 8th** after Liturgy. All of the children of the parish are reminded to bring a non-perishable food item to give to him for the Advent Food drive.

**Teen SOYO Events:** **Sunday December 15th**, after **Church School**, the teens will meet from 1-4 PM at All Saints to make fleece blankets to bless the homeless at Northside Housing. Please RSVP to Melissa W. meljeff99@gmail.com

**Advent Food Drive:** Once again we are blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Please bring your donations of non-perishable foods, in particular those that don't require cooking. These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop in center (where a microwave is available for use) of Northside Housing. Please place your donations in the back of the church or near the table. The **deadline is Sunday, December 15**. If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy A. God blesses those who remember the poor!

- Granola/protein bars; Pop-top pasta (ravioli, etc) and soups; Microwaveable ramen cups,
- Instant mac and cheese; Trail mix; Vienna sausages; Oatmeal packets; Pop tarts
- Fruit cups; Peanut butter or cheese cracker packets; Jerky; Tuna packets

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~ Saint John Chrysostom