Martyr Julian of Tarsus

Julian was of noble and senatorial origin. He lived in Tarsus in Cilicia and suffered during the reign of Diocletian. Even though he was only eighteen years of age when he was subjected to torture for the Faith, St. Julian was sufficiently educated and strengthened in Christian piety. The imperial deputy led him from town to town for an entire year, torturing him and all the while trying to persuade him to deny Christ. Julian's mother followed her son at a distance. When the deputy seized Julian's mother and sent her to counsel her son to deny Christ, she spoke to him for three days in prison, giving him the opposite advice, teaching him and encouraging him not to lose heart but to go to his death with thanksgiving and courage. The torturers then sewed Julian in a sack with sand, scorpions and serpents and cast the sack into the sea, and Julian's mother also died under torture. His relics were thrown onto the shore by the waves, and the faithful translated them to Alexandria and buried them honorably in the year 290 A.D. St. Julian's relics were later translated to Antioch. St. John Chrysostom himself delivered a eulogy [an oration of praise] on the holy martyr Julian. "From the mouth of the martyr," Chrysostom said, "proceeded a holy voice, and together with the voice a light emanated brighter than the rays of the sun." Further, he added: "Take anyone, be it a madman or one possessed, and bring him to the grave of this saint, where the relics of the martyr repose, and you will see how he [the demon] without fail will leap out and flee as from a burning fire." It is obvious from these words how numerous must have been the miracles that had taken place at the grave of St. Julian.

Prologue from Ochrid

Martyr Julian of Tarsus; Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia; New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes

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.

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 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:
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 2:10-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:18-23