The account of the woman with an issue of blood, who had the unusual name of Veronica, may be found in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (9:20-22), in Saint Mark’s Gospel (5:25-34), and also in Saint Luke’s Gospel (8:43-49).

The Synaxaristes of Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain states that this Saint was from the city of Paneada. When the Lord healed her issue of blood, she was very grateful, because for twelve years she had “suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and nothing had helped, but instead she became worse” (Mark 5:26).

She had heard of Christ, and decided to go to Him, believing that she would be healed merely by touching His garment. When she did this, the Savior felt that power had gone forth from Him. Turning to the crowd, He asked who had touched His garment. His disciples were puzzled by the question, since many people were pressing Him on all sides. Saint Veronica came forward and fell down before Him in fear and trembling, and admitted what she had done. The Lord said, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your affliction” (Mark 5:34).

In her gratitude, she made a statue of Him and placed it in front of her house, where everyone could venerate it. A healing plant grew at the base of the statue, which was able to cure various diseases. Later, Saint Veronica became a member of the early Church. After living a life of holiness, she surrendered her soul to God.

July 12, 2020 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra; Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by our Lord; Venerable Father Paisios the New of Athos


Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: “Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

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:
How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Epistle Reading: Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans 10:1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

A Prayer for One’s Earthly and Temporal Homeland
O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal God, who within time hast become perfect man from the womb of the Virgin: from Thy heavenly throne hearken to our prayer for this land, the United States of America. Prepare it for us as a temporal homeland, so that we may easily and safely travel from it to our true homeland with Thee. Give strength to Thy people and bless them with peace. As Joseph prospered when he sojourned in Egypt, so prosper the Orthodox Church and her leaders during our sojourn in this land. Adorn our earthly rulers with the faith of Ehud, the hope of Barak, the steadfast trust of Jephthah, the holiness of Samuel, the prudence of Moses, the meekness of David, the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of Hezekiah, the zeal of Josiah, and the nobility of Zerubbabel.
Correct the laws of this land to guide aright men’s deeds and so make their hearts upright; and let us no longer shed innocent blood and be putrid with it, defiling ourselves with works of darkness. Make our households to be like flocks of sheep, and our children like olive trees around our table. Go forth, O God, with our armed forces, protecting those that serve in them by the power of Thy Cross. Grant peace to our cities, towns, and countryside, and by Thy mighty right hand and wisdom support and guide the police and all those charged with enforcing the law. Enlighten with the true light of the Gospel the minds of all the educators of this land, to whom we commend the instruction of ourselves and our children. Send us rain and sunshine, and also snow and wind from your storehouses, all in due season. Make our harvests bountiful and multiply them to feed the poor of our land and of the whole world. Make honest the scales of merchants and bankers, and make the earthly economy of this land ever more to reflect, even as in a mirror darkly, the heavenly economy of Thy Father. Guide aright the hands of all doctors, nurses, and other healers in this land, and grant that they may employ their arts for the sake of health and life in this world leading unto true life and salvation, and not for the sake of death and the devil.
Have mercy and strengthen our bishops and priests ever to offer prayers at evening, morning, and noonday, and to serve the holy Liturgy in righteousness and purity, so that all who repent and turn to Thee may partake of Thy Flesh and Blood and so become one Body with Thee in Thy holy Church. Bless our monasteries and those who dwell there, and multiply in our land those that aspire to the angelic life on earth. Harken, Lord Jesus, and we shall give thanks to Thy holy Name and bless Thy wondrous works, proclaiming them with rejoicing. For Thou art the Son of the heavenly Father who rulest also the seas and the dry land, and Thine is the dominion, together with the same Father and Thine All-holy Spirit, our King and Comforter. Sweet is Thy mercy, O Lord, from age to age. Amen.