Sunday, August 23, 2020
Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
Leave-Taking of the Dormition • St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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**HYMNS OF THE DAY**

*Following the Small Entrance*

**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2):** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee!

**Troparion for the Dormition (Tone 1):** O Theotokos, in giving birth thou wast preserved in virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world. For thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thy pleading, deliver our souls from death.

**Kontakion for the Dormition (Tone 2):** Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

**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.

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**THE EPISTLE READING**

*For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)**

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a
flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

*For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew*

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Megalynarion for the Dormition (Tone 1): All we the generations ever call thee blessed, the only Theotokos. The bounds of nature are overcome in thee, O immaculate Virgin; for thy childbirth is virginal, and thy death is the espousal of life. O thou who after childbirth art virgin, and who after death art living, do thou, O Theotokos, ever save thine inheritance.
Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This week and upcoming events:

- Confession, anointing, travel blessings, etc. will be available before and after all services, or by appointment.
- Sunday: Fr. Pat’s Zoom Bible Class at 1pm. If you miss it live, audio recordings are available at the new website patrickhenyreardon.com.
- Saturday, Aug. 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Divine Liturgy at 10am; Vespers at 7pm.
- Sunday, August 30: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy at 9:30am, followed by a church clean-up day, organized by Teen SOYO. (See note below.)

A note from the Kishlers: Many thanks to all of you for welcoming us back to the All Saints community with your prayers, kind words, support, meals, and hospitality. We are happy that our good Lord and the Antiochian Archdiocese have decided to bring us back home, and we look forward to serving you and worshipping with you for many years to come!

Church clean-up day, a message from Simon Wagner: On August 30th, Teen SOYO will be meeting after Liturgy to have a church work day. Teens will be helping with various projects throughout the afternoon. One of the major projects will be painting the Church school rooms as my Eagle Scout project. All teens and adults are welcome to join us. Lunch will be provided! Please RSVP to Melissa or Simon. (2swagner@stpatrick.org)

COVID precautions at All Saints: To help minimize our gathering sizes and to provide a smaller setting for those who are “at-risk” or otherwise uncomfortable with larger gatherings, Fr. Andrew will normally be offering two Divine Liturgies each weekend (unless otherwise noted), Saturday and Sunday mornings, and Vespers on Saturday evenings. Saturday’s Liturgy will usually be restricted to 30-40 people by appointment.

We are also cleaning and sanitizing all surfaces and high-traffic areas between services, Father is sanitizing the communion spoon between families, and Father and other altar servers will be wearing masks at certain points during the service when distancing is not possible.

Please do your best to maintain six-foot distancing between non-family members, and note that the wearing of face-coverings is strongly encouraged by our Antiochian Archdiocese. This is true for all liturgical services, meetings, coffee hours, and other events. Overflow seating is available downstairs if distancing becomes impossible. There is a speaker system downstairs so you can still hear the Liturgy.
And please, if you have any COVID-related symptoms stay home. Please feel free to reach out to either Fr. Andrew or Fr. Patrick if you desire to receive any sacraments privately throughout the week, particularly those who are ill, elderly, at-risk, or otherwise unable to attend the weekend services.

Many thanks for your patience, understanding, and prayers during these strange times. As the world around us seems more confused, fearful, and chaotic than ever, we need Christ’s Holy Church and everything she offers all the more! At Metropolitan Joseph’s insistence, we will continue to offer prayers, services, and sacraments, although with necessary precautions. Please pray for the mission of the Church, for good health, for an end to the virus and the lockdowns, and for peace and reconciliation in the midst of social unrest.
August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!

Aug. 1: Sarah Anne Kay; Brian Kay
Aug. 2: John & Gosia Gumushian (anniv.)
Aug. 3: Martha JoAnna Kay
Aug. 4: Sophia Abraham
Aug. 7: Fr. Andrew Kishler; Julia Tatko; Natalie Gallo
Aug. 9: Zacharia Constantinescu; George Corey
Aug. 10: Rasheeri Obah
Aug. 16: Elizabeth Walter; Alexander Schwartz
Aug. 22: Octavian & Anda Farcasanu (anniv.)
Aug. 23: Joseph & Susan Letendre (anniv.)
Aug. 24: Woody Corey; Liljana Illievksa
Aug. 25: Susannah Kishler; Augustin Nicolescu
Aug. 26: Katie Walter; Susan Letendre
Aug. 29: Patty Kishler
Aug. 30: Cindy Fakhoury

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“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (Malachi 3:10)
The Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, was born in 130 in the city of Smyrna. He received there the finest education, studying poetics, philosophy, rhetoric, and the rest of the classical sciences considered necessary for a young man of the world. His guide in the truths of the Christian Faith was Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (himself a disciple of St. John the Apostle). Saint Polycarp baptized the youth, and afterwards ordained him presbyter and sent him to a city in Gaul then named Lugdunum (present-day Lyons in France).

After the martyric death of Bishop Pothinus, Saint Irenaeus was chosen a year later (in 178) as Bishop of Lugdunum. “During this time,” St. Gregory of Tours writes concerning him, “by his preaching he transformed all Lugdunum into a Christian city!”

When the persecution against Christians quieted down, the saint expounded upon the Orthodox teachings of faith in one of his fundamental works under the title: *Detection and Refutation of the Pretended but False Gnosis* (usually known as *Against Heresy*).

At that time there appeared a series of religious-philosophical gnostic teachings. The Gnostics taught that God can never be incarnate (fully man), since matter is imperfect and manifests itself as the bearer of evil. The world is not made by God Himself, but by the *aeons* or spirit-beings called *demiurges*. In refuting this heresy, Saint Irenaeus presents the Orthodox teaching of salvation. “The Word of God, Jesus Christ, through His inexplicable blessedness caused it to be, that we also, should be made that which He is,” taught Saint Irenaeus. “Jesus Christ the Son of God, through exceedingly great love for His creation, condescended to be born of a Virgin, having united mankind with God in His own Self.”

In the refutation of another heretic, Marcian, who denied the divine origin of the Old Testament, the saint affirms the same divine inspiration of the Old and the New Testaments: “It is one and the same Spirit of God who proclaimed through the prophets the precise manner of the Lord’s coming,” wrote the saint. “Through the apostles, He preached that the fullness of time of the filiation had arrived, and that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand.”

The successors of the Apostles have received from God the certain gift of truth, which Saint Irenaeus links to the succession of the episcopate. “Anyone who desires to know the truth ought to turn to the Church, since through Her alone did the apostles expound the Divine Truth. She is the door to life.”

Saint Gregory of Tours, in his *Historia Francorum*, suggests that Saint Irenaeus was beheaded by the sword for his confession of faith in the year 202, during the reign of Severus.
DAILY BIBLE READINGS
AUGUST 23–29, 2020

Sunday, Aug. 23: Holy Father Irenaeus of Lyon
John 21:15-25 / 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 / Matthew 18:23-35

Monday, Aug. 24: St. Cosmas of Aetolia, Equal to the Apostles
2 Corinthians 5:10-15 / Mark 1:9-15

Tuesday, Aug. 25: St. Titus, Apostle-of-the- Seventy
2 Corinthians 5:15-21 / Mark 1:16-22

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Martyrs Adrian and Natalia
2 Corinthians 6:11-16 / Mark 1:23-28

Thursday, Aug. 27: St. Hosius the Confessor, bishop of Cordoba
2 Corinthians 7:1-10 / Mark 1:29-35

Friday, Aug. 28: Venerable Moses of Ethiopia
2 Corinthians 7:10-16 / Mark 2:18-22

Saturday, Aug. 29: Beheading of the Holy Prophet John the Baptist
Isaiah 40 / Malachi 4 / Wisdom of Solomon 4

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