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Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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VARIABLE HYMNS

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.”

Troparion to the Holy Fathers of the 7th Council (Tone 8): Thou, O Christ art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One: Glory to Thee!

Kontakion to the Theotokos (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 honor 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.

THE EPISTLE

For the Holy Fathers

Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and worthy of praise; and Thy name is glorified forever. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us. All Thy works are true and Thy ways right, and all Thy judgments are truth. (Daniel 3)

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to

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me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**THE GOSPEL**

*For the Fourth Sunday of Luke*

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.”

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”
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.
- **Saturday, Oct. 17**: No Saturday Liturgy, but Holy Communion will be available after Vespers, 7:00pm.
- **Sunday, Oct. 18**: Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

**TEEN SOYO SERVICE PROJECT**: This year, our teens will be assembling boxes for “Operation Christmas Child” at their October meeting. They will be collecting donations of toothbrushes (adult/children), individually wrapped bars of soap, pens, pencils, crayons, markers sets, and pencil sharpeners. These items will bless children around in world during the Christmas season. Please see Melissa W. if any questions. (Melissa W.)

**ALL-CHURCH CONVOCATION**: Thank you to all who participated in last Sunday’s convocation via Zoom, and congratulations to our new parish council members Herbert Obah and Paul Kushiner! Meeting minutes will be sent out to the church by email in the near future.

**FROM THE KISHLERS**: Many thanks to all of you who have helped with our move, with meals, or anything else. We deeply appreciate your kindness, generosity, encouragement, and hospitality. We look forward to spending many more years with you at All Saints!

**SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES** will resume Saturday, Oct. 24, when we will observe the feast of **St. James of Jerusalem**, patron saint of the Fellowship of St. James and Touchstone magazine. On Saturday, Oct. 31 (All Hallows’ Eve), there will be no All Saints Eve celebration, but we will celebrate the liturgy at 10am for **St. John Kochurov**, who served as a priest in Chicago before his martyrdom in his native Russia.
October-November Volunteer Schedule

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"God Himself lives in that man who has a peaceful heart. Above all: consider yourself worse than everyone, seek neither love nor honor from anyone, but have them yourself for everyone – thus you will obtain peace. But as soon as you want others to notice the goodness and virtue in you, then say good-bye to spiritual peace."

(St. Anatoly of Optina)
“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)
“Garbage in, Garbage Out” ::
Fr. Barnabas Powell

From his blog “Faith Encouraged” at ancientfaith.com

The old computer coder adage is “Garbage in – Garbage out.” It meant that if the computer programmer got his code wrong, then it just stands to reason that the program wouldn’t work properly. What is true for computer programming is true for all of life. That’s why the Faith teaches us to actively pursue the ability to discern!

The gift of discernment, the wisdom to see clearly, only comes when we have been properly prepared to be wise! That’s not going to happen by accident. It isn’t going to happen overnight. And it isn’t going to happen without attention and effort. Becoming wise means being willing to be taught, being aware of yourself enough to know you need to be taught, and being humble enough and patient enough to put the effort in to become the “good soil” that grows the healthiest life!

Look at our Gospel lesson today…

Notice first the Sower is just doing what sowers do; he’s planting seeds. And why? Because he expects and wants a harvest. He wants the seeds he plants to grow, to produce, and to thrive. This is the desire of the sower. Whether we are identifying the sower as God or even ourselves as we “sow” the talents, the time, and the resources of our lives into our living; both God and we desire to see the “seeds” we plant grow and produce. This makes perfect sense since we are created in God’s image. Of course we and our Creator will desire the same thing! …

God knows what He wants to produce in our lives so that we will be healthy and prepared to enjoy His life forever. If you are willing to be prepared to have “good soil” in your life by the disciplined and focused attention of proper priorities, purposeful practice of the disciplines of the Faith, and humble confession of your constant need for God’s work in your life through repentance and confession, you will be able to be that “good soil” where the “seed” of God’s love, His Word, finds a hospitable home to grow and produce the “fruit” of the Spirit that makes a person “like Christ.” Plus, you will also learn the path of discernment in your own life to tell where the “good soil” is around you to invest your life well in others!

Today, what are you allowing to “program” your life? Do you understand that the whole purpose of the Way of the Faith is to make your life that “good soil” so that the Life of God can grow within you forever? Lying at your feet is the treasure of timeless faith with all the spiritual and physical tools necessary to make your life that “good soil.” The liturgy, the prayers, the Church Year, the Holy Scriptures, the wisdom of the Faith, all act as God’s “soil preparation” so you will be wise and discerning in your life, waiting for you to be Orthodox on Purpose!
Daily Bible Readings
October 11-17, 2020

Sunday, Oct. 11: Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787 AD)
Genesis 14:14-20 / Deut. 1:8-17 / Deut. 10:14-21

Monday, Oct. 12: St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (ca. 400)
Philippians 1:1-7 / Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Martyrs Carpus, Papylius, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251)
Philippians 1:8-14 / Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Martyrs Gervasius, Nazarius, Protasius, & Celsus of Milan (1st c.)
Philippians 1:12-20 / Luke 8:22-25

Thursday, Oct. 15: Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch (312)

Friday, Oct. 16: Martyr Longinus the Centurion

Saturday, Oct. 17: Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.)

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The Right Reverend Bishop Anthony, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
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