Sunday, November 29, 2020

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm
Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

The Third Sunday of Advent

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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one. And Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord; glory to Thee!

Kontakion for the Advent season (Tone 3): Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O universe, if thou should hear; and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and who is our God before all ages!

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 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-7)

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

THE GOSPEL
For the Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.’” And the man said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”
Christmas Fast Message
November 2020

Beloved Clergy and Faithful of our Midwest Diocese,

   Christ is in our midst!
   He is and ever shall be!

The season of preparation for the Christmas Feast clarifies our most important motivation: is Who we want or what we want first in our thoughts, plans, and actions?

Even with the coronavirus restrictions in place, media sources will constantly promote products for us to buy for others or ourselves. The getting and spending is never-ending. What we want is the mesmerizing message.

Our better choice is the Who we want, the Baby in the arms of His Mother, the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ!

But we have to look for our Savior not under a finely decorated tree in our home, nor in a wrapped box with ribbons around it. We find Him on the side of the road somewhere exposed to the elements on the wayside, out of the way. There was no room for Him in the inn, although He came from the Throne Room in Heaven.

We need to go with the wise men at night to give Him gifts like they did. We need to give Him the gift of ourselves so He can use us to reach all those who are on the wayside with Him. They are everywhere and they need our love. We find Jesus in everyone.

The Venerable Saint Bede, the Church Historian of the 7th Century, says, “He who sits at the right hand of the Father goes without shelter at the inn [cave], that He may prepare for us many mansions in the House of His Heavenly Father. He was born, not in the house of his parents, but at the inn [cave], by the wayside, because through the mystery of the Incarnation He has become the Way, by which He guides us to our home.”

May our Heavenly Father continue to be with us, guide us through the Christmas Fast for our salvation, and keep us all safe.

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

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Bishop of Toledo
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
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:

- **Today:** Fr. Pat’s Zoom Bible class, 1:00 pm.
- **Tuesday through Friday:** Morning prayers (Psalms, First and Third Hours, and daily Scripture readings) at 9:00 am. Fr. Andrew will be available for office hours and pastoral visitations on these days. Please call, text, or email to set up an appointment.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2:** Akathist Hymn to our Sweetest Lord Jesus, followed by Azizeh’s second talk (see note below), 7:00 pm.
- **Saturday, Dec. 5:** Divine Liturgy (with restricted attendance), 10:00 am; Orthodoxy 101 class, 6:00 pm; Vespers, 7:00 pm.
- **Sunday, Dec. 6:** St. Nicholas of Myra. Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

ST. NICHOLAS STOCKINGS AND VISIT!

Ladies, please join us this **Saturday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m.** for the filling of the children’s St. Nicholas stockings. If any questions, please contact JoAnne at jotheo@yahoo.com.

St. Nicholas will be visiting All Saints on Saturday, Dec. 5, and again on Sunday, Dec. 6, 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.

Christmas decorating will be done by the Women's Group on **Saturday, Dec. 12,** after the Liturgy. And anyone who can stay after Liturgy on **Sunday, Dec. 13** is welcome to help us decorate the Christmas tree. Please check with JoAnne if you have any questions: jotheo@yahoo.com.

ALL SAINTS BOOK TABLE

**From Jane Hebel:** Our downstairs book table is open! To purchase anything, please leave a check in the offering plate with “book table” on the memo line, or cash in an envelope marked “book table.” I also have a silver Antiochian cross which belongs to the book table; anyone who needs a cross, please call me. Please note that we have an account with Ancient Faith Publishing, which makes us eligible for a discount. Before ordering anything on your own, let me know and I'll place the order for you!
ADVENT RETREAT SERIES

Join us **Wednesday evenings during the Advent season** for an evening prayer service at 7pm, followed by a series of talks downstairs by Azizeh Constantinescu, “*Applied Orthodoxy in our Daily Lives as a Way to Navigate Stressful Times.*” Azizeh is enrolled in a Christian counselling program through the Antiochian House of Studies, and we look forward to hearing what she has to offer. Talks will be **Wednesdays Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9, and Dec. 16.**

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

We are blessed once again to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning on **Saturday, November 14,** please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need cooking, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center).

Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. **The deadline is Sunday, December 13.** If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

MANY ARE ALSO IN NEED OF WARM COATS!

Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral's local meal for the homeless, Cathedral's Kitchen, is currently collecting donations of winter coats and warm gear to hand out throughout the winter season. Their guests are men, women, and children, so any warm clothing that is in good condition is welcome. **Drop off your donation in the marked box downstairs until Sunday, December 13.** Contact Carmen for any questions. If you would like to learn more about the Cathedral’s Kitchen or would like to volunteer: [https://holytrinitycathedral.net/cathedralskitchen](https://holytrinitycathedral.net/cathedralskitchen)

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Here's how to add All Saints as a beneficiary of the Amazon Smile program:


3. Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases at no cost to you.
# Volunteer Schedule

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS
NOV. 29–DEC. 5, 2020
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ST. JAMES DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Sunday, Nov. 29: Dionysios, Bishop of Corinth
Psalms 75, 76, 79, 82 / Isaiah 34

Monday, Nov. 30: St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle
Psalm 78 / Isaiah 35
John 1:35-42 / John 6:1-14

Tuesday, Dec. 1: Nahum the Prophet
Psalm 80 / Isaiah 36

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Habakkuk the Prophet
Psalms 81, 83 / Isaiah 37

Thursday, Dec. 3: Holy Prophet Zephaniah
Psalms 84, 85 / Isaiah 38

Friday, Dec. 4: Barbara the Great-Martyr & John the Righteous of Damascus
Psalms 86, 87, 88 / Isaiah 39

Saturday, Dec. 5: Sabbas the Sanctified
Psalm 89 / Isaiah 40

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