December 5 & 6, 2020

Saturday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm
Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent • St. Nicholas of Myra

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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.

*[Sat. only]* **Troparion to St. Sabbas the Sanctified (Tone 8):** With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert. And by thy deep sighs, thou didst bear fruit a hundredfold in thy labors. Thou hast become a luminary, shining upon the world with miracles. O our righteous Father Sabbas, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

**Troparion to St. Nicholas (Tone 4):** Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

**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
On Saturday: For St. Sabbas the Sanctified

The saints shall rejoice in glory. Sing to the Lord a new song.
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL
On Saturday: For St. Sabbas the Sanctified

The Lord said to his disciples, "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
THE EPISTLE

On Sunday: For St. Nicholas

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Tenth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.
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:

- **Sunday**: 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. 9**: Akathist Hymn to our Sweetest Lord Jesus, followed by Azizeh’s third talk (see note below), 7:00 pm.
- **Saturday, Dec. 12**: Divine Liturgy (with restricted attendance), 10:00 am; Vespers, 7:00 pm.
- **Sunday, Dec. 13**: St. Herman of Alaska. Matins, 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am.

**CHOIR AND CHANTER APPRECIATION DAY**

This weekend, our Antiochian Archdiocese honors all of our choir directors, chanters, and singers. All Saints Church wishes to thank Christy K. for leading the choir, compiling and organizing all the music, especially during the difficult months of the pandemic. We thank Paul S. and others for filling in, and for recently taking over the chanting at Vespers and Matins. Thank you to Kh. Patty for chanting at our Saturday Liturgies, and all choir members for making our worship beautiful!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

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: jotoheo@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

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

1. Go to https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3936145. Confirm your selection of All Saints Orthodox Church.
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
December 6–12, 2020
Courtesy of the
St. James Daily Devotional Guide

Sunday, Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra
Psalms 90, 91 / Isaiah 41

Monday, Dec. 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan
Psalms 92, 93, 94 / Isaiah 42

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Patapius the Righteous of Thebes
Psalms 95, 96, 97, 98 / Isaiah 43

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos
Psalms 99, 100, 101, 102 / Isaiah 44

Thursday, Dec. 10 – Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus
Psalms 103, 104 / Isaiah 45

Friday, Dec. 11 – Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople
Psalm 105 / Isaiah 46

Saturday, Dec. 12 – Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous
Psalm 106 / Isaiah 47

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