December 12 & 13, 2020

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

Holy Forefathers and Foremothers of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Troparion of 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 to the Holy Forefathers (Tone 2): Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

[Sat. only] Troparion to St. Spyridon (Tone 1): Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the first council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou had angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him who works healings for all through thee!

[Sun. only] Troparion to St. Herman of Alaska (Tone 4): Blessed ascetic of the northern wilds and gracious intercessor for the whole world, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, good instructor of piety, adornment of Alaska and joy of all America: Holy Father Herman, pray to Christ God that He 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. Spyridon

The Saints shall be joyful in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

THE GOSPEL

On Saturday: For St. Spyridon

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (10:9-16)

The Lord said: “I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know My own and My own know Me, as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.”
THE EPISTLE
For the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL
For the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”
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:

- **Saturday**: Christmas decorating after Liturgy.
- **Sunday**: Men’s work day after Liturgy; Fr. Pat’s Zoom Bible class, 1:00 pm.
- **Wednesday, Thursday, and 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. (*Note no morning prayers this Tuesday.*)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 16**: Akathist Hymn to our Sweetest Lord Jesus, followed by Azizeh’s fourth Advent talk (see note below), 7:00 pm.
- **Saturday, Dec. 19**: Divine Liturgy (with restricted attendance), 10:00 am; Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6:00 pm; Vespers, 7:00 pm.
- **Sunday, Dec. 20**: Genealogy Sunday. Matins, 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am.

**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: 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.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES

From Fr. Andrew: I had been hoping to get us all together for one unified Christmas service this year, but with COVID cases sadly on the rise, that will not be possible. On Thursday, Dec. 24, I will serve the Royal Hours of Christmas Eve at 9:00 am, with Holy Communion available at the end. (This will be our restricted attendance service, so let me know if you plan to attend.) Christmas Matins and Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:30 pm, per our usual custom. I will also be happy to meet with any individual or families throughout the day for sacraments, by appointment.

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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Sunday, Dec. 13: St. Herman of Alaska; St. Lucy of Syracuse
Psalm 107 / Isaiah 48

Monday, Dec. 14: Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia
Psalms 108, 109, 110 / Isaiah 49
Revelation 16:12-21 / Luke 23:1-12

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria
Psalms 111, 112, 113, 114 / Isaiah 50

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Holy Prophet Haggai
Psalms 115, 116, 117 / Isaiah 51

Thursday, Dec. 17: Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths
Psalm 119:1-48 / Isaiah 52

Friday, Dec. 18: Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions
Psalm 119:49-88 / Isaiah 53
Revelation 18:9-20 / Luke 23:44-56

Saturday, Dec. 19: Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia
Psalm 119:89-128 / Isaiah 54

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