December 19 & 20, 2020
Saturday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm
Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
The Ancestors of our Lord • St. Ignatius of Antioch

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VARIABLE HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Fore-feast of the Nativity (Tone 4): Make ready, O Bethlehem, for Eden hath opened to all. Prepare, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin. Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, and as we eat thereof we shall all live, and shall not die as did Adam. For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

[Sat. only] Troparion for St. Ignatius (Tone 2): By choosing the Apostles’ way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

[Sun. only] Troparion for the Holy Prophet Daniel (Tone 2): Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, 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
For the Sunday before the Nativity

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL
For the Sunday before the Nativity

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.
Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This week at All Saints:

- **Sunday**: Fr. Pat’s Zoom Bible class, 1pm.
- Fr. Andrew will be available most of the week for church visits, sacraments, or pastoral visitations. Please call, email, or text to set up an appointment.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 22**: Morning Prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 23**: Morning Prayers, 9am. No Wednesday evening service this week.

Christmas services:

- **Thursday, Dec. 24**: Nativity Royal Hours (with Holy Communion), 9am. This will be our restricted-attendance Christmas service. Please let Fr. Andrew know if you plan to attend.
- **Thursday, Dec. 24**: Nativity Matins and Divine Liturgy, 10:30pm.

The week after Christmas:

- **Saturday, Dec. 26**: Vespers, 7pm. Note no Saturday Liturgy, but Holy Communion will be available after Vespers if desired.
- **Sunday, Dec. 27**: Sunday after Christmas. Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 30**: Christmas carol and hymn-sing, in honor of the leave-taking of the Nativity, 7pm. (See Paul Schlueter for details.)
- **Thursday, Dec. 31**: Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Circumcision and Naming of Christ, 7pm.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND REPAIR WORK

Many thanks to all the ladies, gentlemen, and kids who helped decorate the church, change lightbulbs, and various other repair jobs last weekend. It was a good time for work and fellowship, and we appreciate all the extra work!

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

Many thanks to all who donated food or funds to our annual Advent food drive, and especially to Sandy Abraham for organizing it. We collected 351 pounds of food (last year was 406), and raised $850.66 (up from last year’s $699.96). Let us always continue to remember the poor in the name of our Lord Jesus, who became poor for our sakes.

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# Volunteer Schedule

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Sunday, Dec. 20: St. Ignatius of Antioch
   Psalm 119:129-176 / Isaiah 55
   Revelation 19:1-10 / Luke 1:5-25

Monday, Dec. 21: Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia and her companions
   Psalms 118, 120, 121 / Isaiah 56

Tuesday, Dec. 22: Great-martyr Anastasia
   Psalms 122-126 / Isaiah 57

Wednesday, Dec. 23: The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete
   Psalms 127-131 / Isaiah 58

Thursday, Dec. 24: Nun-martyr Eugenia of Rome
   Psalms 132-135 / Isaiah 59
   Hebrews 1:1-14 / Matthew 1:1-17

Friday, Dec. 25: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
   Psalms 2, 8, 19, 85, 110 / Isaiah 60

Saturday, Dec. 26: Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos
   Psalms 136-138 / Isaiah 61
   Acts 6:8-8:3 / Matthew 1:18-25

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