Saturday & Sunday, January 23-24, 2021
Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm
Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

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VARIABLE HYMNS

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!

Troparion for St. Xenia (Tone 8): In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

Kontakion for the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy birth didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us: Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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 Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.
Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This weekend at All Saints:

• **Children’s church school**, Sunday after Divine Liturgy
• **Fr. Pat’s Zoom Bible class**, Sunday 1pm

This week:

• 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 through Friday**: Morning Prayers, 9am.
• **Wednesday, Jan. 27**: Compline prayers and chant class, 7pm. *Our new chant class will be taught by Paul S. If you would like to learn more about the services of Vespers and Matins, and the basics of Byzantine chant, please join us!*
• **Saturday, Jan. 30**: Divine Liturgy, 10am; Vespers, 7pm.
• **Sunday, Jan. 31**: Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

From Fr. Andrew: Blessed Theophany! Please remember that all Orthodox Christian homes should be blessed by a priest at least once a year. Contact me or Fr. Patrick to schedule your house blessing at your convenience, and know that you are under no obligation to have a meal or gift for the priest. I have no problem stretching these blessings out over the entire year, especially this year due to concerns over COVID.

How should you prepare your home for the blessing?

• All who dwell in the home should make every effort to be present.
• Turn off all televisions, radios, or any other distractions.
• Light a candle in front of at least one icon (preferably the usual place of prayer).
• Provide a list of names, living and departed, for the priest to commemorate.

**WEEKLY CLEAN-UP**

From Melissa W.: As a friendly housekeeping reminder, please ensure the nursery and playroom are tidied up when you are finished using these rooms. Thank you also for keeping food out to keep pests away!
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Our Holy Mother Xenia of Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ (1730-1800) ::

From Ancient Faith’s “Saint of the Day” blog

She was born about 1730, and as a young woman married an army colonel named Andrei, a handsome and dashing man fond of worldly living. When she was twenty-six years old, her husband died suddenly after drinking with his friends, leaving Xenia a childless widow. Soon afterward, she gave away all her possessions and disappeared from St Petersburg for eight years; it is believed that she spent the time in a hermitage, or even a monastery, learning the ways of the spiritual life. When she returned to St Petersburg, she appeared to have lost her reason: she dressed in her husband's army overcoat, and would only answer to his name. She lived without a home, wandering the streets of the city, mocked and abused by many. She accepted alms from charitable people, but immediately gave them away to the poor: her only food came from meals that she sometimes accepted from those she knew. At night she withdrew to a field outside the city where she knelt in prayer until morning.

Slowly, the people of the city noticed signs of a holiness that underlay her seemingly deranged life: she showed a gift of prophecy, and her very presence almost always proved to be a blessing. The Synaxarion says "The blessing of God seemed to accompany her wherever she went: when she entered a shop the day's takings would be noticeably greater; when a cabman gave her a lift he would get plenty of custom; when she embraced a sick child it would soon get better. So compassion, before long, gave way to veneration, and people generally came to regard her as the true guardian angel of the city."

Forty-five years after her husband's death, St Xenia reposed in peace at the age of seventy-one, sometime around 1800. Her tomb immediately became a place of pilgrimage: so many people took soil from the gravesite as a blessing that new soil had to be supplied regularly; finally a stone slab was placed over the grave, but this too was gradually chipped away by the faithful. Miracles, healings and appearances of St Xenia occur to this day, to those who visit her tomb or who simply ask her intercessions. Her prayers are invoked especially for help in finding employment, a home, or a spouse (all of which she renounced in her own life).
DAILY BIBLE READINGS
JANUARY 24–30, 2021
ADAPTED FROM THE
ST. JAMES DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Sunday, Jan. 24: St. Xenia of St. Petersburg
Psalms 40, 61, 62, 65, 67 / Genesis 24
Hebrews 10:1-10 / Matthew 8:5-13

Monday, Jan. 25: St. Gregory the Theologian
Psalm 68 / Genesis 25
Hebrews 10:11-24 / Matthew 8:14-22

Tuesday, Jan. 26: Xenophon & his companions
Psalm 69 / Genesis 26
Hebrews 10:26-39 / Matthew 8:23-34

Wednesday, Jan. 27: Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
Psalms 66, 70, 72 / Genesis 27
Malachi 1:1-8 / Matthew 9:1-8

Thursday, Jan. 28: Sts. Ephraim the Syrian & Isaac of Ninevah
Psalms 71, 73 / Genesis 28
Malachi 1:9-14 / Matthew 9:9-13

Friday, Jan. 29: Relics of St. Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch
Psalms 74, 77 / Genesis 29
Malachi 2:1-9 / Matthew 9:14-17

Saturday, Jan. 30: The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian
& John Chrysostom
Psalms 75, 76, 79, 82 / Genesis 30
Malachi 2:10-17 / Matthew 9:18-26

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