

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday & Sunday, March 6-7, 2021

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

Sabbath of Souls • Sunday of the Last Judgment



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VARIABLE HYMNS

Saturday

Troparion for the Saturday of Souls (Tone 8): O Thou Who by the depth of Thy wisdom dost provide all things out of love for man, and grantest unto all that which is profitable, O only Creator: Grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants; for in Thee have they placed their hope, O our Creator and Fashioner and God.

Kontakion for the Saturday of Souls (Tone 8): With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Sunday

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Kontakion for the Last Judgment (Tone 1): When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

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 Saturday of Souls

Their souls shall dwell in prosperity. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God. The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-17)

Brethren, we would not have you ignorant, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose from the

dead, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

For the <u>Saturday</u> of the Souls

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36)

The Lord said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in My Name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once. And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying, that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man."

THE EPISTLE

For Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me! The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their

conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left.

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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:

- Intro to Orthodoxy class, Saturday at 6pm (immediately before Vespers). This week, we begin a discussion on the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, using Fr. Thomas Hopko's The Orthodox Faith vol. 1 as our text.
- Children's church school, Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class, Sunday at 1pm.

This week:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning: Morning Prayers and office hours, beginning at 9am.
- Wednesday, March 10: Byzantine chant class, 7pm.
- Saturday, March 13: Divine Liturgy, <u>10am</u>; Choir practice, <u>5pm</u>; Vespers, <u>7pm</u>.
- Sunday, March 14: Forgiveness/Cheese-fare Sunday. Matins, <u>8:30am</u>; Divine Liturgy, <u>9:30am</u>; Forgiveness Vespers, <u>7pm</u>.

ICON PAINTING

The All Saints icon academy will be meeting Saturdays during Lent, under Eva Walter's leadership. Please see Fr. Andrew for a blessing if you are interested in participating.

OCF YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

On Saturday, April 3, All Saints Church is pleased to host an annual Lenten retreat for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, a group of Chicago-area Orthodox college students and young adults. It is open to anyone ages 18-25, with a \$10 registration fee. To register, please visit www.ocf.net/district-retreats/.

ST. LAZARUS INITIATIVE

From Paul K: We want to provide an opportunity for people to meet, reconnect, or form deeper bonds with others in the church community. Our aim is for small groups, online or in person, to participate in various activities such as meals, prayers, discussions, etc. Please see one of our crew (Paul or Elizabeth K, JoAnne, Bob W., Sarah S., Kadisha B.) for more information and to fill out a 2 minute survey. We are hoping to involve as many people as possible including catechumens and inquirers.

A NOTE ON LENTEN FASTING

Today – the **Sunday of the Last Judgment** – is known as *meat-fare*, the last day for meat until Pascha. Next Sunday is **Forgiveness Sunday**, or *cheese-fare*, the last day for dairy products and eggs, for those able to keep the full fast. Alcohol and olive oils are traditionally permitted on the weekends during Lent. Your priest advises you not to worry about restricting fish. Of course, talk to Fr. Andrew if you have any questions about fasting.

Remember, the point of fasting is to simply our lives so we have more time to pray, repent, and attend church services (Matthew 6), and so that we have more food and resources to give to the hungry (Isaiah 58). Remember also to pick up a "Food for Hungry People" coin box, and use it throughout the season!

LENTEN SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Great Lent begins <u>Sunday</u>, <u>March 14</u> at sundown. **Forgiveness Vespers** will be served at <u>7pm</u>, followed by the rite of forgiveness. The first week of Lent (March 14-20), the **Canon of Repentance** will be at <u>7pm</u> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. **The Presanctified Liturgy** will take place every Wednesday throughout the Lenten season, at <u>7pm</u>.

Regarding COVID precautions, keep in mind that roughly 1/3 of our church community regularly attends our restricted services and fall into the cautious, vulnerable, or at-risk categories. I will continue to serve Divine Liturgy on both Saturday and Sunday throughout the Lenten season.

As for the special weekday Lenten services, in an attempt to bring together as many people as possible, I am asking everyone who can do so to wear a face-covering. I realize not everyone is able to wear a mask for various reasons, and it will obviously not be practical for some (singers, readers, clergy). But if everyone who CAN wear a face-covering does, it will help restore unity to our parish during this holy season of humility and repentance. This applies ONLY to special Lenten services (Saturday of Souls, Forgiveness Vespers, Presanctified Liturgies, Canon of Repentance, etc.). By the time we get to Holy Week and Pascha, with the availability of vaccines and the downward trend in numbers, I don't expect it will be as much of an issue. **Saturday Liturgy, Saturday Vespers,** and **Sunday Matins & Liturgy** will remain the same throughout Lent, with no additional restrictions.



Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee
Sat Mar 6 Soul Saturday	Sd Joseph	Carmen C		
Sun Mar 7 Last Judgment	Polycarp	Carmen C	Azizeh C	Alina S
Sat Mar 13	Jim K	Octavian F		
Sun Mar 14 Forgiveness Sunday	Doug J	Octavian F	Nancy L	Lydia A
Sat Mar 20	Sd Joseph	Debbie K		
Sun Mar 21 Orthodoxy Sunday	Joseph L	Debbie K	Domitille N	Domitille N
Wed Mar 24 Annunciation	Doug J	Debbie K		
Sat Mar 27	Jim K	Pat K		
Sun Mar 28	Polycarp	Pat K	Sandy A	Domitille N

Until further notice, we are still not permitted to hold potluck meals after evening services. However, if individuals and families would like to bring their own meals and eat together in the church hall, you are welcome to do so. We will continue to have coffee and pre-packaged snacks available after morning liturgies.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH 7-13, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, March 7: Last Judgment (Meat-fare)

Luke 24:36-53 / 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 / Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, March 8: Apostle Hermas of the 70

3 John 1:1-15 / Luke 19:29-40, 22:7-39

Tuesday, March 9: Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Jude 1:1-10 / Luke 22:39-23:1 Hebrews 12:1-10 / Matthew 20:1-16

Wednesday, March 10: Martyr Quadratus and his companions

Joel 3:12-21 / Joel 2:12-26

Thursday, March 11: Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Jude 1:11-25 / Luke 23:1-56

Friday, March 12: St. Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome

Zechariah 8:7-17 / Zechariah 8:19-23

Saturday, March 13: Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople

Galatians 5:22-6:2 / Matthew 6:1-13

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