



ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday & Sunday, March 13-14, 2021

Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 am • Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm

Sunday Matins, 8:30 am • Sunday Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

Forgiveness Sunday



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VARIABLE HYMNS

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7): Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday (Tone 6): O Thou who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One: ‘Have mercy upon me who am fallen.’

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 Sunday of Forgiveness

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of Forgiveness

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:1-21)

The Lord said: Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

Our Father who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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 at 1pm.
- **Forgiveness Vespers**, Sunday at 7pm. Everyone should make every effort to attend this service! Please wear a mask if you are able to do so, out of consideration for those who are more cautious or at-risk.

This week:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings: Morning Prayers and office hours, beginning at 9am.
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings: Canon of Repentance with the life of St. Mary of Egypt, 7pm.
- **Wednesday, March 17:** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm.
- **Saturday, March 20:** Divine Liturgy, 10am; Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, March 21: Sunday of Orthodoxy.** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am; followed by children's icon procession and church school.
- **Also next Sunday:** Teen SOYO and Jr. SOYO meetings.

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.

LENTEN COIN BOXES

Once again please remember to fill the **coin boxes** that are on the Greeters' table that are supplied by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, in accordance with our archdiocese, to feed the hungry around the world. **Please use these boxes all during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed.** Please replace the coins with a check marked “For the Poor” in the memo line, or submit paper money. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor. (Proverbs 14:21)

A NOTE ON LENTEN FASTING

Today – the **Sunday of Forgiveness** – is known as *cheese-fare*, the last day for dairy and eggs until Pascha, for those able to keep the full fast. Feel free to talk to Fr. Andrew if you have any questions about fasting.

Remember, the point of fasting is to simplify 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 Sunday, March 14 at sundown. **Forgiveness Vespers** will be served at 7pm, followed by the rite of forgiveness. The first week of Lent (March 14-20), the **Canon of Repentance** will be at 7pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. **The Presanctified Liturgy** will take place every Wednesday throughout the Lenten season, at 7pm.

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.

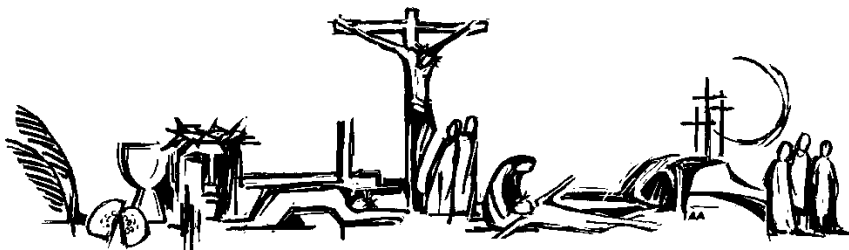
As for the special weekday Lenten services, in an attempt to bring together as many people as possible, I am asking everyone who can do so to wear a face-covering. I realize not everyone is able to wear a mask for various reasons, and it will obviously not be practical for some (singers, readers, clergy). 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	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee
<u>Sat Mar 13</u>	Jim K	Octavian F		
Sun Mar 14 <i>Forgiveness Sunday</i>	Doug J	Octavian F	Nancy L	Lydia A
<u>Sat Mar 20</u>	Sd Joseph	Debbie K		
Sun Mar 21 <i>Orthodoxy Sunday</i>	Joseph L	Debbie K	Domitille N	Zach C.
<u>Wed Mar 24</u> <i>Annunciation</i>	Doug J	Debbie K		
<u>Sat Mar 27</u>	Jim K	Pat K		
Sun Mar 28 <i>St. Gregory Palamas</i>	Polycarp	Pat K	Sandy A	Domitille N
<u>Sat April 3</u>	Sd Joseph	Domitille N		
Sun April 4 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Joseph L.	Domitille N	Azizeh C	Alina S.

Until further notice, we will not be holding 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.





“Remember, God is love. Do as much kindness as you can to save yourself by this kindness. Be modest, as God bestows mercy upon His humble servants. Repent of your sins and don't wait for tomorrow, as it is the trap of the devil. Love each other, as loveless man cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.”
—*St. Gabriel the Confessor of Georgia*

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you and your families are safe and in good health as we prepare to begin another Lenten journey that culminates in the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Last year at this time we were just becoming aware of a virus that started to rear its ugly face on the shores of North America. Just as we began our holy Lenten season, our journey to Pascha was interrupted, and our rhythm of prayer, fasting and almsgiving suffered. Nevertheless, we persevered thinking this interruption to our “normal” way of life would soon be over and we would quickly resume our daily routines as usual. Here we are a year later and, while there is hope now that a vaccine is available and being distributed, we nevertheless will once again have a different Lenten experience.

Despite this different time in which we live, there is one program that should never suffer due to our modified way of life, that program is the [Food for Hungry and Charitable Outreach Program](#). This outreach, under the guidance of Ms. Robin Nicholas, has helped countless numbers of people for the past 47 years! People now, more than ever, are in need and depend on our pennies, nickels and dimes that we collect from all over the Archdiocese.

As we begin a new fast, let us this year more than ever, be vigilant in our effort to give alms. While we might not be able to participate as fully as usual in the liturgical and prayer life of the Church because of the pandemic, let us increase our efforts in helping the poor and others in need. Let us emulate the words of St. Dorotheos of Gaza quoted above remembering that, even if we ourselves are experiencing some economic difficulty during this time, let us give what we can and if we cannot give, let us minister to the poor in other ways. Let us strive to reach out and help our brothers and sisters who are in need at this trying time as we examine our hearts and souls in order to cleanse them as we approach the feast of our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead.

Wishing you all a fruitful and spiritually rewarding fast, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MARCH 14-20, 2021

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Sunday, March 14: St. Benedict of Nursia / Forgiveness Sunday

John 20:1-10 / Romans 13:11-14:4 / Matthew 6:14-21

Monday, March 15: Holy Apostle Aristobulos of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain

Isaiah 1:1-20 / Mark 1:12-28

Genesis 1:1-13 / Proverbs 1:1-20

Tuesday, March 16: Sabine the Martyr of Egypt

Isaiah 1:19-2:3 / Mark 1:29-39

Genesis 1:14-23 / Proverbs 1:20-33

Wednesday, March 17: St. Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland

Isaiah 2:3-11 / Mark 1:40-45

Genesis 1:24-2:3 / Proverbs 2:1-22

Thursday, March 18: Cyril, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:11-22 / Mark 2:18-22

Genesis 2:4-19 / Proverbs 3:1-18

Friday, March 19: Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria

Isaiah 3:1-15 / Mark 2:23-38

Genesis 2:20-3:20 / Proverbs 3:19-34

Saturday, March 20: St. Theodore the Recruit

Hebrews 1:1-12 / Mark 2:23-3:5

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