

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Saturday & Sunday, March 20-21, 2021

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent • Triumph of Orthodoxy



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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 the Triumph of Orthodoxy (Tone 2):** Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God. For by Thine own will, Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

Kontakion to the Theotokos for the Sundays of Lent (Tone 8): O Champion Leader, to thee I offer thanks of victory! O Theotokos, thou hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast invincible power, O Theotokos, thou truly can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O bride without bridegroom!

**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 First Sunday of Great Lent

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 Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from

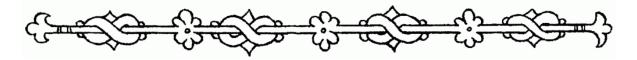
weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

#### THE GOSPEL

For the First Sunday of Great Lent

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."



**Hymn to the Theotokos for the Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone 6):** All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of man. O sanctified temple and spiritual Paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child, our God before the ages! He made thy body into a throne and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace; Glory to Thee!

#### THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

Recited by the faithful each year on the first Sunday of Lent

As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded:

Thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons;

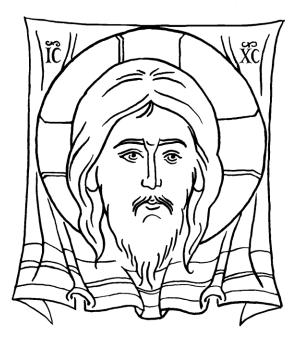
On the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord;

And on the other hand honoring His saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!

#### THE GREAT PROKEIMENON

Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God who workest wonders. (Psalm 76:14)



## 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
- Children's icon procession, at the end of both Divine Liturgies
- Children's church school, Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- Fr. Pat's Zoom Bible class, Sunday at 1pm.
- Teen SOYO and Jr. SOYO meetings, Sunday afternoon

This week:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings: Morning Prayers and office hours, beginning at 9am.
- Wednesday, March 24: Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation, 7pm.
- Saturday, March 27: Divine Liturgy, <u>10am</u>; Vespers, <u>7pm</u>.
- Sunday, March 28: St. Gregory Palamas. Matins, <u>8:30am</u>; Divine Liturgy, <u>9:30am</u>; followed by church school.
- Also next Sunday: Zoom meeting with Nathan and Gabriella Hoppe (missionaries in Albania) during children's church school.

#### 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 <u>www.ocf.net/district-retreats/</u>.

#### 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 oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him." (Prov. 14:31)

#### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY LETTER FROM METROPOLITAN JOSEPH

"Greetings and blessings to you in the Name of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

"I pray that, having completed the first week of the fast, you have been strengthened by the beautiful services and fasting discipline in order to complete the rest of this holy journey. When we wrote this appeal to you last year and celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy, who knew that just over one week later our world as we know it would change and, for the first time in a century we would have to endure the consequences of a world-wide pandemic and restrict access to our churches during this most holy season. What we hoped would be a short period of suffering has lasted for an entire year. While there are many signs of hope we remain vigilant, but nevertheless are thankful that we can participate liturgically in the Fast this year in person. I encourage you therefore, to come back to the Church if you have been missing, being mindful and careful, but also realizing that it is time to return home to the cradle of the Church.

"Having said that, we remind you that it is been a long-standing tradition in our archdiocese to give scholarships to our seminarians studying for the priesthood. We are blessed this year to have 19 seminarians studying in three seminaries (St. Vladimir's, St. Tikhon's and Holy Cross). More than ever, these young men (and their families in many cases), have had to endure so much this past year including being locked down on campuses, unable to travel to our parishes for training, attending classes virtually, and missing out on the full liturgical life of the Church that is so necessary to their priestly formation while at seminary. Let us show our love and appreciation for this sacrifice by at least making sure they can start their ministry to you and your families without the added burden of great debt from seminary. Please give generously so we, in turn, can continue to be generous with them. Believe me when I tell you that they are deeply grateful for this expression of love."

Wishing you all a blessed journey that will help lead us to the heavenly kingdom, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

#### +JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

## Volunteer Schedule

| Date                                      | Reader    | Prosphora   | Greeter     | Coffee      |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sat Mar 20                                | Sd Joseph | Debbie K    |             |             |
| <b>Sun Mar 21</b><br>Orthodoxy Sunday     | Joseph L  | Debbie K    | Domitille N | Zach C.     |
| Wed Mar 24<br>Annunciation                | Doug J    | Debbie K    |             |             |
| Sat Mar 27                                | Jim K     | Pat K       |             |             |
| <b>Sun Mar 28</b><br>St. Gregory Palamas  | Polycarp  | Pat K       | Sandy A     | Domitille N |
| <u>Sat April 3</u>                        | Sd Joseph | Domitille N |             |             |
| Sun April 4<br>Holy Cross                 | Joseph L. | Domitille N | Azizeh C    | Alina S.    |
| Sat April 10                              | Jim K.    | Cristina P  |             |             |
| <b>Sun April 11</b><br>St Gregory Palamas | Doug J    | Cristina P  | Nancy L     | Lydia A     |

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.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS MARCH 21-27, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, March 21: Triumph of Orthodoxy John 20:11-18 / Hebrews 11:24-40 / John 1:43-51

Monday, March 22: Martyr Basil of Ancyra Isaiah 4:2-6, 5:1-7 / Mark 3:1-12 Genesis 3:21-4:7 / Proverbs 3:34-4:22

Tuesday, March 23: Martyr Nikon and His 199 Disciples Isaiah 5:7-16 / Mark 3:13-27 Genesis 4:8-15 / Proverbs 5:1-15

Wednesday, March 24: Artemon the Presbyter Isaiah 5:16-26 / Mark 3:28-35 Genesis 4:16-26 / Proverbs 5:15-6:3

Thursday, March 25: The Annunciation to the Theotokos Exodus 3:1-8 / Proverbs 8:22-30 Hebrews 2:11-18 / Luke 1:24-38

Friday, March 26: Holy Archangel Gabriel

Isaiah 7:1-14 / Mark 4:21-34 Genesis 5:32-6:8 / Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Saturday, March 27: St. Matrona of Thessalonica Hebrews 3:12-16 / Mark 1:35-44

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