

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 4, 2021

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am **Second Sunday after Pentecost**



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of life: 'Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.'

Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 2): O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

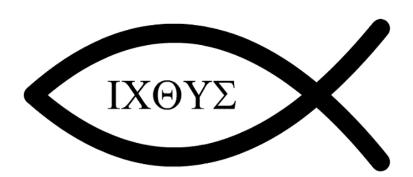
For Second Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.





Announcements and upcoming Events

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

This weekend:

- Saturday: Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm (immediately before Vespers)
- **Sunday:** Marriage of Alex Corey and Kinga Purta, 2pm at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. May God grant them many years!

This week at All Saints:

- Tuesday through Friday: Morning Prayers, 9am.
- Wednesday, July 7: Vespers, 7pm.
- Saturday, July 10: Vespers, 7pm.
- Sunday, July 11: Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am. Note our return to our regular coffee hour routine (see Volunteer Schedule below).

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

All kids ages 6-12 are welcome to participate in a summer day camp at St. George Church in Cicero, **July 12-15.** Fr. Andrew will be there each day assisting with the Bible teaching. Register online at www.stgeorgechi.org. If cost is an issue, please see Fr. Andrew.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR ST. PIUS V SCHOOL

Once again we here at All Saints are having our annual school supplies drive for St. Pius V School from Sunday, July 4 to Sunday, August 1, 2021. St. Pius is a needy Catholic school on the west side of Chicago that has received donations from us in past years. This year the principal has recommended that we give our donations in monetary form so that she can purchase exactly what the school needs, so we will be collecting funds for the school instead of school supplies. When you donate in check form, please make it out to *All Saints Church* and on the memo line state that it is for St. Pius. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Pat K.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., July 4	Jim K	Domitille	Azizeh	Lydia	A-F
Sun., July 11	Paul K	Cristina P	Nancy L	Domitille	G-K
Sun., July 18	Joseph L	Dn Walid	Domtille	Zach C	L-P
Sun., July 25	Jerry C	Sandy A	Sandy A	Alina S	R-Z
Sun., Aug. 1	Michelle C	Octavian	Azizeh	Lydia	A-F
Thurs., Aug 5 Transfiguration	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Nancy L		Potluck
Sun., Aug. 8	Polycarp	Pat K	Domitille	Zach C	G-K

Please note our regular coffee hour rotation will resume Sunday, July 4. As we've done in the past, the church will be divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). So if your last name begins with A through F, please bring something simple to share for coffee hour on July 4, and we'll go through the alphabet from there.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. For now, please, let's all pitch in and help.

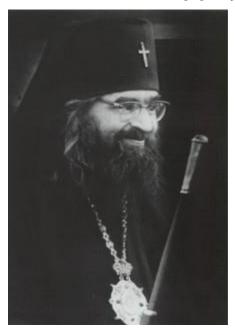
Also, if you are providing holy bread for Liturgy, or food/snacks for coffee hour, please feel free to provide a list of names (living and departed) of your family members or friends, to be read at the Great Entrance on that day.

"CHRIST, INVISIBLE TO THE BODILY EYE, MANIFESTS HIMSELF ON EARTH CLEARLY THROUGH HIS CHURCH... THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST BOTH BECAUSE ITS PARTS ARE UNITED TO CHRIST THROUGH HIS DIVINE MYSTERIES AND BECAUSE THROUGH HER CHRIST WORKS IN THE WORLD."

St. John of San Francisco

:: STAND FAST AND WATCH ::

A Homily by St. John of San Francisco (commemorated July 2)



Stand fast on spiritual watch, because you don't know when the Lord will call you to Himself. In your earthly life be ready at any moment to give Him an account. Beware that the enemy does not catch you in his nets, that he not deceive you causing you to fall into temptation. Daily examine your conscience; try the purity of your thoughts, your intentions.

There was a king who had a wicked son. Having no hope that he would change for the better, the father condemned the son to death. He gave him a month to prepare.

The month went by, and the father summoned the son. To his surprise he saw that the young man was noticeably changed: his face was thin and drawn, and his whole body looked as if it had suffered.

"How is it that such a transformation has come over you, my son?" the father asked. "My father and my lord," replied

the son, "how could I not change when each passing day brought me closer to death?"

"Good, my son," remarked the king. "Since you have evidently come to your senses, I shall pardon you. However, you must maintain this vigilant disposition of soul for the rest of your life."

"Father," replied the son, "that's impossible. How can I withstand the countless seductions and temptations?"

Then the king ordered that a vessel be brought, full of oil, and he told his son: "Take this vessel and carry it along all the streets of the city. Following you will be two soldiers with sharp swords. If you spill so much as a single drop they will cut off your head."

The son obeyed. With light, careful steps, he walked along all the streets, the soldiers accompanying him, and he did not spill a drop. When he returned to the castle, the father asked, "My son, what did you see as you were walking through the city?"

"I saw nothing."

"What do you mean, 'nothing'?" said the king. "Today is a holiday; you must have seen the booths with all kinds of trinkets, many carriages, people animals..."

"I didn't notice any of that," said the son. "All my attention was focused on the oil in the vessel. I was afraid to spill a drop and thereby lose my life."

"Quite right, my son," said the king. "Keep this lesson in mind for the rest of you life. Be as vigilant over your soul as you were today over the oil in the vessel. Turn your thoughts away from what will soon pass away, and keep them focused on what is eternal. You will be followed not by armed soldiers but by death to which we are brought closer by every day. Be very careful to guard your soul from all ruinous temptations."

The son obeyed his father, and lived happily.

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (I Cor. 16:13).

The Apostle gives Christians this important counsel to bring their attention to the danger of this world, to summon them to frequent examination of their hearts, because without this one can easily bring to ruin the purity and ardor of one's faith and unnoticeably cross over to the side of evil and faithlessness.

Just as a basic concern is to be careful of anything that might be harmful to our physical health, so our spiritual concern should watch out for anything that might harm our spiritual life and the work of faith and salvation. Therefore, carefully and attentively assess your inner impulses: are they from God or from the spirit of evil? Beware of temptations from this world and from worldly people; beware of hidden inner temptations which come from the spirit of indifference and carelessness in prayer, from the waning of Christian love.

But such freedom is attained only through a long and difficult process of self-knowledge, working on oneself and being vigilant towards one's inner life, i.e., the soul.

Be careful. Watch out for your soul! Turn your thoughts away from what will soon pass away and turn them towards what is eternal. Here you will find the happiness that your soul seeks, that your heart thirsts for.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JULY 4-10, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, July 4: St. Andrew of Crete

Mark 16:1-8 / Romans 2:10-16 / Matthew 4:18-23

Monday, July 5: New Martyrs Elizabeth the Grand Duchess, Novice Barbara Exodus 1 / Romans 7:1-13 / Matthew 9:36-10:8

Tuesday, July 6: Holy Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Onesimus Exodus 2 / Romans 7:14-8:2 / Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday, July 7: Willibald, Bishop of Eichstatt Exodus 3 / Romans 8:1-13 / Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday, July 8: Great Martyr Procopius Exodus 4 / Romans 8:22-27 / Matthew 10:23-31

Friday, July 9: Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Tauromenium Exodus 5 / Romans 9:6-19 / Matthew 10:32-11:1

Saturday, July 10: 45 Holy Martyrs of Nikopolis, Armenia Romans 3:28-4:3 / Matthew 7:24-8:4

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