

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 5, 2021

**Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am
Sts. Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist**



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2): When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: ‘O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee!’

Troparion for St. Zechariah (Tone 4): In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, * thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, * as it befitted a priest, O wise Zachariah. * Thou wast a shining light, a seer of mysteries, * bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; * and in God's temple, O wise Prophet * of Christ God, thou wast slain with the sword. * Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.

Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4): By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness, and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death. Thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: ‘The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life!’

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)

Brethren, the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord. My defense to those who would examine me is this: Do we have no authority regarding what to eat and what to drink? Do we have no authority to lead about a wife, who is a sister, as the rest of the apostles, even as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no authority to refrain from working? Which soldier ever served at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit thereof? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat from the milk of the flock? Do I speak of these things according to human nature? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses: “Thou shalt not muzzle an ox which treads out the grain.” Is it

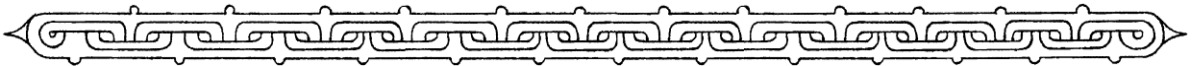
for oxen that God cares, or does He say it altogether for our sakes? Indeed, for our sakes it was written: because he who plows ought to plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope, so that the same might partake in hope. If we have sown in you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we should reap your carnal things? If others are partakers of this authority over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this authority, but we endure all things, in order that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This week:

- Confession, anointing, and other pastoral services will be available after every listed service, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.
- **Please note no services on Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening this week**, due to the festal Liturgy on Tuesday evening.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 7: The Nativity of the Theotokos.** Vespers, Divine Liturgy and potluck meal, 7pm.
- **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Saturday, Sept. 11:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 12:** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am, followed by coffee hour and first day of church school.

Mark your calendars:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 14:** Vespers, Divine Liturgy and procession of the Holy Cross, 7pm
- **Saturday, Sept. 18:** Wedding of Thomas and Kadisha, 1pm. (No vespers this day)
- **Tuesday, Sept. 21:** September parish council meeting
- **Sunday, Oct. 3:** All-church potluck and annual meeting, after Divine Liturgy.
- **Oct. 14-16:** Touchstone magazine conference, “No Neutral Ground,” in Deerfield, IL. (See next page.)
- **Oct. 21-23:** Diocese of Toledo Fall Gathering with Bishop Anthony, in Cincinnati, OH
- **Sunday, Oct. 31:** All Hallows Eve party, 6pm

ANNUAL CHURCH BUDGET

We're approaching the end of our fiscal year and prepping for the next. Please let Octavian know by the end of August if you have budget-related ideas or suggestions. Your input will be discussed in the September Parish Council meeting in the context of the 2021-2022 budget draft.

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE

All are encouraged to attend this year's Touchstone Magazine conference (see ad on next page), Oct. 14-16 at Trinity International University in Deerfield. All Saints Church does have some scholarship money available! Register online at www.touchstonemag.com/conference, and see Fr. Andrew or Octavian for reimbursement.



No Neutral Ground

The Cost of Discipleship in a Secular Age

THE 2021 **Touchstone** CONFERENCE

October 14–16, 2021
Deerfield, Illinois

Speakers Include

- Hans Boersma
- Allan Carlson
- Rod Dreher
- Anthony Esolen
- S. M. Hutchens
- Peter Leithart
- Patrick Henry Reardon
- Carl Trueman

More details to follow
touchstonemag.com

Parable of the Sower, 1557
Pieter Bruegel the Elder

:: THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS ::

Commemorated September 8 • Story adapted from www.oca.org

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham.

Childlessness in those days was often considered as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feast days at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.



The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: *“the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls.”*

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

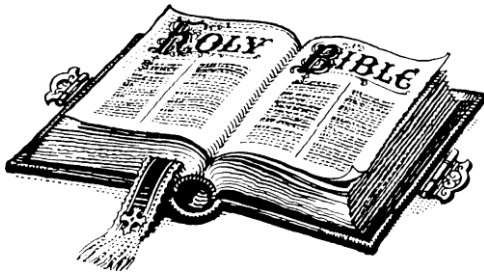
Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Sept. 5	Michelle C <i>1Cor 9:2-12</i>	Sandy A	Domitille	Lydia A.	G-K
<u>Tues., Sept. 7</u> <i>Nativity Theotokos</i>	Joseph L <i>Phil 2:5-11</i>	Octavian		<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun., Sept. 12	Richard C <i>Gal 6:11-18</i>	Debbie K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
<u>Tues., Sept. 14</u> <i>Holy Cross</i>	Sd Joseph <i>1Cor 1:18-24</i>	Octavian		<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i> <i>(Fasting)</i>
Sun., Sept. 19	Doug J <i>Gal 2:16-20</i>	Pat K	Azizeh C	Alina S	R-Z
Sun., Sept. 26	Polycarp <i>1 Jn 4:12-19</i>	Domitille	Jerry C	Zach C	A-F

Please note our regular coffee hour rotation has resumed! 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). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can 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.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 5–11, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE
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Sunday, Sept. 5: Sts. Zechariah and Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist
John 21:15-25 / 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 / Matthew 18:23-35

Monday, Sept. 6: Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colassae
Exodus 38 / 2 Corinthians 5:1-15 / Mark 1:1-15

Tuesday, Sept. 7: Kassiani the Hymnographer
Exodus 39 / 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 / Mark 1:16-22

Wednesday, Sept 8: Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos
Genesis 28:10-17 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Proverbs 9:1-11
Luke 1:39-56 / Philippians 2:5-11 / Luke 10:32-42, 11:27-28

Thursday, Sept. 9: Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna
Exodus 40 / 2 Corinthians 7:1-10 / Mark 1:29-39

Friday, Sept. 10: Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora at Nicomedia
Leviticus 1 / 2 Corinthians 7:10-16 / Mark 1:40-45

Saturday, Sept. 11: Saturday before the Holy Cross
1 Corinthians 2:6-9 / Matthew 10:37-11:1

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