

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America*

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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross • Leave-taking of the  
Nativity of the Theotokos**



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*Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:*

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

**Troparion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

**Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of 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 Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me;

for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

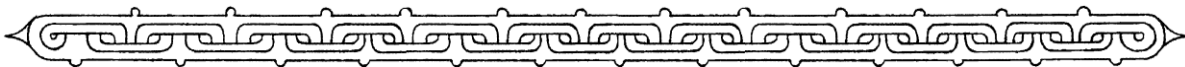
## THE GOSPEL

*For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17)**

The Lord said: “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

**Megalynarion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 8):** Virginity is alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of the earth bless thee unceasingly.



**:: A PRAYER FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11 ::**

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*September 11, 2021 is the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks upon our nation in New York, NY, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, PA. In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year in memory of the people killed in the attacks of 2001.*



O Lord our God, who art Thyself, the Hope of the hopeless, the Help of the helpless, the Savior of the storm-tossed, the Haven of the voyager, the Physician of the sick; be all things to our land which twenty years ago on this date was devastated by the cowardly and hateful acts of false martyrs; who imitated wicked Herod in his slaughter of the 14,000 innocents. To those who lost loved ones, grant the comfort thou didst impart to Mary and Martha before Thou didst raise their brother Lazarus from the dead, and care for them as Thou didst care for Thy Mother from the Cross, putting her in the care of the Apostle John. To the survivors, grant healing in every sense, as thou didst strengthen and heal the confessors. To those related to and aiding the survivors and the families of the fallen, grant the strength and compassion Thou didst instill in Thine adopted father Joseph, who was Thy guardian in Thine earthly youth. To those who died, grant remission of their every sin in Thy great compassion; both to those who like the wise servant and the wise virgins, constantly prepared themselves to enter the heavenly banquet at any hour; as well as those who emulated the rich fool, preferring to enjoy earthly pursuits and ignore heavenly ones.

To us, grant the knowledge that while the devil still manipulates our Divinely-given free will to his own ends in this world, his power is fleeting and ultimately void, as Thou hast already crushed his dominion. And as for those who hate us, speak to their hearts as St. Procla sought to speak to her husband Pontius Pilate concerning Thee, and as Thou didst speak to Pharaoh concerning the Hebrews, and so soften the hearts of those who seek our destruction. Spare, O Lord, those who protect us, the law enforcement agents and the first responders, from despondency, disillusionment, and all things which would undermine their righteous calling to protect us in the manner of our Guardian Angels, and care for us in the manner of the Good Samaritan. All this we ask of Thee our All-powerful and All-loving Savior, giving glory to Thee together with Thine unorginate Father and Thine all-holy and good and life-giving and Comforting Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

This week:

- Confession, anointing, and other pastoral services will be available after every listed service, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.
- **Tuesday through Friday, Sept. 14-17:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** Cross Procession, Vespers Divine Liturgy, and potluck meal (fasting, please!), 7pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 18:** Wedding of Thomas and Kadisha, 1pm, followed by a reception at the Bowdens' home in Elgin. (No vespers this day)
- **Sunday, Sept. 19:** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am, followed by coffee hour and our first day of church school.

Mark your calendars:

- **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 note below and ad on the 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 conference, "No Neutral Ground," Oct. 14-16 at Trinity International University in Deerfield. **All Saints Church has scholarship money available!** If you plan to attend, send an email with your name and mailing address to Doug Johnson, [doug@touchstonemag.com](mailto:doug@touchstonemag.com). Donations are also welcome: make a check out to the church, with "Touchstone conference" in the subject line.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Gabe Corey has requested a meeting with all church school teachers today, Sept. 12, after Divine Liturgy. The first day of classes will be next week, Sept. 19.



# 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*  
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*Parable of the Sower, 1557*  
Pieter Bruegel the Elder

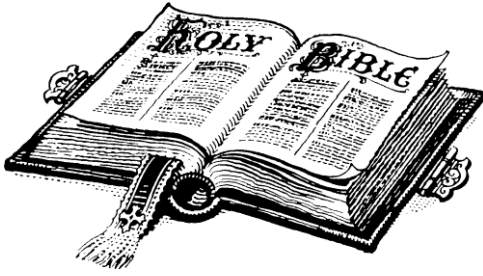
## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Sept. 12	Richard C <i>Gal 6:11-18</i>	Debbie K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
<b><u>Tues., Sept. 14</u></b> <i>Holy Cross</i>	Sd Joseph <i>1Cor 1:18-24</i>	Octavian		<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck (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 12-18, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE  
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, Sept. 12: Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Matthew 28:16-20 / Galatians 6:11-18 / John 3:13-17

**Monday, Sept. 13: St. Cornelius the Centurion**

Leviticus 2 / 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 / Mark 2:1-12

**Tuesday, Sept. 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Exodus 15:22-16:1 / Proverbs 3:11-18 / Isaiah 60:11-16

John 12:28-36 / 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 / John 19:6-30

**Wednesday, Sept. 15: Great Martyr Nikitas**

Leviticus 3 / 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 / Mark 2:13-17

**Thursday, Sept. 16: Great Martyr Euphemia**

Leviticus 4 / 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 / Mark 2:18-28

**Friday, Sept. 17: St. Sophia and her daughters Faith, Hope, and Love**

Leviticus 5 / 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 / Mark 3:1-6

**Saturday, Sept. 18: Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortynia**

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5 / John 8:21-30

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