

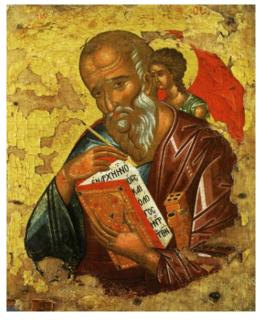
ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection!

Troparion for St. John the Evangelist (Tone 2): O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receives thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and great mercy.

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 St. John the Evangelist

His voice has gone out into all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God. The Reading from the First Epistle of St. John (4:12-19)

Brethren, no one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen, and do testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love which God has for us. God is love; and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; but he who fears is not perfected in love. We love God, because He first loved us.

THE GOSPEL

For St. John the Evangelist

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (19:25-27; 21:24-25)

At that time, standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your Son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

This is the disciple who is bearing witness to these things, and who has written these things; and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things, which Jesus did; were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.



:: THE SYNAXARION READING FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST **::**

On September 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Translation of the holy and glorious Apostle and Evangelist, Bosom-friend, Virgin and Beloved John the Theologian.

"Thou standest before the beloved Word of the Father, Thou who art beloved above all the disciples. On the twentysixth the Son of Thunder passed unto God."

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman, and brother of the Holy Apostle James. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end.

With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord. At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition. John then lived and labored mostly in Ephesus.

By his inspired preaching and miracles, he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian, who had him tortured and flogged, which did him no harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos. There John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord, and we celebrate the anniversary of his repose today. Through his intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This weekend:

- Church school for all ages, after Divine Liturgy and coffee hour.
- Teen SOYO and Jr. SOYO lunch and meeting, Sunday after church school. *All teenagers are invited to attend our Teen SOYO events, and all 10-12 year olds are welcome at Jr. SOYO.*

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. 28-Oct. 1: Morning prayers, 9am.
- Wednesday, Sept. 29: Vespers, 7pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 2: Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- Sunday, Oct. 3: Matins, Chrismation of Lorraine Feder, & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am, followed by our annual all-church potluck and convocation. *All members of All Saints Church should make every effort to attend; all visitors, inquirers, and catechumens are welcome!*

Mark your calendars:

- Oct. 14-16: Touchstone magazine conference, "No Neutral Ground," in Deerfield, IL. *See note below and ad on page 6.*
- Oct. 21-23: Diocese of Toledo Fall Gathering with Bishop Anthony, in Cincinnati, OH
- Sunday, Oct. 31: All Hallows Eve party, 6pm. Now is the time to submit your nominees for Saint of the Year! Please see information on the next page.

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE

All are encouraged to attend this year's Touchstone conference, "No Neutral Ground," Oct. 14-16 at Trinity International University in Deerfield. **We have funds available for any one from All Saints Church to attend!** If you plan to attend, send an email with your name and mailing address to Doug Johnson, <u>doug@touchstonemag.com</u>. Donations are also welcome: make a check out to the church, with "Touchstone conference" in the subject line.

:: SAINT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ::

We are rapidly approaching All Saints' Eve on October 31st. Last year, despite the pandemic, we saw a fantastic level of remote contribution and successfully produced a wonderful storybook. This year, with the agreement of Fr. Andrew and the Parish Council we will once again extend the opportunity for everyone to nominate and research their favorite saints. I will compile the Saint of the Year storybook and distribute it at the end of October. Last year we elected Sts. Cyril & Methodius as Saint of the Year. Who will it be this year?

The first step is to submit nominations. Is there a saint or two that you have recently learned about? Or an old favorite that has not recently been nominated (see list below)? If so, we'd love to hear about them! The top 7 nominees will form our storybook of canonized saints (east or west). So please email nominations to me, including the name of your chosen saint and a short description (to distinguish between saints of the same name).

Nominations will close Friday, October 1st. Please also contact me if you are willing to help with writing the stories or creating artwork this year.

Yours in Christ,

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<u>Additional Info</u>: You must be aged 8 or older. You may nominate up to three names, but Bible saints, and those featured in the last 3 years of voting, along with the last 7 elected winners, are not allowed on the ballot (see list below).

List of past 3 years nominees & prior winners*: (These names may NOT be nominated again)

2020: Sts. Cyril & Methodius*, St. Igor, Prince of Kiev, St. Eustachius, St. Seraphim of Sarov, St Dionysus, St Ambrose of Milan, St. Catherine of Siena

2019: St. Irenaeus, bishop of Lyon, St. Moses the Black, St. Hermann of Reichenau, St. Francis Xavier, St. Elizabeth the New Martyr*, St. Alexander Jacobson, St. Ekaterina (Malkov-Panina)

2018: St. Brigid of Kildare*, St. Paraskeva, St Jacob Netsvetov, St Martin of Tours, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Frances Cabrini. St. Francis of Assisi.

<u>Previous Saints of the Year</u>: Mariam Baouardy & Nicholas of Japan (2017), Theresa of Calcutta (2016), Euphrosinos the Cook (2015), Herman of Alaska (2014)

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



Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday, Sept. 26	Polyca r p 1 Jn 4:12-19	Domitille	Jerry C	Zach C	A-F
Sunday, Oct 3 All-church meeting	Jim K. 2 Cor 4:6-15	Cristina P.	Nancy L.	Volunteer	Potluck
Sunday, Oct 10	Paul K. 2 Cor 6:1-10	Dn. Walid	Domitille	Lydia A.	G - K
Sunday, Oct 17	Joseph L. <i>Titus 3:8-15</i>	Sandy A.	Sandy A.	Domitille	L - P
Sunday, Oct 24	Richard C. 2 Cor 9:6-11	Octavian	Azizeh C.	Alina S.	R - Z
Sunday, Oct 31	Michelle C. 2 Cor 11:31- 12:9	Debbie K.	Jerry C.	Zach C.	A - F

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been 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.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

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 26-OCT. 2, 2021

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Sunday, Sept. 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist 1 John 3:21-4:6 / 1 John 4:11-16 / 1 John 4:20-5:5 Mark 16:9-20 / 1 John 4:12-19 / John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

Monday, Sept. 27: Martyr Callistratus & his 49 companions Leviticus 11 / Galatians 1:1-24 / Luke 4:38-44

Tuesday, Sept. 28: Martyr Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs Leviticus 12 / Galatians 2:1-10 / Luke 5:12-16

Wednesday, Sept. 29: Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine Leviticus 13 / Galatians 2:11-21 / Luke 5:27-39

Thursday, Sept. 30: Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia Leviticus 14 / Galatians 3:1-14 / Luke 6:1-11

Friday, Oct. 1: Apostle Ananias of the 70 & Romanos the Melodist Leviticus 15 / Galatians 3:15-29 / Luke 6:12-19

Saturday, Oct. 2: Hieromartyr Cyprian & Virgin Martyr Justina 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5 / Luke 5:17-26

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