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Sunday, October 17, 2021

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

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 Fathers of the 7th Council (Tone 8): Thou O Christ art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful one, glory to Thee!

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 the Holy Fathers

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son: Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fourth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

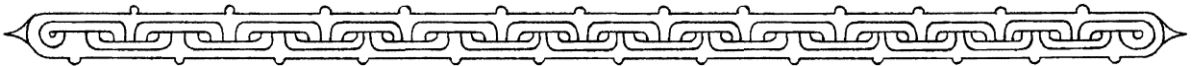
And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved.

“And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

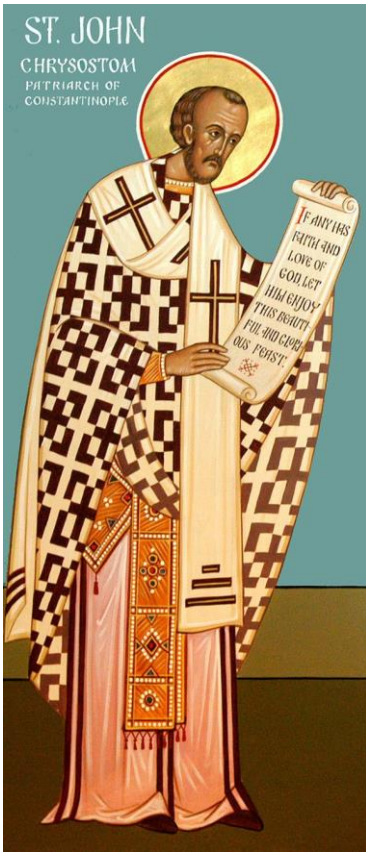
“And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

“And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



:: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ::

Excerpts from a Homily on the Parable of the Sower



For though the devil steals [the seeds] away, yet it rests with us, whether they be caught away; though the plants wither, yet it is not from the heat this takes place (for He did not say, because of the heat it withered, but, because it had no root); although His sayings are choked, it is not because of the thorns, but of them who suffer them to spring up. For there is a way, if you will, to check this evil growth, and to make the right use of our wealth.

Having therefore spoken of the ways of destruction, afterwards He mentions the good ground, not suffering them to despair, but giving a hope of repentance, and indicating that it is possible to change from the things before mentioned into this. ...

Hearing therefore these things, let us fortify ourselves on all sides, regarding His instructions, and striking our roots deep, and cleansing ourselves from all worldly things. But if we do the one, neglecting the other, we shall be nothing bettered; for though we perish not in one way, yet shall we in some other. For what signifies our not being ruined by riches, if we are by indolence: or not by indolence, if we are by softness. For so the husbandman, whether this way or that way he lose his crop, equally bewails himself. Let us not then soothe ourselves upon our not perishing in all these ways, but let it be our grief, in whichever way we are perishing.

And let us burn up the thorns, for they choke the word. And this is known to those rich men, who not for these matters alone, but for others also prove unprofitable. For having become slaves and captives of their pleasures, they are useless even for civil affairs, and if for them, much more for those of Heaven. Yea, and in two ways hereby our thoughts are corrupted; both by the luxury, and by the anxiety too. For either of these by itself were enough to overwhelm the bark; but when even both concur, imagine how high the billow swells. ...

Knowing then these things, let us flee luxury, let us study moderation, that we may both enjoy health of body, and having delivered our soul from all infirmity, may attain unto the good things to come, by the grace and love towards man of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and might forever and ever. Amen.

:: SYNAXARION READING ::

For the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

On this day, we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worships idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons, / Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons!

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

By the intercessions of the Holy Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

"THE LORD HAS BECOME EVERYTHING FOR YOU, AND YOU MUST BECOME EVERYTHING FOR THE LORD."

~ ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This week:

- **Oct. 21-23:** Diocese of Toledo Fall Gathering with Bishop Anthony, in Cincinnati, OH
- **Wednesday, Oct. 20:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, Oct. 23:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Oct. 24:** Matins & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school for all ages.

Mark your calendars:

- **Sunday, Oct. 31:** All Hallows Eve party, 6pm. *Parents and kids, get those saint costumes ready!*

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Many thanks to all who participated in our annual convocation meeting! Congratulations to Richard Coleman, appointed for another 3-year term to the parish council; Herbert Obah, elected to a 3-year term; and Zach Constantinescu, elected to fulfill a 1-year term. Copies of the budget and all reports are available on the bulletin table.

SAINT OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

This year's saint of the year nominees include: St. Nikolai Velimirovic, St. Constantine Brancoveanu, St. Helena of Constantinople, St. Filofteia from Curtea de Arges, St. Alexis D'Ugine, St. Paul of Thebes, and St. Paisios of Mt. Athos. Join us Oct. 31 at 6pm for our All Saints' Eve celebration, where we will elect a saint-of-the-year! Many thanks to Richard Coleman for organizing this.

Volunteer Schedule

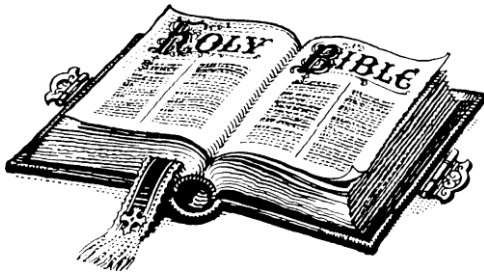
Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday, Oct 17	Joseph L. <i>Titus 3:8-15</i>	Sandy A.	Sandy A.	Domitille	L-P
Sunday, Oct 24	Richard C. <i>2 Cor 9:6-11</i>	Octavian	Azizeh C.	Alina S.	R-Z
Sunday, Oct 31	Doug J. <i>2 Cor 11:31-12:9</i>	Debbie K.	Jerry C.	Zach C.	A-F
Sunday, Nov 7	Michelle C <i>Gal 1:11-19</i>	Pat K	Nancy L	Lydia A	G-K
Sunday, Nov 14	Polycarp <i>1 Cor 4:9-16</i>	Domitille	Sandy A	Domitille	L-P
Sunday, Nov 21	Jim K <i>Heb. 9:1-7</i>	Cristina P	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Wed., Nov 24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Sdn. Joseph <i>Col 3:12-17</i>	Dn Walid	Azizeh C	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
Sunday Nov 28	Paul K <i>Eph 2:4-10</i>	Sandy A	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

OCTOBER 17-23 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, Oct. 17: Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Luke 24:36-53 / Titus 3:8-15 / Luke 8:5-15

Monday, Oct. 18: Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke

Leviticus 26 / Ephesians 4:1-16 / Luke 8:19-25

Tuesday, Oct. 19: Prophet Joel

Joel 3 / Ephesians 4:17-32 / Luke 9:1-17

Wednesday, Oct. 20: Great-Martyr Artemius of Antioch

Leviticus 27 / Ephesians 5:1-21 / Luke 9:18-36

Thursday, Oct. 21: Venerable Hilarion the Great

Numbers 1 / Ephesians 5:22-6:9 / Luke 9:37-50

Friday, Oct. 22: Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis

Numbers 2 / Ephesians 6:10-24 / Luke 9:51-62

Saturday, Oct. 23: Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

James 1:5-18 / Matthew 13:54-58

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