

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 24, 2021

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am Sixth Sunday of St. Luke's Gospel • Martyr Al-Haarith of Arabia



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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.'

Troparion for St. Al-Haarith and his companions (Tone 1): Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Friend of man.

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous. The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11)

Brethren, the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Let each one do according to what he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you; that you, having always all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now He, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in all things for every generosity, which works through us thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

For the Sixth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:26-39)

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man, for many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert. Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed.

Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.



:: ST. THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE ::

On the Gadarene Demoniac

After the Gadarene who was possessed with devils was healed, he cleaved to the Lord and desired to be with Him always. Then, upon hearing His will, he went and preached throughout the whole city about the good things he had received. The Benefactor attracted him; His will became law for the one who received the benefaction, and the man's tongue could not resist proclaiming what had been received from Him.

If only we were to keep in mind all the good things which we have received and are receiving from the Lord, there would be no ungrateful people among us. There would be no transgressors of His holy will, nor would there be people who do not love Him more than all else. Through baptism we are saved from our ancestral sin and of all its misfortune. In repentance, we are constantly washed from the sins that unremittingly cling to us. Through God's providence, we are preserved from dangers which are not often visible to us, and we receive a direction for our life which is safer for us, and more favorable to our goals. Besides, all that we possess is from the Lord.

That is why we must belong to the Lord with our whole soul, fulfill His will in all things, and glorify His most holy name – especially in our life and deeds, so that we might not fall behind the Gadarene who had been possessed by devils, who immediately proved himself to be so wise that he became an example worthy of everyone's imitation.



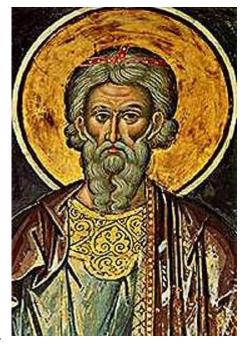
:: GREAT-MARTYR AL-HAARITH (ARETHAS) OF ARABIA ::

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The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia, when King Dunaan decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negran the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction."

Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of



Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God."

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life!"

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.

Announcements and upcoming Events

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

This week:

- Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri.: Morning prayers, 9am.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27: Vespers, 7pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 30: Vespers, 7pm.
- Sunday, Oct. 31: St. John Kochurov of Chicago. Matins & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school for all ages.

ALL SAINTS' EVE

All are welcome to join us **Sunday evening, Oct. 31, at 5:30pm** for our annual All Saints Eve party! The evening will include:



- Potluck meal: Please bring a dish or dessert to share!
- Pumpkin/gourd contest: Whatever your level of artistic talent, consider painting or carving a pumpkin or gourd to enter! (Christian themes/artwork/symbols only, please!)
- Costume contest: Kids of all ages (and adults if you are so inclined) are invited to dress up as saints or Bible characters. Bring a riddle, poem, or clues so we can guess who you are!
- Saint of the Year booklet and election.

This year's saint of the year nominees include: St. Nikolai Velimirovic, St. Constantine Brancoveaneu, St. Helena of Constantinople, St. Filofteia from Curtea de Arges, St. Alexis D'Ugine, St. Paul of Thebes, and St. Paisios of Mt. Athos.

Thank you to JoAnne T. our event coordinator, and to Richard C. for putting together the booklet and nominations.

Volunteer Schedule

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

^{*}Asterisks denote fasting days (no meat or dairy).



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 24-31, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, Oct. 24: Great Martyr Al-Haarith of Arabia

John 20:1-10 / 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 / Luke 8:26-39

Monday, Oct. 25: St. Tabitha of Joppa

Numbers 3 / Philippians 1:1-7 / Luke 10:1-16

Tuesday, Oct. 26: St. Demetrios of Thessaloniki

Numbers 4 / Philippians 1:8-14 / Luke 10:17-24

For St. Demetrios: Isaiah 63:15-64:9 / Jeremiah 2:2-12 / Wisdom 4:7-15

Luke 21:12-19 / 2 Timothy 2:1-10 / John 15:17-16:2

Wednesday, Oct. 27: Martyr Nestor of Thessaloniki

Numbers 5 / Philippians 1:12-20 / Luke 10:25-37

Thursday, Oct. 28: Holy Martyrs Terrence and Eunice

Numbers 6 / Philippians 1:20-27 / Luke 11:1-13

Friday, Oct. 29: Anastasia the Martyr of Rome

Numbers 7 / Philippians 1:27-2:4 / Luke 11:14-26

Saturday, Oct. 30: Holy Martyrs Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia

1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 / Luke 8:16-21

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