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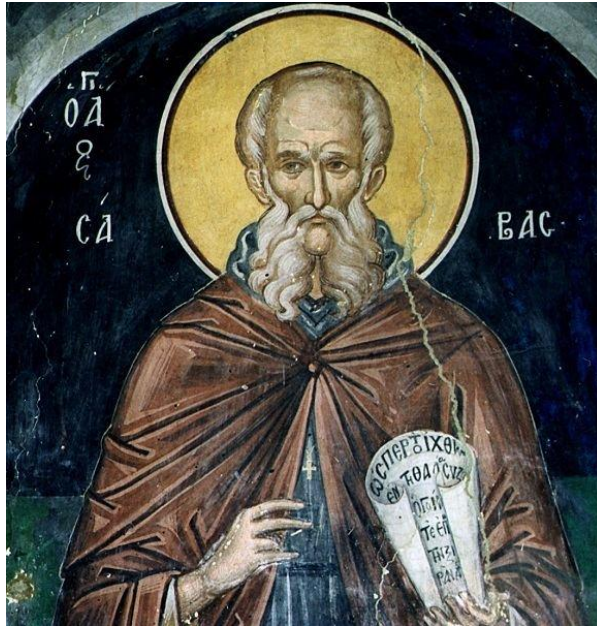
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Sunday, December 5, 2021

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

St. Sabbas the Sanctified • Tenth Sunday of St. Luke



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7): Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief! Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Troparion for St. Sabbas (Tone 8): The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Sabbas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion for Advent (Tone 3): Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O universe, if thou should hear; and glorify with the angels and the shepherds! Glorify Him who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and who is our God before all ages!

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. Sabbas the Sanctified

The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a person is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should

restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

For the Tenth Sunday of Luke

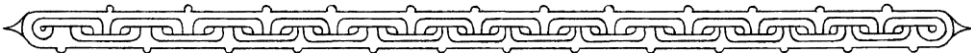
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.



"DO NOT DESPISE ANY MAN, HOWEVER POOR HE MAY BE; BUT BEHAVE WITH FULL RESPECT AND KINDNESS TO EVERY WELL-INTENTIONED MAN, ESPECIALLY TO THE POOR, AS TO OUR MEMBERS WORTHY OF COMPASSION—OR RATHER, TO MEMBERS OF CHRIST—OTHERWISE YOU WILL CRUELLY WOUND YOUR SOUL. O, HOW EASY IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE TO LIVE IN SIMPLICITY AND LOVE, AND YET HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR OUR CORRUPT HEARTS TO LIVE IN LOVE! AT EVERY STEP THERE IS A PRETEXT FOR ENMITY AGAINST OUR BROTHER."

--ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT

:: THE NATIVITY FAST ::

Abbot Tryphon

FAST from self-concern and FEAST on compassion for others.

FAST from discouragement and FEAST on hope.

FAST from lethargy and FEAST on enthusiasm.

FAST from suspicion and FEAST on truth.

FAST from thoughts that weaken and FEAST on promises that inspire.

FAST from shadows of sorrow and FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.

FAST from idle gossip and FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from problems that overwhelm you and FEAST on prayer that sustains.

FAST from criticism and FEAST on praise.

FAST from self-pity and FEAST on joy.

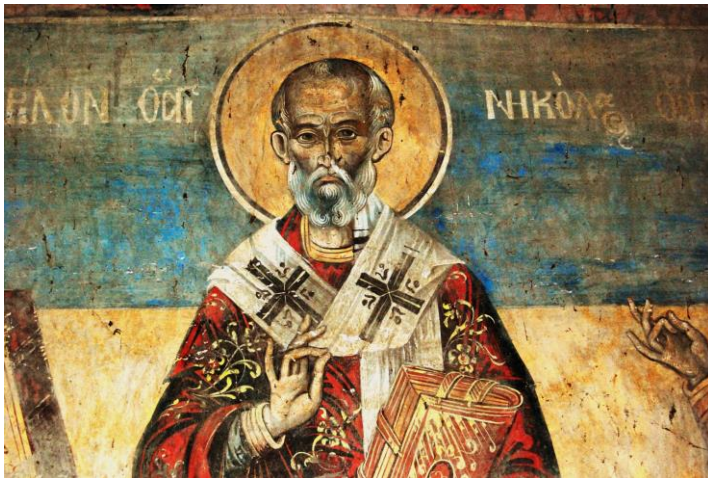
FAST from ill-temper and FEAST on peace.

FAST from resentment and FEAST on contentment.

FAST from jealousy and FEAST on love.

FAST from pride and FEAST on humility.

FAST from selfishness and FEAST on service.



:: ST. SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED ::

Adapted from www.oca.org

Saint Sabbas was born in the fifth century at Cappadocia of pious Christian parents, John and Sophia. Journeying to Alexandria on military matters, John and Sophia left their five-year-old son Sabbas in the care of an uncle. When the boy reached eight years of age, he entered the monastery of Saint Flavian located nearby. The gifted child quickly learned to read and became an expert on the Holy Scriptures. In vain did his parents urge Sabbas to return to the world and enter into marriage.

When he was seventeen years old he received monastic tonsure, and attained such perfection in fasting and prayer that he was given the gift of wonderworking. After spending ten years at the monastery of Saint Flavian, he went to Jerusalem to learn from the great Saint Euthymius, who then sent Sabbas to a nearby monastery with a strict cenobitic rule. Sabbas lived in obedience at this monastery until the age of thirty.

After the death of the monastery elder, Sabbas left to seclude himself in a cave. On Saturdays, however, he left his hermitage and came to the monastery, where he participated in divine services and ate with the brethren. After a certain time he received permission not to leave his hermitage at all, and he struggled in the cave for five years.

Saint Euthymius attentively directed the life of the young monk, and seeing his spiritual maturity, he began to take him to the Rouba wilderness with him. They set out on January 14, and remained there until Palm Sunday. Saint Euthymius called Saint Sabbas a child-elder, and encouraged him to grow in the monastic virtues.

Saint Euthymius fell asleep in the Lord in 473, and Sabbas moved to a cave near the monastery of Saint Gerasimus of Jordan. After several years, disciples began to gather around him, seeking the monastic life. As the number of monks increased, a lavra sprang up.

Saint Sabbas founded several more monasteries. Many miracles took place through his prayers: at the lavra a spring of water welled up, during a time of drought there was abundant rain, and there were also healings of the sick and the demoniacs. Saint Sabbas also composed the first monastic rule of church services, known as the Jerusalem Typikon. The saint surrendered his soul to God in the year 532.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- **A visit from St. Nicholas, after Divine Liturgy!** In keeping with the generous spirit of the saint, please bring food items to donate to our Advent food drive (see note below).
- **Church School** will follow coffee hour as usual.

This week:

- Confession, anointing, and other pastoral services will be available after every listed service, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 8:** Vespers for St. Nicholas & Conception of the Theotokos, 7pm.
- **Saturday, Dec. 11:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Dec. 12:** Matins & Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: We are blessed again to be able to participate in an Advent food drive for the poor in our city. **From Saturday, Nov. 13 to Sunday, Dec. 12, please bring any donations of non-perishable foods.** These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need to be cooked or heated, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center).

Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. (Remember if you use Amazon to order donations, use Amazon Smile with All Saints as the recipient.) Also, monetary donations are also accepted, please write 'food drive' on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

NATIVITY FAST: The Orthodox Nativity Fast (Advent) began Monday, Nov. 15, and lasts until Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and generosity during this time! If you are able, abstain from meat and dairy products, but please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions or concerns about keeping the fast.

All Orthodox Christians should also make it to confession during this holy season. If you desire to confess to another Orthodox priest outside of our parish, that is generally fine, but let Fr. Andrew know.

Volunteer Schedule

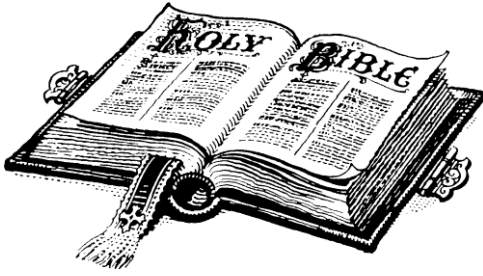
Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Dec. 5*	Joseph L. <i>Gal 5:22-6:2</i>	Octavian	Nancy L	Lydia A	G-K
Sun, Dec. 12*	Richard C. <i>Eph 5:8-19</i>	Debbie K	Sandy A	Domitille	L-P
Sun, Dec. 19*	Michelle C <i>Heb 11:1-40</i>	Pat K	Domitille	Alina C	R-Z
Fri, Dec 24	Sdn Joseph <i>Gal 4:4-7</i>	Domitille	Azizeh		
Sun, Dec 26	Polycarp <i>Gal 1:11-19</i>	Cristina P	Jerry C	Zach C	A-F
Fri, Dec 31	Doug J <i>Col 2:8-12</i>	Dn Walid	Nancy L		

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.

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



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 5-11, 2021

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Sunday, Dec. 5: St Sabbas the Sanctified of Palestine

Mark 16:1-8 / Galatians 5:22-6:2 / Luke 13:10-17

Monday, Dec. 6: St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker of Myra

Numbers 30 / 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 / Luke 13:31-35

For St. Nicholas: Proverbs 10:23-33 / Proverbs 11:1-12 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

John 10:9-16 / Hebrews 13:17-21 / Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, Dec. 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Numbers 31 / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 / Luke 14:1-14

Wednesday, Dec. 8: Patapius the Righteous of Thebes

Numbers 32 / 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 / Luke 14:15-24

Thursday, Dec. 9: Conception of the Holy Theotokos by St. Anna

Numbers 33 / 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 / Luke 14:25-35

For the Conception: Galatians 4:22-31 / Luke 8:16-21

Friday, Dec. 10: Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, & Eucraphus

Numbers 34 / 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 / Luke 15:1-10

Saturday, Dec. 11: Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople

Galatians 1:1-10 / Luke 13:18-30

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