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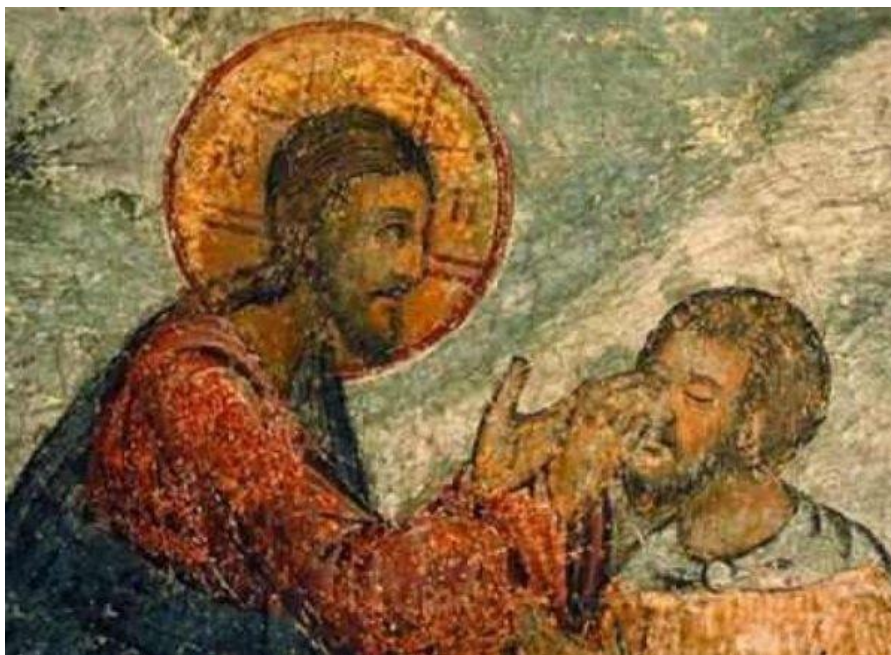
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Sunday, January 23, 2022

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

14th Sunday of St. Luke • Hiero-Martyr Clement of Ancyra



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion to St. Clement of Ancyra (Tone 4): Thou didst blossom forth for the faithful, O most sacred Clement, as a branch of holiness, a staff of contest, a most sacred flower, and a sweet God-given fruit. But as a fellow-sufferer of martyrs and a fellow-prelate of hierarchs, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion for the Presentation (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us. Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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 Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord, my God.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (1:15-17)

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.





THE HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT was born in the Galatian city of Ancyra in the year 258, of a pagan father and a Christian mother. He lost his father when he was an infant, and his mother when he was twelve. She predicted a martyr's death for him because of his belief in Christ.

A woman named Sophia adopted him and raised him in the fear of God. During a terrible famine in Galatia several pagans turned out their own children, not having the means to feed them. Sophia took in these unfortunates, and fed and clothed them. Saint Clement assisted her in this. He taught the children and prepared them for Baptism. Many of them died as martyrs for Christ.

Saint Clement was made a reader, and later a deacon. When he was eighteen he was ordained to the holy priesthood, and at age twenty he was consecrated Bishop of Ancyra. Soon afterwards the persecution against Christians under Diocletian (284-305) broke out.

Bishop Clement was denounced as a Christian and arrested. Dometian, the governor of Galatia, tried to make the saint worship the pagan gods, but Saint Clement firmly confessed his faith and valiantly withstood all the tortures.

They suspended him on a tree, and raked his body with sharp iron instruments so that his entrails could be seen. They smashed his mouth with stones, and they turned him on a wheel and burned him over a low fire. The Lord preserved His sufferer and healed his lacerated body.

Then Dometian sent the saint to Rome to the emperor Diocletian himself, with a report that Bishop Clement had been fiercely tortured, but had proven unyielding. Diocletian, seeing the martyr completely healthy, did not believe the report and subjected him to even crueler tortures, and then had him locked up in prison.

Many of the pagans, seeing the bravery of the saint and the miraculous healing of his wounds, believed in Christ. People flocked to Saint Clement in prison for guidance, healing and baptism, so that the prison was literally transformed into a church. When word of this reached the emperor, many of these new Christians were executed.

Diocletian, struck by the amazing endurance of Saint Clement, sent him to Nicomedia to his co-emperor Maximian. On the ship, the saint was joined by his disciple Agathangelus, who had avoided being executed with the other confessors, and who now wanted to suffer and die for Christ with Bishop Clement.

The emperor Maximian in turn sent Saints Clement and Agathangelus to the governor Agrippina, who subjected them to such inhuman torments, that even the pagan on-lookers felt pity for the martyrs and they began to pelt the torturers with stones.

Having been set free, the saints healed an inhabitant of the city through the laying on of hands and they baptized and instructed people, thronging to them in multitudes. Arrested again on orders of Maximian, they were sent home to Ancyra, where the ruler Cyrenius had them tortured. Then they were sent to the city of Amasea to the proconsul Dometius, known for his great cruelty.

Saint Agathangelus was beheaded with the sword on November 5. The Christians of Ancyra freed Saint Clement from prison and took him to a cave church. There, after celebrating Liturgy, the saint announced to the faithful the impending end of the persecution and his own martyrdom. On January 23, the holy hierarch was killed by soldiers from the city, who stormed the church. The saint was beheaded as he stood before the altar and offered the Bloodless Sacrifice. Two deacons, Christopher and Chariton, were beheaded with him, but no one else was harmed.

~ Adapted from www.oca.org



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Upcoming services and events:

- **Today:** Sanctity of Life prayer service, 6pm, at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (6980 S. County Line Rd., in Burr Ridge).
- **This week:** House blessings continue! (See note below.)
- Confession, anointing, holy communion, and any other priestly service will be available as needed after any posted service or by appointment.
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Saturday, Jan. 29:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Jan. 30:** Matins & Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour & church school

Thank you from the Kishlers: Many thanks to all of you for your Christmas greetings, cards, and thoughtful gifts. We deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness, and we wish you all of God's blessings in the coming year!

House blessings: It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest between January 6 and the beginning of Great Lent each year. It is not necessary to feed or pay the priest, and you are certainly not required to have his entire family over. Please see Fr. Andrew to set up an appointment; if you would rather wait until spring or summer due to COVID or other concerns, you are certainly free to do so.

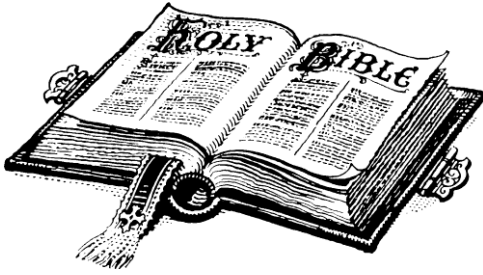
All Saints Icon Workshop: We will once again host an iconography workshop, the subject being the "Sweet Kissing" icon of the Theotokos. Instructor Eva Walter teaches both the technique and theology of iconography. Participants will meet in the church hall for a full day on Saturdays through Lent, March 12 through April 16, 2022. Students of all skill levels are welcome; no prior experience is needed. The cost of \$350 includes all materials and instruction. For more information, please contact Eva Walter (847-903-8476 or walter.fam@sbcglobal.net).

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Jan. 23	Richard C <i>1Tim 1:15-17</i>	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun., Jan. 30	Michele C <i>Heb 13:7-16</i>	Cristina P	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K
Tues., Feb. 1 <i>Presentation</i>	Sd Joseph	Dn Walid	Domitille		
Sun., Feb 6	Polycarp	Sandy A	Azizeh	Domitille	L-P
Sun., Feb 13	Doug J	Octavian F	Dave B	Alina S	R-Z
Sun, Feb 20	Jim K	Debbie K	Nancy L	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.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY 23-29, 2022

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Sunday, Jan. 23: Hieromartyr Clement of Ancyra

John 20:19-31 / 1 Timothy 1:15-17 / Luke 18:35-43

Monday, Jan. 24: Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Deuteronomy 5 / James 2:14-26 / Mark 8:27-9:1

Tuesday, Jan. 25: Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

Deuteronomy 6 / James 3:1-12 / Mark 9:2-13

Wednesday, Jan. 26: Xenophon & his companions

Deuteronomy 7 / James 3:13-4:10 / Mark 9:14-32

Thursday, Jan. 27: Relics of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

Deuteronomy 8 / James 4:11-5:6 / Mark 9:33-50

Friday, Jan. 28: Ephraim the Syrian & Isaac, Bishop of Nineveh

Deuteronomy 9 / James 5:7-20 / Mark 10:1-12

Saturday, Jan. 29: Relics of Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 / Luke 16:10-15

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