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Sunday, February 27, 2022

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

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-Fare)



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Kontakion for the Last Judgment (Tone 1): When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed: Deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

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 Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me!

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not bring us closer to God; for neither if we eat, are we the better, nor if we do not eat, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this authority of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if any one sees you, as someone who has knowledge, reclining at a table in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of the one who is weak be emboldened to eat of the things sacrificed to idols, and through your knowledge the weak brother perishes, for whom Christ died? And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will not eat meat forever, lest I cause my brother to stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ

our Lord? Are not you my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of my apostleship are you in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of the Last Judgment

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left.

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’

Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?’

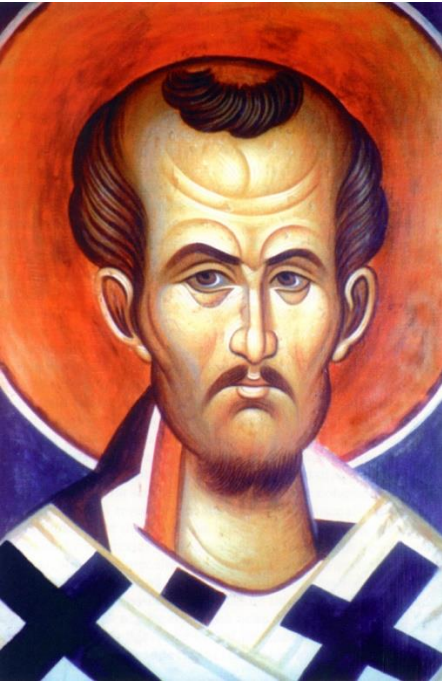
And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

Then He will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?’

Then He will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP & GOATS



But mark then, how [the goats] are destitute not of one or two things only, but of all. For not only did they fail to feed the hungry, or clothe the naked; but not even did they visit the sick, which was an easier thing.

And mark how easy are His injunctions! He said not, "I was in prison, and you set me free; I was sick, and you raised me up again." But rather: "You visited me," and, "you came to me." And neither in hunger is the thing commanded grievous. For no costly table did He seek, but what is needful only, and His necessary food, and He sought in a suppliant's garb, so that all things were enough to bring punishment on them.

Mark the easiness of the request, for it was bread; the pitiable character of Him that requested, for He was poor. Mark the sympathy of nature, for He was a man; the desirableness of the promise, for He promised a kingdom. Mark the fearfulness of the punishment, for

He threatened hell. Mark the dignity of the one receiving, for it was God, who was receiving by the poor. ...

But against all these things covetousness once for all blinded them that were seized by it; and this though so great a threat was set against it. ... For this reason they are brethren, because they are lowly, because they are poor, because they are outcast. For such doth He most invite to brotherhood, the unknown, the contemptible, not meaning by these the monks only, and them that have occupied the mountains, but every believer; though he be a secular person, yet if he be hungry, and famishing, and naked, and a stranger, His will is he should have the benefit of all this care. For baptism renders a man a brother, and the partaking of the divine mysteries.



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:

- Confession, anointing, Holy Communion, and any other priestly service will be available as needed after any posted service or by appointment.
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, March 2:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, March 5:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, March 6:** Forgiveness Sunday. Matins & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by Sunday school and coffee hour.

A NOTE ON LENTEN FASTING

Today – the **Sunday of the Last Judgment** – is known as *meat-fare*, the last day for meat until Pascha. Next Sunday is **Forgiveness Sunday**, or *cheese-fare*, the last day for dairy and eggs, for those able to keep the full fast. Alcohol and olive oils are traditionally permitted on the weekends during Lent. Don't worry about restricting fish, don't read food labels, and of course don't pay any attention to what others are eating or not eating! Talk to Fr. Andrew if you have any questions about fasting.

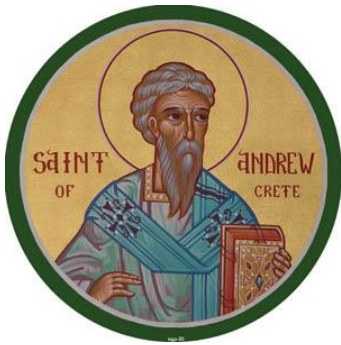
Remember, the point of fasting is to simplify our lives so we have more time to pray, repent, and attend church services (Matthew 6), and so that we have more food and resources to give to the hungry (Isaiah 58). Remember also to pick up a **“Food for Hungry People”** coin box, and use it throughout the season!

TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS

Our Chicago pan-jurisdictional **Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers** will be held at St. George Church in Cicero, Sunday evening, March 13, at 6:30pm. Guest preacher will be His Grace Bishop Maxim of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Services for the First Week of Lent

March 6-12 - Each evening at 7pm



Sunday, March 6:

Forgiveness Vespers

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14-15)

Monday, March 7:

Compline with part 1 of the Canon of Repentance

Tuesday, March 8:

Compline with part 2 of the Canon of Repentance

Wednesday, March 9:

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday, March 10:

Compline with part 3 of the Canon of Repentance

Friday, March 11:

Compline with part 4 of the Canon of Repentance



**"O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE: TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF SLOTH,
DESPAIR, LUST OF POWER AND IDLE TALK.**

**"BUT GIVE RATHER THE SPIRIT OF CHASTITY, HUMILITY, PATIENCE, AND LOVE TO
THY SERVANT.**

**"YEA, O LORD AND KING: GRANT ME TO SEE MY OWN TRANSGRESSIONS, AND NOT
TO JUDGE MY BROTHER, FOR BLESSED ART THOU UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN."**

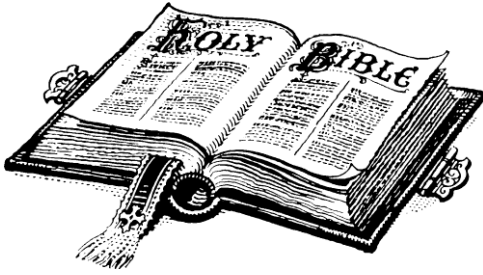
~ ST. EPHRAIM'S LENTEN PRAYER

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Reader | Prosphora | Greeter | Coffee | Food |
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| Sun, Feb 27 | Paul K | Pat K | Domitille | Lydia A | G-K |
| Sun, March 6 <i>Forgiveness</i> | Jason L | Domitille | Sandy A | Domitille | L-P |
| Wed, Mar 9 <i>Presanctified</i> | | Cristina P | Azizeh C | n/a | Potluck |
| Sun, Mar 13 <i>Orthodoxy</i> | Joseph L | Dn Walid | Dave B | Alina S | R-Z |
| Wed, Mar 16 <i>Presanctified</i> | | Cristina P | Nancy L | n/a | Potluck |
| Sun, Mar 20 <i>St Gregory</i> | Richard C | Sandy A | Domitille | Zach C | A-F |
| Thurs, Mar 24 <i>Annunciation</i> | Doug J | Debbie K | Sandy A | n/a | Potluck |
| Sun, Mar 27 <i>Holy Cross</i> | Michelle C | Pat K | Azizeh C | Lydia A | G-K |

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

FEBRUARY 20-26, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

This marks the fourth and final week of our pre-Lenten preparation. We finish reading the Epistles this week with 3 John and Jude, while the Gospel readings relate the Passion story from St. Luke. Old Testament readings take us to the end of Deuteronomy, with some special prescribed readings from Joel and Zechariah.

Sunday, Feb. 27: Last Judgment (Meat-Fare)

Mark 16:9-20 / 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 / Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, Feb. 28: Righteous John Cassian the Confessor

Deuteronomy 32 / 3 John / Luke 19:29-48

Tuesday, March 1: St. David, Archbishop of Wales

Deuteronomy 33 / Jude 1:1-10 / Luke 22:1-30

Wednesday, March 2: St. Hesychius the Martyr

Joel 2:12-27 / Joel 3:9-21 (4:9-21 OSB) / Luke 22:31-65

Thursday, March 3: Nonnita, mother of Saint David of Wales

Deuteronomy 34 / Jude 1:11-25 / Luke 22:66-23:25

Friday, March 4: St. Gerasimus of Jordan

Zechariah 8:7-17 / Zechariah 8:18-23 / Luke 23:26-56

Saturday, March 5: St. Mark the Ascetic

Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27 / Matthew 6:1-13

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