



ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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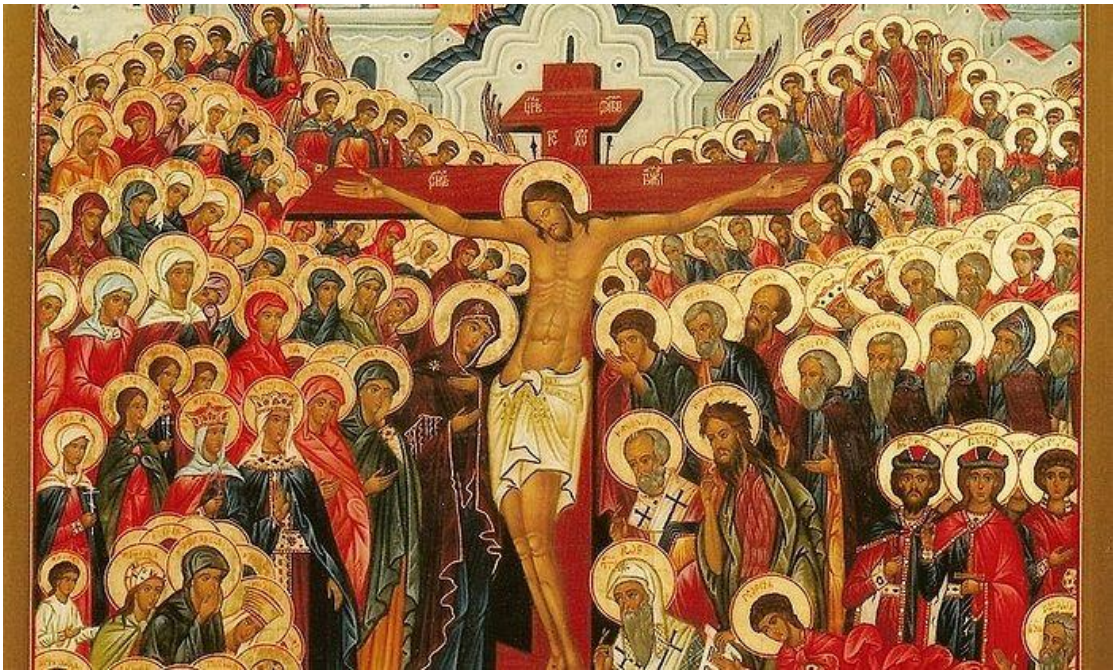
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Sunday, June 19, 2022

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

All Saints Sunday



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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 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.

Kontakion of All Saints (Tone 8): As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, the world presents the God-bearing martyred saints in offering unto Thee, O Lord. Through their earnest entreaties, keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, through the pure Theotokos, O Thou who art greatly merciful.

THE EPISTLE

For the Sunday of All Saints

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

For the Sunday of All Saints

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

“He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”



:: ON THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ::

Adapted from www.oca.org

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy." Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

How many categories of saints does the Church recognize? **Saint Peter of Damascus**, in his *"Fourth Stage of Contemplation,"* mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* Vol. 3, p.131). **Saint Nikodemos of the Holy Mountain** adds "the Righteous" to Saint Peter's five categories, in his book *The Fourteen Epistles of Saint Paul*. The hymnology for the feast of All Saints actually lists six categories: "*Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous....*"

Some of the saints are described as *Confessors*, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to

come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: *“Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men.”*

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living “in the world.” Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Joachim and Anna, Joseph the Betrothed, Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

This week at All Saints:

- **Today:** Potluck and ice cream social after Divine Liturgy, in honor of our patronal feast day
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am. *At Friday's morning prayers (June 24), we will observe the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.*
- **Wednesday, June 22:** Akathist Hymn to the Holy Apostles, 7pm
- **Saturday, June 25:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Sunday, June 26:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- **Tuesday, June 28:** Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, 7pm. *The Apostles' Fast ends after this Eucharist, so the potluck meal afterwards may include meat and dairy.*

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: Paschal season special donations totals: \$4,739.14 has been donated for the Food for the Hungry program, and \$1,111 towards the Patriarchal Tray. Thank you to all who made this happen!

APOSTLES' FAST: Each year, the Church observes a penitential season starting on the Monday after All Saints Day (June 20), ending after the Liturgy for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29). Please observe the usual fasting discipline during this time as you are able. Let us use this holy time to remember the sufferings of the Holy Apostles, and to pray for the furtherance of the Apostolic Gospel here and around the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING: If you taught church school (acclimation through high school) this past year, or are planning to teach next school year, please plan to stay after Liturgy on **Sunday, June 26** for a meeting. See Melissa W. if you have any questions.

CAMP ST. GEORGE: Our diocesan summer camp resumes this year for ages 9 through high school, **July 3-9** at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

KIDS SUMMER BIBLE CAMP: St. George Church in Cicero is once again hosting a children's summer Bible camp, **July 11-14** (Mon.-Thurs.), for ages 6 to 12. Register online at www.stgeorgechi.com/camp.

The wedding of **Michael Almisry & Allison Plyer** will be at New Gracanica Monastery, **Sunday, August 21** at 3pm. The address is 35249 W. Grant Ave., Third Lake, IL 60046.

BISHOP ANTHONY'S VISIT: Mark your calendars! His Grace Bishop ANTHONY will be here at All Saints on **Sunday, August 7** for a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday June 19 <i>All Saints</i>	Richard C.	Cristina P	Sandy A	Lydia A	<i>All-church potluck</i>
Sun June 26	Michelle C	Dn Walid	Azizeh C	Alina S	A-F
Tues June 28 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	Subd Joseph	Sandy A	Nancy L		<i>Potluck</i>

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

JUNE 19-25, 2022

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Sunday, June 19: All Saints Day

Isaiah 43:9-14 / Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 / Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
Matthew 28:16-20 / Hebrews 11:33-12:2 / Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Monday, June 20: Nicholas Cabasilas of Thessaloniki

Joshua 6 / Romans 3:1-20 / Matthew 6:1-18

Tuesday, June 21: Julian the Martyr of Tarsus

Joshua 7 / Romans 3:21-4:12 / Matthew 6:19-34

Wednesday, June 22: Alban the Proto-martyr of Britain

Joshua 8 / Romans 4:13-25 / Matthew 7:1-29

Thursday, June 23: Mark, Bishop of Ephesus

Joshua 9 / Romans 5:1-11 / Matthew 8:1-17

Friday, June 24: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Genesis 17:15-19; 18:9-15; 21:1-8 / Judges 13:2-25 / Isaiah 40:1-11
Romans 13:11-14:4 / Luke 1:24-25; 1:57-80

Saturday, June 25: Righteous Martyr Febronia

Romans 6:1-23 / Matthew 9:9-17

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