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Sunday, June 26, 2022

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost • Ven. David of Thessalonica



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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.’

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek; for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law; and as many as have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law (for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God but the doers of the Law are justified. For when the nations who do not have the Law do by nature the things contained in the Law, these then, in spite of not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, and their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them) in the day when God judges the secrets of persons, according to my gospel, through Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL

For the Second Sunday of St. Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: DELIGHTING IN THE HEAVENLY FOOD

His Grace Bishop THOMAS and Fr. David Hyatt

Receive me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

This summer many of the clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese will be looking to attend various events and activities – such as summer camps, retreats and conferences, clergy gatherings, and the like. There are a growing number of opportunities, so we need to consider what will be the most fruitful for us in our life as Orthodox Christians. I would like to recommend that we participate in events where the services of the Church are celebrated, and the sacraments are served for the healing of soul and body.

When I was growing up my mother used to tell my sister and me that breakfast was "the most important meal of the day." As the argument goes, your brain needs the fuel in order to do well in school or work, or whatever tasks that lay ahead in the day. Whether breakfast is your favorite meal of the day or not, I think you would agree that the food we eat affects the health of our bodies. If we eat good food, then our bodies are strengthened by good nutrition; but if we eat bad food, then our bodies are weakened by this poor nutrition or worse, made ill by the unhealthy ingredients we ingest. If breakfast is considered the most

important meal of the day by some, how much more is the Holy Eucharist the most important meal of our whole lives!

In his letter to the Church in Rome, as he is being led to his martyrdom, St. Ignatius, the third bishop of Antioch, wrote: *"I have no delight in corruptible food, nor in the pleasures of this life. I desire the bread of God, the heavenly bread, the bread of life, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ the Son of God...and I desire the drink of God, namely His blood, which is incorruptible love and eternal life."*

For St. Ignatius there was only one meal, one food, that was truly life sustaining and worthy of being desired. Even as he suffered the indignity of arrest and transport to his ultimate execution, this God-bearing Father was singularly focused on his desire for union with Christ. As the pleasures of this life were beginning to fade away, the joys of the heavenly kingdom were becoming more desirable. No longing for days gone by. No reminiscing about past vacations or entertaining gatherings. Instead, a pure and profound delight in the heavenly food.

How strange it would be for a clergyman, parish, or parishioner to disregard the Bread of Life, Christ God, in favor of earthly morsels, to drink deeply of the perishable cup instead of the chalice of eternal life. Unfortunately, this is what some of us do.

One way that we disregard our Lord is when we casually attend the divine services, rather than ordering our life around them. It is a great temptation in our day, with so many distractions, to choose to attend the divine services only when they fit within our already busy schedule. Prioritizing work, hobbies, athletic competitions, youth activities, etc., over attendance of the divine services teaches our children and grandchildren that the sacraments and divine services are not as important as other worldly pursuits. Does our worship of the Holy Trinity come after our worship of sports, fun, or money? Is our worthy reception of the Holy Mysteries less important than being filled with the temporary pleasures of the world? God forbid! Instead, as faithful Orthodox Christians, we order our life around Christ and His Church. ...

A second way that we disregard our Lord is when we receive the Holy Mysteries without serious preparation. Confession, prayer, and fasting are the primary ways that we are called to prepare ourselves to worthily receive the Holy Mysteries, most especially the Eucharist. Far from becoming a routine and mindless activity, our receiving of the immaculate Body and precious Blood of our Lord, and God, and Savior, Jesus Christ should be done in a worthy and reverent manner. St. Paul writes, *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks*

judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) What heavenly joy there is in worthily receiving the Eucharist, the Heavenly Food, through which we receive life. For Jesus said, *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."* (John 6:53-54)

A third way that we disregard our Lord is by receiving the Holy Mysteries while turning away from Christ with our lives. St. John of Shanghai and San Francisco writes, *"...for union with Christ, the mere conjoining of our body with the Body of Christ does not suffice. The consumption of the Body of Christ becomes beneficial when in spirit we strive towards Him and unite ourselves with Him."* It is not enough for us simply to go to church and receive the Holy Mysteries, but then leave and go back to living our lives in a way that is separated from Christ. ...

When we come to the Church to receive the Holy Mysteries – Eucharist, Unction, and Confession most poignantly – for the healing of our souls and bodies, we are engaging in the most important activities of this life. While family vacations, camps, and conferences can be important times of refreshment and growth, they should never replace our participation in the divine services and reception of the mysteries. The ultimate life-giving refreshment is found only in Jesus Christ and His Church.

In the Gospel according to St. John, Jesus says, *"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.... For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."* Then they said to Him, *"Lord, give us this bread always."* And Jesus said to them, *"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."* (John 6:27, 33-35)

What greater activity can we engage in to rejuvenate our souls than the divine services? What meal is more refreshing and nourishing to our souls than the Body and Blood of our Lord?

Brothers and Sisters, let us order ourselves aright in all our activities, regarding the divine services as vital points of participation in the heavenly worship. Let us center our lives on the Holy Liturgy which brings us to the Holy Altar on which rests the Body and Blood of our Lord. Let us receive the Holy Mysteries with a pure heart and childlike faith that anticipates the outpouring of grace from the All-Holy Spirit. May we with a sincere heart be able to say with the Prophet King David, *"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere."*

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:** Sunday school teachers meeting, after Liturgy and coffee hour. *If you taught church school (acclimation through high school) this past year, or are planning to teach in the fall, please plan to stay. See Melissa W. if you have any questions.*
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Tuesday, June 28:** Vespertal 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.*
- *No Wednesday Vespers this week.*
- **Saturday, July 2:** Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm
- **Sunday, July 3:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am.

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!
- **Louis Corey** (son of Gabe and Lisa) is currently at University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and is raising funds for his football team. Please consider helping him out if you are willing! Checks may be made to All Saints Church, with "Louis Corey" in the memo line.

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 Apostles, and to pray for the furtherance of the Apostolic Gospel here and around the world.

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

BISHOP ANTHONY'S VISIT: Bishop Anthony will be at Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville for their feast day, **Saturday, Aug. 6**, for Matins and Divine Liturgy

at 9am. His Grace will be with us at All Saints for Saturday evening Vespers and for Sunday Matins & Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, Aug. 7.**

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.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun June 26	Michelle C	Dn Walid	Azizeh C	Alina S	A-F
Tues June 28 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	Sbdn Joseph	Sandy A	Nancy L		<i>Potluck</i>
Sun July 3	Polycarp	Octavian	Sandy A	Domitille	G-K
Sun July 10	Doug J.	Debbie K	Domitille	Zach C	L-P
Sun July 17	Jim K	Pat K	Azizeh C	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun July 24	Paul K	Domitille	Nancy L	Alina S	A-F
Sun July 31	Jason L	Cristina P	Sandy A	Domitille	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

JUNE 26–JULY 2, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, June 26: Venerable David of Thessalonica

Mark 16:1-8 / Romans 2:10-16 / Matthew 4:18-23

Monday June 27: St. Samson the Hospitable

Joshua 10 / Romans 7:1-12 / Matthew 9:18-38

Tuesday, June 28: Sergius and Herman, Founders of Valaam Monastery

Joshua 11 / Romans 7:13-8:2 / Matthew 10:1-15

Wednesday, June 29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

Joshua 12 / Romans 8:1-11 / Matthew 10:16-23

For the Apostles: John 21:14-25 / 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 / Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday, June 30: Syanxis of the Twelve Apostles

Joshua 13 / Romans 8:12-27 / Matthew 10:24-31

Friday, July 1: Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

Joshua 14 / Romans 8:28-39 / Matthew 10:32-11:1

Saturday, July 2: John Maximovitch, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco

Romans 9:1-15 / Matthew 11:1-19

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