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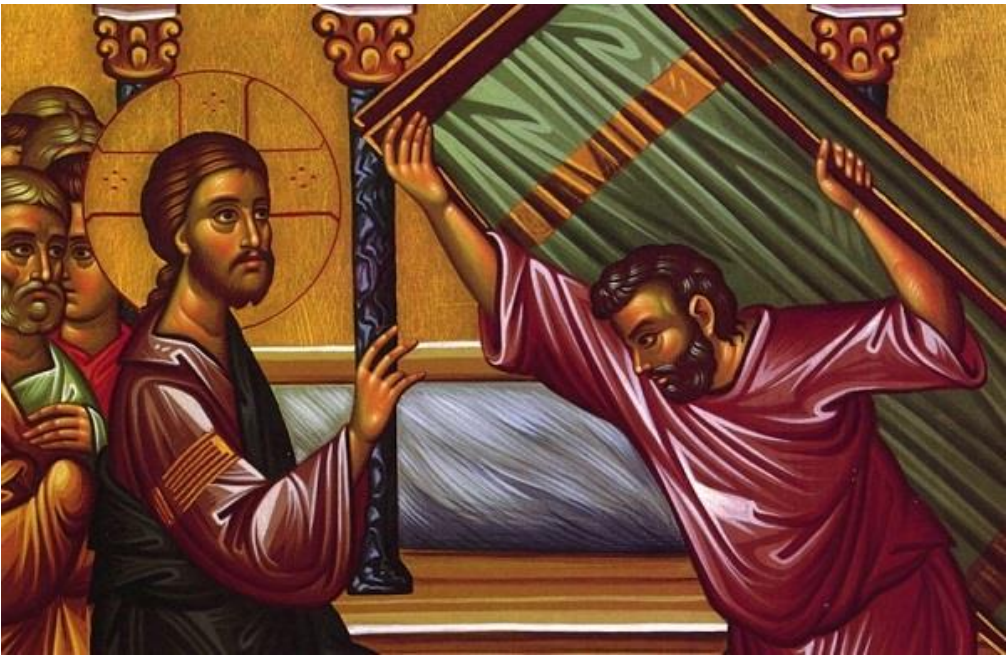
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Sunday, July 24, 2022

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost • Great Martyr Christina of Tyre



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for St. Christina (Tone 4): O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: “O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest; with Thy baptism I am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee. Accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice!” Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL

For Sixth Sunday of Matthew

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.



THE MARTYR CHRISTINA lived during the third century. She was born into a rich family, and her father was governor of Tyre. By the age of 11 the girl was exceptionally beautiful, and many wanted to marry her. Christina's father, however, envisioned that his daughter should become a pagan priestess. To this end he placed her in a special dwelling where he had set up many gold and silver idols, and he commanded his daughter to burn incense before them. Two servants attended Christina.

In her solitude, Christina began to wonder who had created this beautiful world. From her room she was delighted by the stars of the heavens and she constantly came back to the thought about the Creator of all the world. She was convinced, that the voiceless and inanimate idols in her room could not create anything, since they themselves were created by human hands. She began to pray to the One God with tears, entreating Him to reveal Himself. Her soul blazed with love for the Unknown God, and she intensified her prayer all the more, and combined it with fasting.

One time Christina was visited by an angel, who instructed her in the true faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. The angel called her a bride of Christ and told her about her future suffering. The holy virgin smashed all the idols standing in her room and threw them out the window. In visiting his daughter Christina's father, Urban, asked her where all the idols had disappeared. Christina was silent. Then, having summoned the servants, Urban learned the truth from them.

In a rage the father began to slap his daughter's face. At first, the holy virgin remained quiet, but then she told her father about her faith in the One True God, and that she had destroyed the idols with her own hands. Urban gave orders to kill all the servants in attendance upon his daughter, and he gave Christina a fierce beating and threw her in prison. Having learned about what had happened, Saint Christina's mother came in tears, imploring her to renounce Christ and to return to her ancestral beliefs. But Christina remained unyielding. On another day, Urban brought his daughter to trial and urged her

to offer worship to the gods, and to ask forgiveness for her misdeeds. Instead, he saw her firm and steadfast confession of faith in Christ.

The torturers tied her to an iron wheel, beneath which they lit a fire. The body of the martyr, turning round on the wheel, was scorched on all sides. They then threw her into prison.

An angel of God appeared at night, healing her wounds and strengthening her with food. Her father, seeing her unharmed, gave orders to drown her in the sea. An angel sustained the saint while the stone sank down, and Christina miraculously came out of the water and reappeared before her father. In terror, her father imputed this to sorcery and decided to execute her in the morning. That night he himself suddenly died. Another governor, Dion, was sent in his place. He summoned the holy martyr and also tried to persuade her to renounce Christ, but seeing her unyielding firmness, he again subjected her to cruel tortures. The holy martyr was for a long while in prison. People began to flock to her, and she converted them to the true faith in Christ. Thus about 300 were converted.

In place of Dion, a new governor Julian arrived and resumed the torture of the saint. After various torments, Julian gave orders to throw her into a red-hot furnace and lock her in it. After five days they opened the furnace and found the martyr alive and unharmed. Seeing this miracle take place, many believed in Christ the Savior, and the torturers executed Saint Christina with a sword.

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:

- No morning prayers at All Saints this week; daily morning prayers will return Tuesday, Aug. 2 when Fr. Andrew returns.
- **Wednesday, July 27:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, July 30:** Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm
- **Sunday, July 31:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR ST. PIUS V SCHOOL. Once again we here at All Saints are having our annual school supplies drive for St. Pius V School from **Sunday, July 10 to Sunday, August 7, 2022.** St. Pius is a needy Catholic school on the west side of Chicago that has received donations from us in past years. The principal has recommended that we give our donations in monetary form so that she can purchase exactly what the school needs, so we will be collecting funds for the school instead of school supplies. When you donate in check form, please make it out to All Saints Church and on the memo line state that it is for St. Pius. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Pat K.

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Our church school will resume in the fall, and we are in need of teachers and assistants for all levels. Please prayerfully consider teaching and speak to Melissa W. if you have further questions.

PARISH POTLUCK. There has been some revived interest for a regular time of church fellowship. Mark your calendars! Before Saturday vespers on August 27, join us at 5:30pm for a meal and social event. More details coming soon!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun July 24	Paul K	Domitille	Nancy L	Alina S	A-F
Sun July 31	Joseph L	Cristina P	Sandy A	Domitille	G-K
Sun Aug 7 <i>Bishop Anthony</i>	Jason L	Sandy A	Domitille	Zach C	L-P
Sun Aug 14 <i>Dormition</i>	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Azizeh	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun Aug 21	Polycarp	Domitille	Nancy L	Alina S	A-F
Sun Aug 28	Doug J	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

JULY 24-30, 2022

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Sunday, July 24: Great Martyr Christina of Tyre
Luke 24:36-53 / Romans 12:6-14 / Matthew 9:1-8

Monday, July 25: Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos
Judges 4 / 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Matthew 12:31-37
Readings for St. Anne: Galatians 4:22-27 / Luke 8:16-21

Tuesday, July 26: Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of Rome
Judges 5 / 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / Matthew 12:38-45

Wednesday, July 27: Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer
Judges 6 / 1 Corinthians 7:1-23 / Matthew 12:46-50

Thursday, July 28: Irene the Righteous of Chrysovalantou
Judges 7 / 1 Corinthians 7:24-40 / Matthew 13:1-9

Friday, July 29: Holy Martyr Callinicus
Judges 8 / 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 / Matthew 13:10-17

Saturday, July 30: Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus, Apostles of the 70
1 Corinthians 9:1-12 / Matthew 13:18-23

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