



# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • After-feast of the Transfiguration



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**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7):** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

**Troparion for the Transfiguration (Tone 7):** Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ our God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinner. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of light: Glory to Thee!

**Kontakion for the Transfiguration (Tone 7):** Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent splendor of the Father.

**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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-17)**

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissension among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

## THE GOSPEL

*For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

## **:: MESSAGE FOR THE DORMITION FAST ::**

*His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH*

During this time of the Holy Dormition Fast, we remember the repose of our Lord Jesus Christ's mother, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary. Some may wonder why we would have this fasting period prior to the commemoration of someone's death, since the other Great Fasts (i.e. Pascha and the Nativity) precede a joyous celebration. Why should we fast? What use is this feast to us?

The Fast of the Holy Dormition is a reminder to us that mankind (even the Mother of the Son of God) will face death in this age. No matter how close we reach to God, we shall all pass through the gate of bodily death. Though we consider the Virgin Mary the greatest theologian (a theologian is one who hears the Word of God and, as the Scripture says, "keeps it"), this is not enough to avoid the natural consequence of the Fall of Adam.

We must all remind ourselves that the time of our death grows nearer each day. Are we ready? Are we prepared? Perhaps some of us have unfinished business: apologies that need to be made, words that need to be said, forgiveness that needs to be given. Do we wish to pass out of this world and into the presence of God with so much left undone?

The time of this fast is established by the Church to help us recognize our sins and repent of them before we take this journey. It is not "morbid" to prepare for one's death any more than it is "morbid" to have a check-up by a doctor. After all, we go to the doctor to prevent a physical illness from overtaking us, knowing that we can become sick at any time. We think about physical illnesses, are we therefore "morbid?" Certainly not! Rather, we are considered wise for having routine examinations of the body.

So we must also have routine examinations of our soul through confession. The Fast is a "check-up," a time to examine ourselves to see if there is some unknown spiritual malady lurking in our hearts. We humans are clever, and can hide our guilt and resentment even from our own consciences. However, just like the beginning of any disease, just because we don't "feel sick" does not mean we are not. Rather, we can be physically sick unto death and feel quite well. The same is true of illnesses of the soul.

Through confession and self-examination with a spiritual director, we can diagnose our spiritual illnesses and begin treatment. Our goal is to pass from this life with a healthy soul, one full of God's love and mercy, so that we can enjoy all eternity in the presence of

our Father. Our enemy is denial, and if we deny our illnesses, they will only worsen us and deny us the joy of the Heavenly Kingdom.

Sin is a preventable disease. Though we cannot help but sin (just as we cannot prevent all forms of bodily illness), we can treat sin in its early stages and remove it before it kills us (i.e. totally removes us from God). Through regular "check-ups" with our confessor, we can monitor our symptoms and take the right treatments. We cannot be cured of our propensity to sin, but we can live healthy lives if we remain disciplined in regularly examining our deepest thoughts and emotions.

We live in an unhealthy world. Sin is very contagious, and so we must constantly be on our guard. Just as an unhealthy person, physically weakened by other diseases, is more likely to become sick, so we are likely to fall prey to more and more sin if we refuse to treat the sins we are already afflicted with.

Let us use the Paraklesis Service (Supplicatory Prayer) as a tool to remind us of our spiritual afflictions, and ask the Great Physician to enter into us and heal us. As we sing hymns extolling the Virgin Mary, let us beg for her intercessions for us. We must awaken to the reality of our sins and have confidence that God desires to heal us. The Theotokos is with us, and is a ready aid to strengthen us in the difficult task of repentance.

The Holy Dormition Fast is vital to our spiritual well-being, and it is my fervent prayer that all of us take full advantage of the mercy we are offered in it. By being healed by God, we will be given the gift of grace that will allow us to emulate the wondrous virtue of the Most Holy Virgin.

I pray, with supplication to the Mother of God, that all of us, clergy and laity, men and women, adults and children, emulate her example and ask for her intercessions.

Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

This week at All Saints:

- **TODAY:** We are pleased to welcome His Grace, our Bishop ANTHONY to All Saints Church. Many years, master! (Please see separate handout of protocols and liturgical changes when a bishop is present.)
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 9:** Parish council meeting (Zoom), 8pm.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 10:** Supplicatory Canon (Paraklesis) to the Theotokos, 7pm.

Next weekend: The Dormition of the Theotokos

- **Saturday, Aug. 13:** Dormition Vespers at St. Mary's Church in Palos Heights (6330 W. 127<sup>th</sup> St., Palos Heights), 5:00pm. No vespers at All Saints; all are encouraged to attend at St. Mary's Church for their patronal feast day.
- **Sunday, Aug. 14:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy at All Saints for the feast of the Dormition, with the baptism of Samantha Barajas and the chrismation of C.J. DeFabio. (No services on Monday, Aug. 15. We are transferring the feast of the Dormition to Sunday.)
- **Sunday, Aug. 21:** Wedding of Michael Almisry and Allison Plyer at New Gracanica Monastery (35249 W. Grant Ave., Third Lake), at 2:30pm.

**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.

**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.

**LADIES GROUP:** Our ladies' chair JoAnne T. is planning to have a meeting for all the ladies of All Saints in September, date and time TBA. The purpose will be to plan upcoming fall and winter events.

**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
<b>Sun Aug 7</b> <i>Bishop Anthony</i>	Jason L	Sandy A	Domitille	Zach C	<i>Church</i>
<b>Sun Aug 14</b> <i>Dormition</i>	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Azizeh	Lydia A	L-P
<b>Sun Aug 21</b>	Polycarp	Domitille	Nancy L	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Sun Aug 28</b>	Doug J	Cristina P	Sandy A	Domitille	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

AUGUST 7-13, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE  
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**Sunday, August 7: Righteous Martyr Dometius**

John 20:11-18 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 / Matthew 14:14-22

**Monday, August 8: Emilian the Confessor & Bishop of Cyzikos**

Judges 13 / 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 / Matthew 14:22-33

**Tuesday, August 9: Holy Apostle Matthias**

Judges 14 / 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 / Matthew 14:34-36

**Wednesday, August 10: Laurence the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Rome**

Judges 15 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 / Matthew 15:1-11

**Thursday, August 11: Euplus the Holy Martyr & Archdeacon of Cantania**

Judges 16 / 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 / Matthew 15:10-20

**Friday, August 12: Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetus of Nicomedia**

Judges 17 / 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 / Matthew 15:21-28

**Saturday, August 13: St. Tikhon of Zadonsk**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Matthew 15:29-31

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