



# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am  
Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross



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**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: ‘Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!’

**Troparion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

**Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death; and we, thy people freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!

**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 Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)**

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17)**

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

## **:: THE CROSS, THE PRESERVER OF THE UNIVERSE ::**

*St. John of San Francisco on the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

In the prophet Ezekiel (9:6) it is said that when the Angel of the Lord was sent to punish and destroy the sinning people, it was told him not to strike those on whom the “mark” had been made. In the original text this mark is called “tau,” the Hebrew letter corresponding to the letter “T,” which is how in ancient times the cross was made, which then was an instrument of punishment.

And so, even then was foretold the power of the Cross, which preserves those who venerate it. Likewise by many other events in the Old Testament the power of the Cross was indicated. Moses, who held his arms raised in the form of a cross during the battle, gave victory to the Israelites over the Amalekites. He also, dividing the Red Sea by a blow of his rod and by a transverse blow uniting the waters again, saved Israel from Pharaoh, who drowned in the water, while Israel crossed over on the dry bottom (Exodus 14, 17).

Through the laying on of his hands in the form of a cross on his grandsons, Jacob gave a blessing to his descendants, foretelling at the same time their future until the coming of the “expectation of the nations” (Genesis 48).

By the Cross, the Son of God having become man, accomplished our salvation. He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross (Phil. 2:8). Having stretched out His hands upon the Cross, the Savior with them, as it were, embraced the world, and by His blood shed on it, like a king with red ink, He signed the forgiveness of the human race.

The Cross of the Lord was the instrument by which He saved the world after the fall into sin. Through the Cross, He descended with His soul into hell so as to raise up from it the souls who were awaiting Him. By the Cross, Christ opened the doors of paradise which had been closed after our first ancestors had been banished from it. The Cross was sanctified by the Body of Christ which was nailed to it when He gave Himself over to torments and death for the salvation of the world, and it itself was then filled with life-giving power. By the Cross on Golgotha, the prince of this world was cast out (John 12:31) and an end was put to his authority. The weapon by which he was crushed became the sign of Christ’s victory.

The demonic hosts tremble when they see the Cross, for by the Cross the kingdom of hell was destroyed. They do not dare to draw near to anyone who is guarded by the Cross. The whole human race, by the death of Christ on the Cross, received deliverance from the authority of the devil, and everyone who makes use of this saving weapon is inaccessible to the demons. ...

One cannot enumerate all the separate examples of the manifestation of the power of the Cross in various incidents. Invisibly and unceasingly there gushes from it the Divine grace that saves the world.

The Sign of the Cross is made at all the Mysteries and prayers of the Church. With the making of the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine, they become the Body and Blood of Christ. With the immersion of the Cross, the waters are sanctified. The Sign of the Cross looses us from sins. "When we are guarded by the Cross, we oppose the enemy, not fearing his nets and barking." Just as the flaming sword in the hands of the Cherubim barred the entrance into paradise of old, so the Cross now acts invisibly in the world, guarding it from perdition.

The Cross is the unconquerable weapon of pious kings in the battle with enemies. Through the apparition of the Cross in the sky, the dominion of Emperor Constantine was confirmed and an end was put to the persecution against the Church. The apparition of the Cross in the sky in Jerusalem in the days of Constantius the Arian proclaimed the victory of Orthodoxy. By the power of the Cross of the Lord, Christian kings reign and will reign until Antichrist, barring his path to power and restraining lawlessness.

The "sign of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:30), that is, the Cross, will appear in the sky in order to proclaim the end of the present world and the coming of the eternal Kingdom of the Son of God. Then all the tribes of the earth shall weep, because they loved the present age and its lusts, but all who have endured persecution for righteousness and called on the name of the Lord shall rejoice and be glad. The Cross then will save from eternal perdition all who conquered temptations by the Cross, who crucified their flesh with its passions and lusts, and took up their cross and followed their Christ.

# 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)*

Today:

- **First day of Church School.** The blessing of teachers, staff, and students will take place at the end of Liturgy.
- **Adult Church School with Fr. Pat,** downstairs after coffee hour.

This week at All Saints:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 13:** Cross Procession & Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Holy Cross, 7pm. *Note the Cross Procession will take place at 7pm before Liturgy. Be on time!*
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14:** Matins for the Holy Cross, 9am. *No homeschool gathering or Wednesday Vespers this week.*
- **Saturday, Sept. 17:** Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Next Sunday, Sept. 18:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am; followed by coffee hour and Church School.

**LADIES GROUP:** Our ladies' chair JoAnne T. is planning to have a meeting for all the ladies of All Saints **next Sunday, Sept. 18.** The purpose will be to plan upcoming fall and winter events.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND MOVIE:** Join us **Saturday, Sept. 24** for our next church-wide fellowship meal! We will meet at 4:00pm to break bread together and watch the movie "Man of God," about the life of St. Nektarios of Aegina. Vespers will follow at the usual time.

**ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:** Looking ahead, our annual membership meeting will take place **Sunday, Oct. 2,** after Divine Liturgy. At this meeting we will hear updates from the priest and ministry leaders of our church, vote on the upcoming year's budget and approve new parish council members. Any questions may be directed to Fr. Andrew or Jeneson A.

**ALL SAINTS EVE:** Mark your calendars for **Monday, October 31!**

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Sept 11	Jason L	Debbie K	Sandy A	Alina S	L-P
<u>Tues Sept 13</u> <i>Holy Cross</i>	Joseph L	Sandy A	Azizeh C	n/a	
Sun Sept 18	Sdn Joseph	Cristina P	Domitille	Domitille	R-Z
Sun Sept 25	Richard C	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun Oct 2	Doug J	Dn Walid	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K
Sun Oct 9	Jim K	Sandy A	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Sun Oct 16	Paul K	Debbie K	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Sun Oct 23	Jason L	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun Oct 30	Joseph L	Cristina P	Sandy A	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

SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2022

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**Sunday, September 11: Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

Mark 16:1-8 / Galatians 6:11-18 / John 3:13-17

**Monday, Sept. 12: Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

1 Samuel 9 / 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 / Matthew 22:41-46

**Tuesday, Sept. 13: St. Cornelius the Centurion**

1 Samuel 10 / 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 / Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday, Sept. 14: Elevation of the Holy Cross**

Exodus 15:22-16:1 / Proverbs 3:11-18 / Isaiah 60:11-16

John 12:28-36 / 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 / John 19:6-35

**Thursday, Sept. 15: Great Martyr Nikitas**

1 Samuel 11 / Galatians 1:1-10 / Matthew 23:37-39

**Friday, Sept. 16: Great Martyr Euphemia**

1 Samuel 12 / Galatians 1:11-24 / Matthew 24:1-14

**Saturday, Sept. 17: St. Sophia & her three daughters Faith, Hope, and Love**

Galatians 2:1-10 / Matthew 24:15-28

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