

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Sunday, September 25, 2022

Saturday Vespers, 7:00pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am First Sunday of St. Luke's Gospel • Righteous Mother Euphrosyne



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**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6):** When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou who art risen from the dead: O Lord, glory to Thee!

**Troparion for St. Euphrosyne (Tone 8):** Through thee, the Divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God. The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord

Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

#### THE GOSPEL

For the First Sunday of Luke

#### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.



# Announcements and upcoming Events

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

#### Today:

- Church School for children, teens, and adults, after coffee hour
- Teen SOYO meeting, after Church school.

#### This week at All Saints:

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: Morning prayers, 9am.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: Vespers, 7pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 1: Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers at 7pm.
- Next Sunday, Oct. 2: Orthros & Liturgy, 8:30am; all-church potluck meal and annual meeting.

**ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual membership meeting will take place next **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.

**TOUCHSTONE FALL CONFERENCE:** Something Wicked this Way Comes: Diabolical Fantasies and the Mystery of the Real. This will be held Oct. 13-15 at Trinity International University in Deerfield. Speakers this year include Rod Dreher, Carl Trueman, Allan Carson, Hans Boersma, and Jack Phillips of the Masterpiece Cakeshop, whose refusal to craft a "wedding" cake for two men ended with a victory at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Members and friends of All Saints Church are invited to attend at a discounted rate! Register at www.touchstonemag.com/allsaints/.

**JEWELRY SALE:** Our friend Jane Hebel would like to invite all the ladies of All Saints to a jewelry sale at her building, The Breakers at Edgewater Beach. Join her in the Marine room **Saturday, Oct. 22 from 11am to 2pm**.

RSVP to Jane by phone or email (no texts): <a href="mailto:hebel.jane@gmail.com">hebel.jane@gmail.com</a> or 773-334-2362. Cost is \$5 for parking, for 4 hours. Young girls and babies are welcome. All proceeds will benefit our church!

**ALL SAINTS EVE:** Mark your calendars for **Monday, October 31, beginning at 5:30pm!** And as is our custom, we are currently taking nominations for Saint of the Year. Please submit the names of your favorite saints to Richard C. for possible inclusion in our annual booklet and festivities!

### Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Sept 25	Richard C	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun Oct 2	Doug J	Dn Walid	Sandy A	Lydia A	<u>Potluck</u>
Sun Oct 9	Jim K	Sandy A	Azizeh C	Domitille	G-K
Sun Oct 16	Paul K	Debbie K	Domitille	Alina S	L-P
Sun Oct 23	Jason L	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
Sun Oct 30	Joseph L	Domitille	Sandy A	Lydia A	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.



# THE HIEROMARTYR GREGORY, ENLIGHTENER OF GREATER ARMENIA,

was born in the year 257. He was descended from a line of Parthian Arsakid kings. Anak, the father of Saint Gregory, was a Parthian by birth. In his quest for the Armenian throne, Anak and his brother attacked their kinsman, King Kursar with their swords, leaving him mortally wounded. The King's servants found him still alive, and he was able to tell them what had happened. Before he expired, the King ordered the execution of Anak, his brother, and also their wives and children. The murderers were caught by a river, where they were slain and their bodies were thrown into the water.

One of Anak's relatives saved Gregory and his brother, who were infants, and hid them in his home. There was a revolt in Armenia, and King Artasirus of Persia was able to conquer Armenia and bring it under his rule. As for Arak's sons, one was taken to Persia, and Gregory was sent to the Roman Empire.

When he reached adulthood, Gregory lived in Caesarea in Cappadocia, where he was converted to the Christian Faith. Gregory married, and had two sons, but soon was left a widower. Gregory raised his sons in piety. One of them, Orthanes, later became a priest, and the other, Arostanes, was tonsured as a monk and went into the wilderness to live in solitude.

In order to atone for the sin of his father, who had murdered the father of Tiridates, Gregory entered into the latter's service, and was a faithful servant to him. Tiridates, who was serving in the Roman army, loved Gregory like a friend, but when he learned that Gregory was a Christian, he became angry. Saint Gregory, however, ignored his master's unjust wrath.

When the Goths attacked the Roman Empire, the Prince of the Goths challenged the Emperor to single combat. The Emperor was afraid to fight the Prince, so he had Tiridates put on his armor and take his place. Tiridates defeated his adversary without using his sword, and led him as a captive to the Emperor. Then the entire Gothic army was defeated. In gratitude, the Emperor made Tiridates King of Armenia. When Tiridates

offered sacrifice to his "gods" for his new position, he wanted Gregory to sacrifice with him. Gregory refused, and so Tiridates ordered that he be tortured.

The Saint was suspended head downward, with a stone about his neck, and for several days they choked him with a foul-smelling smoke, they beat and ridiculed him, and forced him to walk in iron sandals inset with nails.

During these torments, Saint Gregory sang Psalms. In prison the Lord healed all his wounds. When Gregory stood before the King cheerful and unharmed, he was astonished and ordered that the torments be repeated. Saint Gregory endured them, not wavering, with his former determination and bearing. ...

Some pious women kept him alive for fourteen years by feeding him with bread, secretly lowering it into the pit. A holy angel appeared to the martyr, strengthening and encouraging him. ... Then the wrath of God struck King Tiridates, his associates, and the soldiers who had participated in the execution of the virgins. Beset by demons, their appearance resembled wild boars, as once happened to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:30). Running through forests and fields, they tore their clothes and devoured their own flesh.

Saint Gregory was taken from the pit, and then he was washed, dressed in clean clothes, and fed. Then he was led to the King. Everyone bowed before him, begging him to ask God to heal the King. At St. Gregory's preaching, many came to believe in Christ, and wanted to build a large church. Then he led King Tiridates to the church before the bodies of all the saints he had slain, so that they might pray to Christ for him. He repented, and at once his face was restored to its original appearance once more.

Soon all of Armenia was converted to Christ. The temples of the idols were destroyed, and churches for the worship of the only true God were built. Saint Gregory ordained priests, established schools, founded monasteries, and provided for the good order of the Church.

After this, Saint Gregory went into the wilderness, where he ended his earthly life in a manner pleasing to the Lord.

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPT. 25-OCT. 1, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, Sept. 25: Righteous Mother Euphrosyne of Alexandria Luke 24:1-12 / 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 / Luke 5:1-11

Monday, Sept. 26: Dormition of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian

1 Samuel 18 / Galatians 5:11-26 / Luke 4:38-44

For St. John: 1 John 4:12-19 / John 19:25-27 / John 21:24-25

**Tuesday, Sept. 27: Callistratus the Martyr & his 49 companions** 1 Samuel 19 / Galatians 6:1-10 / Luke 5:12-16

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Wenceslaus the Martyr, Prince of the Czechs 1 Samuel 20 / Galatians 6:11-18 / Luke 5:17-26

Thursday, Sept. 29: Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine 1 Samuel 21 / Ephesians 1:1-12 / Luke 5:27-32

Friday, Sept. 30: Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia 1 Samuel 22 / Ephesians 1:13-23 / Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, Oct. 1: Holy Protection of the Theotokos Ephesians 2:1-10 / Luke 6:1-5

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