

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 20, 2022

Saturday Vespers, 7:00pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple



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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 the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4): Today is the prelude of the goodwill of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: 'Rejoice, O fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!'

Kontakion for the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4): The most-pure temple of the Savior, the precious chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!

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 Feast of the Entrance

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.

The Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (9:1-16)

Brethren: Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the

cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary is not yet opened as long as the outer tent is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various ablutions, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

THE GOSPEL

For the Feast of the Entrance

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Announcements and upcoming Events

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

Today:

• Coffee hour and church school after Liturgy. Fr. Pat will continue his series "Biblical Economics" in the adult class.

Thanksgiving week at All Saints:

- Confession, anointing, and any other pastoral blessings are available after each posted service or by appointment.
- Morning prayers will take place at 9am on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Eve Divine Liturgy, 7pm.
- Saturday, Nov. 26: Vespers, 7pm.
- Next Sunday, Nov. 27: Orthros at 8:30am, followed by the baptism of Alexander Corey Jr. and Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. *No church school.*

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: We are blessed once again to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning Saturday, November 19, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods! These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need cooking, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center). Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. The drive ends Sunday, December 18.

And remember: if you use Amazon to order donations, use Amazon Smile with All Saints as the recipient. Also, monetary donations are also accepted; please write 'food drive' on the memo line. If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

DCFS TOY DRIVE: Please consider participating in the DCFS Christmas Drive this year – a Pan-Orthodox Philanthropic Project in the Chicagoland area that provides Christmas gifts to local foster children. Gift tags are available TODAY. New gifts should be purchased, placed in gift bags, securely labeled with the gift tag provided by DCFS (yellow sheet), and returned to the table at the back of the church by **Sunday, November**

27. The kids enjoy hearing from donors, so consider writing a note to include with your gift!

If you have any questions, please contact Sh. Kim, <u>Keggers854@aol.com</u>. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

WOMEN'S ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION: Mark your calendars for a Women's Advent Book Discussion. We will be meeting on **November 19** (5PM), **December 3** (4PM) and **December 17** (5PM) to discuss the book <u>Perfection of Women in Christ</u>. We'll enjoy a potluck meal and discussion before Vespers. Books are available at the book table. Please contact Sh. Kim with any questions.

ST. NICHOLAS STOCKINGS: St. Nicholas once again plans to visit us on **Sunday, December 4!** The ladies of All Saints will be meeting at 4PM on December 3 to stuff stockings. A Sign-Up Genius list will be forthcoming for volunteers to bring stocking items.



THE NATIVITY FAST

The Orthodox Nativity Fast (Advent) begins Tuesday, Nov. 15, and lasts until Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and generosity during this time! If you are able, abstain from meat and dairy products, but please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions or concerns about keeping the fast. (And no, neither of your priests will be fasting on Thanksgiving Day, so don't worry about that.)

All Orthodox Christians should also make it to confession during this holy season. If you desire to confess to another Orthodox priest outside of our parish, that is generally fine, but let Fr. Andrew know.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Nov. 20* Entrance of the Theotokos	Doug J	Sandy A	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Wed Nov. 23 Thanksgiving	Jim K	Dn Walid	Sandy A	n/a	n/a
Sun Nov. 27	Paul K	Debbie K	Azizeh	Lydia A	A-F
Sun., Dec. 4	Jason L	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	G-K
Sun, Dec. 11	Joseph L	Domitille	JoAnne	Domitille	L-P
Sun., Dec. 18	Richard C	Cristina P	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Sat., Dec. 24 (10pm) Nativity	Sdn. Joseph	Dn Walid	Sandy A	n/a	n/a

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.

*Shaded days are days of fasting for Orthodox Christians. Please avoid bringing meat and dairy.

:: TEMPLES OF THE LIVING GOD ::

Fr. Thomas Hopko, from The Winter Pascha, ch. 4



In the Orthodox Church the Virgin Mary is the image of those who are being saved. If Jesus Christ is the Savior, Mary is, par excellence, the image of the saved. ...

In the festival of the entrance of Mary into the temple we have seen how Christ's mother is continuously hymned as the 'living temple of the holy glory of Christ our God.' She is praised as the 'living ark which contained the Word that cannot be contained.' She is glorified as 'the temple that is to hold God,' consecrated by the Spirit to be the 'dwelling place of the Almighty.'

Jesus Christ, the Son, Word, and Image of God, is physically and spiritually formed in the body of Mary so that He might be formed in us as well (Gal. 4:19). This is the meaning of Christmas, which is the meaning of life itself: Christ in us and we in Christ,

God with us and we with God. The Spirit in our hearts so that the Spirit can flow out from us, sanctifying the world around us. This is not mere symbolism, the high-blown language of the liturgy and the Scriptures. This is serious business. It is a matter of life and death. For we are either the living vessels of God--'earthen vessels' to be sure, to show, as the apostle again affirms, that "the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7)—or we are, to use the apostle's language once more, 'vessels of wrath' to be destroyed in our wickedness by God's righteous glory (Rom 9:22).

As we go the way of the Winter Pascha the choice placed before us is clear. We can follow the 'narrow way' that leads to life, or we can go on the 'broad way' that leads to destruction (Mt. 7:13-14). We can, like Mary, cleave to the Lord and become His dwelling place in the Spirit. Or we can through immorality and sin choose the death of the nothingness which we are unless the Lord Himself lives within us.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 20-26, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, Nov. 20: Entrance of the Theotokos (observed)

Exodus 40:1-5, 28-32 / 3 Kingdoms 8:1-11 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 Luke 1:39-56 / Hebrews 9:1-14 / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Monday, Nov. 21:

1 Kings 2 / 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 / Luke 14:25-35

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Apostles Archippus & Philemon; Onesimos, Disciple of Paul 1 Kings 3 / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 / Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday, Nov. 23: Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium

1 Kings 4 / 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 / Luke 15:11-32

Thursday, Nov. 24: Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome

1 Kings 5 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Luke 16:1-12 *For Thanksgiving:* Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 17:12-19

Friday, Nov. 25: Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

1 Kings 6 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 / Luke 16:13-18

Saturday, Nov. 26: Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 / Luke 17:1-10

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