



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 4, 2022

**Saturday Vespers, 7:00pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
Great-Martyr Barbara • St. John of Damascus**



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. Barbara (Tone 8): Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.

Troparion for St. John of Damascus (Tone 3): O ye faithful come, let us on this day * laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale * that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ * with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, * he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, * the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God * who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

Kontakion for Advent (Tone 3): Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O universe, if thou should hear; and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and who is our God before all ages!

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 St. Barbara

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you

as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

For the Tenth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Visit from St. Nicholas at the end of Divine Liturgy
- Coffee hour and church school after Liturgy; Joseph Letendre will continue teaching adult church school

This week at All Saints:

- Confession, anointing, and any other pastoral blessings are available after each posted service or by appointment.
- **Morning prayers:** Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week at 9am. *No Tuesday prayers this week.*
- **Wednesday, Dec. 7:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Saturday, Dec. 10: Visit from Metropolitan Antonios, 10am.** Our Patriarchal Vicar (temporary Metropolitan) is touring churches around the country and wants to visit and spend about an hour with us. Come and meet him! See Fr. Andrew if you have any questions.
- **Vespers next Saturday, Dec. 10** will be at St. George Church in Cicero, 5:30pm with Metropolitan Antonios. *No vespers at All Saints.*
- **Next Sunday, Dec. 11:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and 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. Please be generous and 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!

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 Perfection of Women in Christ. We'll enjoy a potluck meal and discussion before Vespers. Books are available at the book table. Please contact Sh. Kim with any questions.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: The women of All Saints will be decorating the church this **Saturday, Dec. 10**. Come at 10am to meet the Metropolitan (see above) and stay to help us decorate the iconostasis and windows! Then on **Sunday, December 11**, we will decorate the parish Christmas tree together as a community.

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. 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.



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

- **Saturday, Dec. 24:** Nativity Orthros & Divine Liturgy at 9pm.
- **Saturday, Dec. 31 – Sun. Jan. 1:** All services for St. Basil & the Lord's Circumcision will take place at the usual times (Saturday Vespers at 7pm; Sunday Orthros & Liturgy at 8:30). Also on Sunday, Jan. 1, we will receive the Fajardo family into the Church.
- **Thursday, Jan. 5:** Theophany Liturgy & Blessing of the Waters, 7pm.



THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR BARBARA lived during the reign of Emperor Maximian (305-311). Her father, the pagan Dioscorus, was a rich and illustrious man in the Syrian city of Heliopolis. After the death of his wife, he devoted himself to his only daughter.

Realizing Barbara's extraordinary beauty, Dioscorus hid her from the eyes of strangers. He built a tower where only her pagan teachers were allowed to see her. From the tower, there was a view of hills stretching into the distance. By day she was able to gaze upon the wooded hills, the swiftly flowing rivers, and the meadows covered with a blanket of flowers; by night the harmonious and majestic heavens twinkled and provided a spectacle of inexpressible beauty. Soon she began to ask herself questions about the Creator of so splendid a world. Gradually, she became convinced

that the soulless idols were merely the work of human hands. Although her father and teachers offered them worship, she realized that the idols could not have made the surrounding world. The desire to know the True God so consumed her soul that Barbara decided to devote all her life to this goal, and to spend her life in virginity.

The fame of Barbara's beauty spread throughout the city, and many sought her hand in marriage. Despite the entreaties of her father, she refused all of them. Dioscorus decided that his daughter's temperament had been affected by her life of seclusion, so he then permitted her to leave the tower. Barbara met young Christian maidens in the city, and they taught her about the Creator of the world, the Trinity, and the Divine Logos. Through the Providence of God, a priest arrived from Alexandria, instructed her in the mysteries of the Christian Faith, and baptized Barbara.

Barbara told her father about how she had come to know about the saving power of the Son of God and the futility of worshipping idols. Dioscorus became enraged, grabbing a sword and almost striking her with it. Barbara fled, but her father rushed after her. His path became blocked by a hill, which opened up and concealed St. Barbara in a crevice.

Dioscorus eventually found his daughter and had her beaten and tortured, but the Savior Himself appeared and healed her wounds. Upon seeing that her wounds were healed, she was subjected to new tortures. In the crowd where Barbara was being tortured was a virtuous Christian woman, Juliana. Her heart was filled with sympathy for the voluntary martyrdom of the beautiful young woman, and she also wanted to suffer for Christ. Juliana began to denounce the torturers in a loud voice, and they seized her. Both women were beheaded and gave their lives as martyrs for Jesus Christ.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Dec. 4	Jason L	Pat K	JoAnne	Zach C	G-K
Sun, Dec. 11	Joseph L	Domitille	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
Sun., Dec. 18	Richard C	Cristina P	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Sat., Dec. 24 (9pm) <i>Nativity</i>	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.***



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 4-10, 2022

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Sunday, Dec. 4: Sts. Barbara & John of Damascus

Isaiah 43:9-14 / Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Mark 16:9-20 / Galatians 3:23-4:5 / Luke 13:10-17

Monday, Dec. 5: St. Sabbas the Sanctified

1 Kings 9 / 1 Timothy 1:1-11 / Luke 19:29-40

Tuesday, Dec. 6: Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

1 Kings 10 / 1 Timothy 1:12-17 / Luke 19:41-48
For St. Nicholas: John 10:1-9 / Hebrews 13:17-21 / Luke 6:17-23

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

1 Kings 11 / 1 Timothy 1:18-2:7 / Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, Dec. 8: Patapius the Righteous of Thebes

1 Kings 12 / 1 Timothy 2:8-15 / Luke 20:9-19

Friday, Dec. 9: Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

1 Kings 13 / 1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Luke 20:20-26
For the Conception: Galatians 4:22-27 / Luke 8:16-21

Saturday, Dec. 10: Menas, Hermogenes, & Eugephos, Martyrs of Alexandria

1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 20:27-40

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