



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 29, 2022**

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch • 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew**



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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. Ignatius (Tone 4):** By choosing the apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O holy martyr among bishops Ignatius. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

**Kontakion for the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1):** Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us. Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

**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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)**

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## THE GOSPEL

*For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew*

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (15:21-28)**

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But He did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But she came and knelt before Him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

And He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”

And her daughter was healed instantly.

## LIGHT FROM THE CANTICLES, PART 3: GLORIOUSLY HE HAS BEEN GLORIFIED!

Edith M. Humphrey

**We continue to look at the Song of Moses (Exodus 15), which we associate especially with the eve of Pascha:**

*“The peoples have heard, they tremble; pangs have seized on the inhabitants of Philistia. Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; the leaders of Moab, trembling seizes them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.*

*“Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of thy arm, they are as still as a stone, till thy people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom thou hast purchased.*

*“Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them on thy own mountain, the place, O Lord, which thou hast made for thy abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established. The Lord will reign for ever and ever.” (Exodus 15:14-18)*

Here the Song of Moses previews the more detailed vision of the prophet Ezekiel, who sees this great sight:

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it” (Ezek. 17:22-24).

That little twig planted on the mountain is the Lord Jesus, lifted up on the cross. But it is not simply a matter of his death, or the destruction of God’s enemies: God’s ultimate purpose is to give shelter to the “birds” beyond Israel, to raise up and to make the dry flourish. As the song of Moses puts it, the peoples of the nations were to be hardened like stone *until* a certain time. Origen explains, “God is asked that for a short while the Gentiles might be changed into stones until the Jewish people passes through. There is no doubt but that after they have passed through, the Gentiles will cease to be stone and

will receive in place of their hard hearts a human and rational nature in Christ, to whom is glory and power for ages of ages.” (*Homilies on the Gospel of Luke* 22.10. FC 94:96).

And this is, of course, the mystery that St. Paul himself reveals to us in Romans 10-12, and elsewhere in his letters. God’s good news finally has come to the Gentiles, to all peoples, and not only to His historic people. Race or tribe, slave or free, male and female, is no obstacle for the one who aims to bring all out of bondage, who provides the sea of baptism, and who implants a new heart, no longer made of stone, by the Holy Spirit. Even more thorough than the crossing of the Red Sea is the baptism which we have undergone: “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ... And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise” (Gal 3:27-29) God’s reigning, we are told, in Moses’ canticle, is forever— over the ages, and unto the age, and beyond! And we are called to join the LORD in that holy place prepared for us by Jesus Himself.

All this is part of the first canticle: the destruction of evil, the redemption from bondage, the miraculous crossing on dry land, the leading to the mountain, and the sight of others joining us. When we sing this hymn, we join in the glory, and we are glorifying Him. Our praises in themselves show His radiance, and, like the candles that we hold on the eve of Pascha, lighten up our faces as we become more and more like Him.

# 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:

- Coffee hour & church school after Liturgy

This week at All Saints:

- **Tues./Wed./Thurs/Fri.:** Morning prayers, 9am
- **Wednesday, Feb 1:** Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the feast of our Lord's Presentation in the Temple, 7pm
- **Thursday, Feb. 2:** Matins for the Presentation, 9am.
- **Saturday, Feb. 4:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Next Sunday, Feb. 5: Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican.** Matins & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour and church school for all ages.

**THEOPHANY & HOME BLESSINGS:** It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest each year with the holy water from Theophany. At your convenience, please contact Fr. Andrew for your appointment! You are not obliged to feed or pay the priest.

**ICON ACADEMY:** Eva is interested in continuing her All Saints Icon Academy this spring, dates and times TBA. If anyone is interested in participating, please see Eva with any questions. You also must get a blessing from Fr. Andrew to participate.

**WOMEN'S LENTEN BOOK DISCUSSION:** Mark your calendars for a Women's Lenten Book Discussion led by Susan L. We will be meeting on March 4, March 25, and April 1 at 5 PM to discuss the book *Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her*. We'll enjoy a potluck meal and discussion before Vespers. Books will be available at the book table. Please contact Sh. Kim with any questions.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Saturday, March 18 - Save the date for the Annual Women's Lenten Retreat. More details to come. Please contact Sh. Kim with any questions.

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun, Jan 29</b>	Richard C	Dn Walid	Sandy A	Zach C	A-F
<b><u>Wed, Feb 1</u></b> <i>Presentation of XC</i>	Sdn Joseph	Sandy A	Azizeh C	n/a	Potluck
<b>Sun, Feb 5</b> <i>Pharisee/ Publican</i>	Doug J	Debbie K	Nancy L	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sun, Feb 12</b> <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Jim K	Pat K	Domitille	Domitille	L-P
<b><u>Sat, Feb 18</u></b> <i>Soul Sabbath</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun, Feb 19</b> <i>Meatfare</i>	Jason L	Domitille	Sandy A	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Sun, Feb 26</b> <i>Forgiveness Sun.</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Zach C	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 all pitch in and help!***



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY 29 – FEB. 4, 2022

ADAPTED FROM THE  
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, Jan. 29: St. Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch**

John 21:14-25 / 1 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 / Matthew 15:21-28

**Monday, Jan. 30: The Three Holy Hierarchs: Sts. John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, and Gregory the Theologian**

2 Kings [4 Kingdoms] 8 / 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 / Mark 11:1-19

*For the Hierarchs:* John 10:9-16 / Hebrews 13:7-16 / Matthew 5:14-19

**Tuesday, Jan. 31: Cyrus & John the Unmercenaries**

2 Kings 9 / 1 Peter 3:10-22 / Mark 11:20-33

**Wednesday, Feb. 1: Martyr Perpetua of Carthage; Ven. Bridget of Ireland**

2 Kings 10 / 1 Peter 4:1-11 / Mark 12:1-12

**Thursday, Feb. 2: The Presentation in the Temple of our Lord Jesus Christ**

Exodus 12:51-13:16 / Leviticus 12:1-8 / Numbers 8:13-19

Isaiah 6:1-12 / Isaiah 19:1-21 / Hebrews 7:7-17 / Luke 2:22-40

**Friday, Feb. 3: Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess**

2 Kings 11 / 2 Peter 1:1-11 / Mark 12:28-37

**Saturday, Feb. 4: Ven. Isidore of Pelusium**

2 Timothy 2:11-19 / Luke 18:1-8

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