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Sunday, February 26, 2023

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

Sunday of Forgiveness • Cheese-Fare



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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.

Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday (Tone 6): O Thou who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor: Strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful one: Have mercy upon me who am fallen!

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 Sunday of Forgiveness

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of Forgiveness

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:1-21)

The Lord said to His disciples: Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

THUS, WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

AND WHEN YOU PRAY, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then like this: *“Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

AND WHEN YOU FAST, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE • GREAT LENT, 2023

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful of this God-Protected Archdiocese,

Blessings to you and your families in the Name of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

Our Lord said, “Amen, I say to you: insofar as you did it for one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me” (Matt. 25:40). Clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, visiting those sick or in prison—all these acts of kindness toward others are received by Christ as an expression of love toward Him, when they are undertaken cheerfully. These words of the gospel are read in church on the Sunday of the Last Judgment in order to focus our attention on such acts of charity during this holy season. They call us to rededicate ourselves now to this Christian lifestyle of giving, which should characterize our lives throughout the year.

What a privilege it is to serve Christ Himself in the needy! In fact, every one of us is in need of the mercy of God. Christ identified Himself with the weak, the poor, and the miserable and with those who could not provide themselves with the necessities of life, so it is Him we serve in every human being, and it is Him who, in us, serves those who need to be served. This is how we live our “Royal Priesthood,” delivering our lives to Him so that we may experience the mystery of His sacrifice, for Christ Himself is “He that offereth and is offered, that accepteth and is distributed” (The Prayer of the Cherubic Hymn).

The mystery of giving and sacrifice lies in our acceptance to God’s Love, which we express by complying with the commandment, “My son, give me your heart” (Prov. 23:26). Giving God our hearts means giving Him everything—all our being. When we give Him our hearts, He gives us Himself through His Holy Spirit and dwells in our hearts with His unoriginated Father, “so that God may be all in all” (1 Cor. 15:28). Then we will experience how “in everyone it is the same God at work” (1 Cor. 12:6) and will acknowledge that in Christ we become what we give; in other words, we should be the food given—in Christ, to and through Him—to console the hearts of those who seek it.

As we have throughout the past 49 years, we now encourage you to provide help for the needy through the Food for Hungry People program during Lent. We appeal to your generosity and your love of God, asking you to offer Christ this token of your gratitude for His kindness to us. We know that He will receive it as a precious gift and cherish it.

With prayers that God will strengthen us all in this holy struggle of Lent and that we will be found worthy to celebrate joyously the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

Metropolitan ANTONIOS

Metropolitan of Zahle, Baalbek, and Dependencies

Patriarchal Vicar of New York and All North America

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Coffee hour & church school after Liturgy.
- Adult church school: Joseph Letendre on the Divine Liturgy
- **Forgiveness Vespers, 7pm.** *We begin Lent each year by forgiving each other. Please, let us all make every effort to attend this important service.*

This week at All Saints:

- *No morning prayer services this week.*
- **Monday, Feb. 27:** Canon of Repentance & Life of St. Mary of Egypt (part I), 7pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 28:** Canon of Repentance & Life of St. Mary (part II), 7pm
- **Wednesday, March 1:** Presanctified Liturgy, 7pm. *A potluck meal will follow.*
- **Thursday, March 2:** Canon of Repentance & Life of St. Mary (part III), 7pm
- **Friday, March 3:** Canon of Repentance & Life of St. Mary (part IV), 7pm
- **Saturday, March 4:** Women's book discussion, 5pm; Vespers, 7pm.

Next Sunday, March 5: The Triumph of Orthodoxy

- **Orthros & Divine Liturgy**, 8:30am. *Children's icon procession at the end of Liturgy. Bring an icon from home!*
- **Pan-Orthodox Vespers** for the Triumph of Orthodoxy, hosted this year by Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 5701 N Redwood Dr., Chicago. Service begins 6:30pm.

Other upcoming services & events:

- **Saturday, March 18: Women's Lenten retreat.** Please see Sh. Kim if you have any questions.
- **Friday, March 24:** We will celebrate the feast of the Annunciation at St. George Church, 1220 S. 60th Court in Cicero. Vespers Liturgy begins 7pm.

LENTEN COIN BOXES: Once again please remember to fill the **coin boxes** that are on the Greeters' table that are supplied by the Fellowship of St. John the Divine, in accordance with our archdiocese, to feed the hungry around the world. **Please use these boxes all during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed.** Please replace the coins with a check marked "For the Poor" in the memo line, or submit paper money. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

"Whoever gives a hand to help his neighbor is helped by God's own hand."

(St. Isaac the Syrian)

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.

SUMMER BIBLE DAY CAMP will be at St. George in Cicero, June 12-15. This is a good alternative to children ages 6 and up who may be too young for summer camp in Iowa. More information will be forthcoming.

ALL SAINTS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION is slated for the weekend of June 24-25. Mark your calendars!

BIBLE BOWL: Our diocesan Bible quiz competition will take place **Thursday, June 29** at the Parish Life Conference in Oak Brook. We would like to compete in all three age categories: 10-12, 13-19, and adult. Please talk to Jeanetta or Fr. Andrew if you are interested! The questions this year will all come from the book of Genesis.

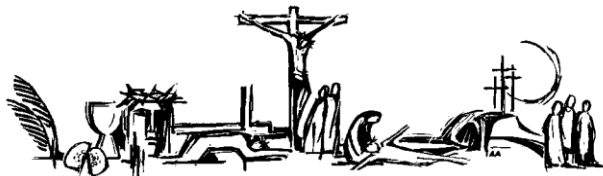
CAMP ST. GEORGE: Registration is open for campers and counselors! Camp will take place July 2-8 in Strawberry Point, Iowa. We have a limited amount of scholarship money available, and of course we will make sure money is not an issue for anyone who would like to attend. Please let Fr. Andrew if you plan to send your children or teens this year, or if you have any questions or concerns.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun, Feb 26 <i>Forgiveness Sun.</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed March 1</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 5	Richard C	Sandy A	Domitille	Lydia A	G-K
<u>Wed March 8</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Joanne T	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 12	Michelle C	Debbie K	Sandy A	Domitille	L-P
<u>Wed March 15</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Pat K	Azizeh C	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 19	Sbdn Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Alina S	R-Z
<u>Wed March 22</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Pat K	Domitille	n/a	Potluck
Sun March 26	Doug J	Cristina P	Sandy A	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed March 29</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Azizeh C	n/a	Potluck

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

FEB. 26 – MARCH 4, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE
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For the most part, our readings for Lent come from five books of the Bible: Genesis, Isaiah, & Proverbs from the Old Testament (one book from each section of the Hebrew canon); Hebrews & Mark from the New. If you have fallen out of the habit of daily Scripture reading, there is no time better than Lent to start!

Sunday, Feb. 26: Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare)

Luke 24:1-12 / Romans 13:11-14:4 / Matthew 6:14-21

Monday, Feb. 27: Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis

Hebrews 1:1-14 / Mark 1:12-28

Isaiah 1:1-20 / Genesis 1:1-13 / Proverbs 1:1-20

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Righteous John Cassian

Hebrews 2:1-9 / Mark 1:29-39

Isaiah 1:19-2:3 / Genesis 1:14-23 / Proverbs 1:20-33

Wednesday, March 1: St. David, Archbishop of Wales

Hebrews 2:10-18 / Mark 1:40-45

Isaiah 2:3-11 / Genesis 1:24-2:3 / Proverbs 2:1-22

Thursday, March 2: Hesychius the Martyr

Hebrews 3:1-11 / Mark 2:18-22

Isaiah 2:11-22 / Genesis 2:4-19 / Proverbs 3:1-18

Friday, March 3: Nonnita, mother of Saint David

Hebrews 3:12-19 / Mark 2:23-28

Isaiah 3:1-15 / Genesis 2:20-3:20 / Proverbs 3:19-34

Saturday, March 4: St. Theodore the Recruit

2 Timothy 2:1-10 / John 15:17-16:2

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