



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
Sunday after Ascension • Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**



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Troparion for 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 Ascension (Tone 4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened Your friends with Your promise of the Holy Spirit. And Your blessing confirmed their belief that You are indeed God’s Son, the redeemer of the world!

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Thou O Christ art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true faith, O most merciful one: Glory to Thee!

Kontakion for the Ascension (Tone 4): When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: ‘I am with you, and no one will be against you!’

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 READING

For the Sunday after Ascension

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the

Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday after Ascension

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-26)

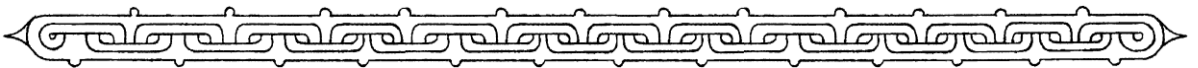
At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said:

Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest me to do. And now, Father, glorify Thou me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me.



I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine; all mine are Thine, and Thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. The glory which Thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and Thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which Thou hast given me in Thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known Thee, but I have known Thee; and these know that Thou hast sent me. I made known to them Thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.



:: THE ASCENSION ::

From *The Year of the Grace of our Lord*, by “A Monk of the Eastern Church”

It is rare, if one has lived through the joy of Easter time sincerely, that one does not experience a certain constriction of the heart when the day of the Ascension comes. We know perfectly well that it is one of the very great Christian feasts, and yet, despite ourselves, it seems like a parting, a separation, and that after it, our Lord is not with us in quite the same way any longer. The disciples did not react like this. They could have been overwhelmed with grief, but, on the contrary, they 'returned to Jerusalem with great joy'. We, too, can try and enter into this joy of the Ascension. Why does the Ascension bring joy to Christians?

First of all, the glory of our Lord must be very precious to us, and the Ascension is the crown of his earthly mission. He has accomplished on earth the whole mission which he had received from the Father. It is to the Father that his whole being reaches out. Now he will receive from the Father the welcome that his victory over sin and death—a victory gained so grievously—has merited for him. ... Let us know how to love our Lord enough to rejoice in his own joy.

Then the Ascension marks God's acceptance of the Son's whole work of reparation. The Resurrection was the first dazzling sign of this acceptance, and Pentecost will be the last sign. The cloud which today envelopes Jesus and ascends with him to heaven represents the smoke of the sacrifice rising from the altar to God. The sacrifice is accepted, and the victim is admitted to God's presence where it will continue to be offered in an eternal and heavenly manner. The work of our salvation has been accomplished and is blessed.

Jesus does not return to his Father in isolation. ... Jesus brings into it the human nature which he had assumed. He opens the door of the kingdom to humanity. As if by proxy, we take possession of the benefits which are offered and made possible to us. ... There are places destined for us in the kingdom, if we are faithful. Our presence is desired and awaited. ...

When the disciples had been separated from Jesus, they remained full of hope, for they knew that they were to receive the Spirit. *“He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father.”* The cloud surrounds Jesus, but this cloud is colored already by the fire of Pentecost. Jesus, in going away from us, leaves in us an attitude which is one not of regret, but rather of joyous and trustful awaiting.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Coffee hour after Divine Liturgy

This week:

- **Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am. *No Tuesday morning prayers at the church this week.*
- **Wednesday, May 31:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, June 3:** Vespers, 7pm
- **Next Sunday, June 4: Holy Pentecost.** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost and our annual Church School presentations.

HELP SUPPORT ORTHODOX MISSIONARIES! Please consider attending the Mission Team Chicago Benefit Dinner that this year will be at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church (1401 Wagner Road, Glenview) on **Monday, June 5**, 6:30-8pm.

You don't want to miss hearing from Bishop NEOFITOS of Eldoret and Northern Kenya, the keynote speaker, sharing about the growth of Orthodoxy in Kenya. It promises to be an enlightening and inspiring evening where we can learn more about the incredible mission work being done by the Orthodox Church around the world.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8. Register by May 31, at secure.ocmc.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=101401. Please consider becoming an MTC Dinner sponsor to help underwrite the event and impact the growth of Orthodox missions directly. Proceeds from this event will benefit missionary efforts within His Grace's Diocese and OCMC's ongoing ministries around the world.

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP will be at St. George in Cicero, **June 12-15**, for kids ages 6-12. Register online at www.stgeorgechi.org/camp. Fee is \$80, but please see Fr. Andrew for help with funding.

ALL SAINTS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION is slated for the weekend of June 24-25. His Grace Bishop Anthony will be with us for services all weekend.

The summer **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE** for our diocese will take place at the Oak Brook Marriot, June 28-July 2. Register online at antiochianevents.org. All of those participating in the Bible Bowl or attending services at the conference need to register online for a minimal fee. Please see Fr. Andrew if you would like help covering any costs.

Our **ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION** will be held in Phoenix, July 24-30. Patriarch John of Antioch and Metropolitan Saba will both be there! If this would be of interest to anyone, registration is open at antiochianevents.org.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday May 28	Michelle C.	Sandy A.	Azizeh	Lydia A.	A - F
Sunday June 4 <i>Pentecost</i>	Doug J	Debbie K	Sandy A	Alina S	G-K
Sunday June 11 <i>All Saints</i>	Jim K	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
Sunday June 18	Paul K	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	R-Z
Sunday June 25 <i>Bishop Anthony</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	Domitille	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 all pitch in and help!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 28–JUNE 3, 2023

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Sunday, May 28: Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
John 21:1-14 / Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 / John 17:1-26

Monday, May 29: Theodosia the Virgin-Martyr of Tyre
Isaiah 62:10-63:9 / Acts 22:1-23:11 / John 15:11-17

Tuesday, May 30: Sts. Macrina & Emilia, grandmother & mother of St. Basil the Great
Zechariah 14:1-11 / Acts 23:12-24:27 / John 15:18-27

Wednesday, May 31: Hermias the Martyr at Comana
Genesis 14:14-20 / Acts 25:1-27 / John 16:1-11

Thursday, June 1: Justin the Philosopher & his companions
Deuteronomy 1:8-17 / Acts 26:1-32 / John 16:12-15

Friday, June 2: Erasmus of Ochrid & his fellow martyrs
Deuteronomy 10:14-21 / Acts 27:1-44 / John 16:16-22

Saturday, June 3: Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough
Acts 28:1-31 / John 16:23-33

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