



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 16, 2023

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council**



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion of 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 to the Theotokos (Tone 2): O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

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 Holy Fathers

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey

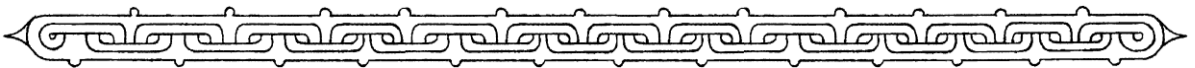
diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Holy Fathers

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His disciples: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



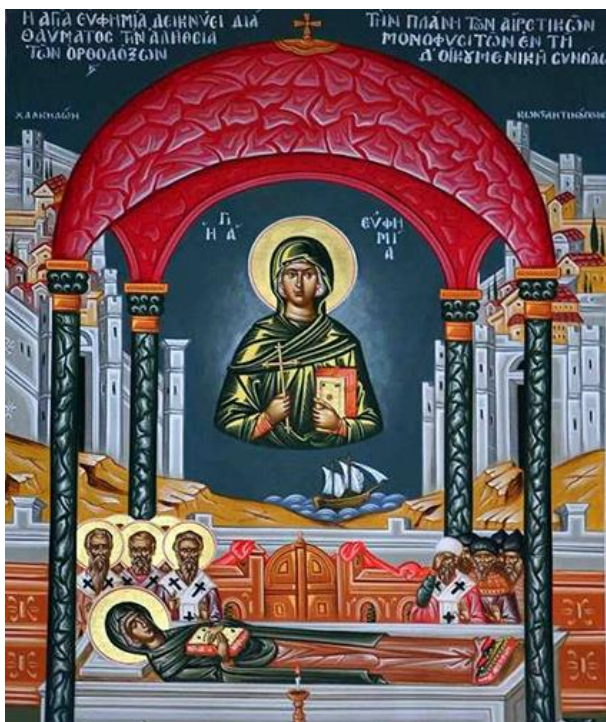
:: THE CREED PROCLAIMED AT CHALCEDON ::

“We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures: without confusion, without change, without division, and without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only-begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as

the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.”

:: THE MIRACLE OF ST. EUPHEMIA AT THE COUNCIL OF CHALCEDON ::

The holy Great Martyr Euphemia suffered martyrdom in the city of Chalcedon in the year 304, during the time of the persecution against Christians by the emperor Diocletian. One and a half centuries later, at a time when the Christian Church had become victorious within the Roman Empire, God deigned that Euphemia the All-Praised should again be a witness and confessor of the purity of the Orthodox teaching.



In the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 16) took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites [“mono-physis” meaning “one nature”], who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e. that Jesus is God but not man, by nature],

causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (July 3), Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (July 2), and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome (February 18) participated in the conciliar

deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the Constantinople archimandrite Eutychius.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement.

The holy Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonderworking relics had been discovered during the Council's discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian (450-457), the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scroll of the heretics lay at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinate in the heresy were consigned to the Council's condemnation and excommunication.

After an invasion by the Persians during the seventh century, the relics of Saint Euphemia were transferred from Chalcedon to Constantinople, into a newly built church dedicated to her. Many years later, during the period of the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of the saint was cast into the sea by order of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian (716-741). The reliquary was rescued from the sea by the ship-owning brothers Sergius and Serghonos, who gave it over to the local bishop. The holy bishop ordered that the relics be preserved in secret, beneath a crypt, since the Iconoclast heresy was continuing to rage. A small church was built over the relics, and over the reliquary was put a board with an inscription stating whose relics rested within. When the Iconoclast heresy was finally condemned at the holy Seventh Ecumenical Council (in the year 787), during the time of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (784-806) and the emperor Constantine VI (780-797) and his mother Saint Irene (797-802), the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were once again solemnly transferred to Constantinople. (*www.oca.org*)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Coffee hour downstairs after Liturgy

This week:

- **Tuesday, July 18:** Morning prayers, 9am. *No morning prayers at the church this Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.*
- **Wednesday, July 19:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, July 22:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, July 23:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am.

TWO POINTS OF ETIQUETTE & COURTESY from Fr. Andrew:

- We have limited seating in the church for those who need it. I have heard of one case of a person who has been going downstairs during the sermon because no seats were available. Please, if you or your child are able to sit on the floor or stand, be observant and offer your seat to those who may need it more, particularly those who are older or who have physical constraints.
- It has also come to my attention that some have been congregating downstairs during liturgical services. If you need to go downstairs for any reason during services, please make it quick, and then come back upstairs. We are here to worship! There should never be anyone “hanging out” and talking downstairs during services. Thank you! Please see me if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR ST. PIUS V SCHOOL: Once again we here at All Saints are having our annual school supplies drive for St. Pius V School from **Sunday, July 15 to Sunday, August 5, 2023**. St. Pius is a needy Catholic school on the west side of Chicago that has received donations from us in past years. This year the principal has recommended that we give our donations in monetary form so that she can purchase

exactly what the school needs, so we will be collecting funds for the school instead of school supplies. When you donate in check form, please make it out to *All Saints Church* and on the memo line state that it is for St. Pius. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Pat K.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday, July 9	Michelle C	Dn Walid	Sandy A	Zach C	G-K
Sunday, July 16	Jim K	Debbie K	JoAnne	Domitille	L-P
Sun., July 23	Paul K	Pat K	Azizeh	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun., July 30	Joseph L	Domitille	Domitille	Alina S	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

JULY 16-22, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

For our daily Old Testament readings, we will be reading straight through the Minor Prophets, according to the order and numbering of the Orthodox Study Bible. Note that the book order and chapter numbering differs from other English translations.

Sunday, July 16: Holy Fathers of the Council of Chalcedon

Luke 24:36-53 / Romans 12:6-14 / Matthew 9:1-8

Monday, July 17: Great Martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia

Micah 2 / 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Matthew 12:31-37

Tuesday, July 18: Ven. John the Long-suffering of the Kiev Caves

Micah 3 / 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / Matthew 12:38-45

Wednesday, July 19: Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great

Micah 4 / 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 / Matthew 12:46-50

Thursday, July 20: Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

3 Kingdoms (1 Kings) 17:1-24 / James 5:10-20 / Luke 4:22-30

Friday, July 21: Holy Prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 / Matthew 13:1-17

Saturday, July 22: Holy Myrrh-bearer & Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene

John 20:11-18 / 1 Corinthians 9:1-12 / Matthew 13:18-23

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