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Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council • 4th Sunday of St. Luke



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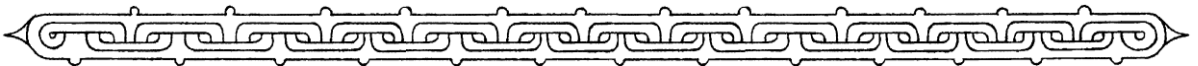


Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2): When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 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

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

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 Tychicós, 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 Fourth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.”

When His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

THE CHURCH AS INSTITUTION AND THE CHURCH AS SPIRIT

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Ispere)

His Eminence delivered this address at the meeting of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees on October 6, 2023 in Chicago, Ill.

The Church has two imperative dimensions: institutional and mystic. Through them, she lives by the Holy Spirit and bears witness to Him in the world. The mystic dimension corrects her structure, drives her mission and purifies her institutions. In return, the institutional dimension communicates her spirit and mission to the world, and through it, God extends His gifts to His creation.

When we speak of the Church as an institution, we mean the Church as patriarchates, dioceses, parishes: priests, faithful, houses of worship, departments, institutions that are meant to witness to Christ and serve Him. The institutional dimension also includes ecclesiastical administration such as councils, conferences, publishing presses, Sunday Schools, fellowships, monasteries, and centers of evangelism. We also mean philanthropic ministries such as orphanages, senior homes, homes for people with special needs, charities, and whatever relates to them. We also mean ecclesiastical endowments and their finances, policies, investments and operations; pastoral activities such as pilgrimages, agape meals, lectures and similar events; and organizations that are priestly, monastic or for the laity.

The gifts of Christ reach this world through the Church as an institution. People see the embodiment of Christ's grace, as they touch love, humility, compassion and mercy. Evangelical virtues must be embodied in the Church. They are practically embodied in the institutions of the Church, which are supposed to be the hands of Christ on earth.

At the same time, the mystical, inner or spiritual dimension is the heart of Christ in the Church. It is the spirit with which the Church works to satisfy her Lord first. It is the placement of the gospel and its requirements at the center of every action, body, activity, witness and institution. Without this dimension, the Church becomes an institution of this world, thinking as this world thinks – secularly – planning, executing, managing and acting not according to the heart and gospel of Christ, but according to the mind of the world and the evil one.

The saints of the Church sustained the mystical dimension and preserved it in the Church. They accomplished this through their constant communication with God and by their constant quest for inspiration by the Holy Spirit. The spiritual and mystic dimension is preserved in the life that seeks Christ first and foremost and is well aware that He is the

Alpha and the Omega and therefore He is the Helper, the Supporter, the Sustainer and the Savior. He is the Giver of Life as we sing in our liturgy.

The mystical dimension protects the institutional church from deviating into the trap of worldly institutionalism. It reminds her of her essential vocation, her gospel and her only Master, lest she be unjust, cruel, passionate, volatile, subordinate and materialistic.

If the Kingdom of God is within us, and if the call of the Gospel is to seek the Kingdom of God first and foremost, how greatly must we focus on the mystical dimension to be a Church whose Lord looks at her and smiles and blesses! What can the hands offer if the heart is empty of God's mercy?

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday Oct 15	Richard C.	Cristina P.	Nancy L.	Domitille	L - P
Sunday Oct 22 <i>Baptism/St James</i>	Michelle C.	Dn. Walid	Domitille	Lydia A.	R - Z
Sunday Oct 29	Sd. Joseph	Sandy A.	John O.	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!*

**Shaded dates are fasting days. No meat or dairy products should be served at the church on these days.*

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today: Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 787 AD)

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Tenth wedding anniversary blessing for Paul & Elizabeth K.
- Coffee hour and church school

Tuesday, Oct. 17:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Oct. 18:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Oct. 19:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Oct. 20:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Oct. 21:

- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, October 22:

- Orthros, Baptism of James B., & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour and church school

ALL SAINTS EVE: Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 31, beginning at 5:30pm!** This is one of our biggest events of the year, and we are expecting guests from Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville. Right now, we need several more men to dress up like our Saint-of-the-Year nominees, and various other volunteers.

The evening will include:

- **Potluck meal:** Please bring a dish or dessert to share!

- **Pumpkin/gourd contest:** Whatever your level of artistic talent, consider painting or carving a pumpkin or gourd to enter! (Christian themes/artwork/symbols only, please!)
- **Costume contest:** Kids of all ages (and adults if you are so inclined) are invited to dress up as saints or Bible characters. Bring a riddle, poem, or clues so we can guess who you are.
- **Saint of the Year** booklet and election.

This year's saint-of-the-year nominees: St. Sophia of Thrace, St. Phanourius, St. Panteleimon, St. Christopher of Lycia, St. Stylianos, St. Sophrony, and St. Carlos Acutis.

BIBLE BOWL STUDIES. Between now and next summer, we will hold a series of Bible studies on the Epistle to the Romans, in preparation for the diocesan Bible Bowl competition. All pre-teens (10-12) and teens (13-19) are welcome to participate!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 15–21, 2023

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Our daily Old Testament readings beginning this week will go through the Major Prophets, according to the order and numbering of the Orthodox Study Bible (OSB). Note the book order and chapter numbers may differ in places from other English translations.

Sunday, Oct. 15: Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

John 20:11-18 / Titus 3:8-15 / Luke 8:5-15

Monday, Oct. 16: Longinus the Centurion

Isaiah 11 / Philippians 2:19-30 / Luke 9:10-17

Tuesday, Oct. 17: Hosea the Prophet

Isaiah 12 / Philippians 3:1-11 / Luke 9:18-27

Wednesday, Oct. 18: Luke the Evangelist

Isaiah 13 / Philippians 3:12-16 / Luke 9:28-36

Thursday, Oct. 19: Joel the Prophet

Isaiah 14 / Philippians 3:17-21 / Luke 9:37-45

Friday, Oct. 20: Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch

Isaiah 15 / Philippians 4:1-9 / Luke 9:46-50

Saturday, Oct. 21: Hilarion the Great

Philippians 4:10-23 / Luke 9:51-56

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