



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 5, 2023

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
22nd Sunday after Pentecost • 5th Sunday of St. Luke



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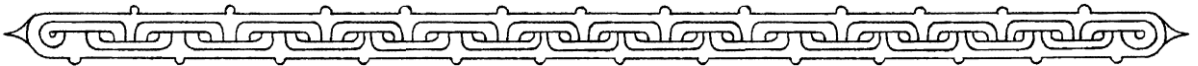
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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to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

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 dost 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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fifth Sunday of Luke

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19-31)

The Lord said: There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'

:: MARTYRS GALACTION AND HIS WIFE EPISTEMIS, AT EMESA ::

There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kletophon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. They gave much gold to the pagan priests, but still they remained childless.

The city of Emesa was governed by a Syrian named Secundus, put there by the Roman Caesars. He was a merciless and zealous persecutor of Christians, and to intimidate them he ordered that the instruments of torture be displayed on the streets. The slightest suspicion of belonging to "the sect of the Galilean" was enough to get a man arrested and handed over for torture. In spite of this, many Christians voluntarily surrendered themselves into the hands of the executioners, in their desire to suffer for Christ.

A certain old man by the name of Onuphrius concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his beggar's rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever he saw the possibility of turning people away from the pagan error, he preached about Christ.

Once, he came to the magnificent house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, he sensed that the woman was in sorrow, and he asked what was the cause of this sadness. She told the Elder about her familial misfortune. In consoling her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after this it was revealed to her in a dream that she would give birth to a son, who would be a true follower of Christ. At first, Leukippe concealed her delight from her husband, but after the infant was born, she revealed the secret to her husband and also persuaded him to be baptized.

They named the baby Galaction and his parents raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He could make an illustrious career for himself, but Galaction sought rather an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer.

When Galaction turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Episteme. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galaction gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself, and the newly-illuminated couple decided to devote themselves to the monastic life.

For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galaction stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom.

The pagans became aware of the existence of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend their inhabitants. But the monks and the nuns succeeded in hiding themselves in the hills. Galaction, however, had no desire to flee and so he remained in his cell, reading Holy Scripture. When Episteme saw that the soldiers were leading Galaction away in chains, she began to implore the Abbess to permit her to go also, since she wanted to accept torture for Christ together with her fiancé and teacher. The Abbess tearfully blessed Episteme to do so. The saints endured terrible torments, and were beheaded, all the while supplicating and glorifying Christ.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday Nov 5	Doug J	Debbie K	JoAnne T	Alina S	G-K
Sunday Nov 12	Jim K	Pat K	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Sunday Nov 19	Joseph L	Domitille	Domitille	Lydia A	R-Z
<u>Wed. Nov. 22</u> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	n/a
Sunday Nov 26	Richard C	Cristina P	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.

“WHEN PEOPLE ARE EMPTY OF CHRIST, A THOUSAND AND ONE OTHER THINGS COME AND FILL THEM UP: JEALOUSIES, HATREDS, BOREDOM, MELANCHOLY, RESENTMENT, A WORLDLY OUTLOOK, WORLDLY PLEASURES. TRY TO FILL YOUR SOUL WITH CHRIST SO THAT IT’S NOT EMPTY!”

~ ST. PORPHYRIOS OF KAFSOKALYVIA

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Chrismation of Shay McMullan. *May God grant you many years!*
- Coffee hour and church school

Tuesday, Nov. 7:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Nov. 8: Synaxis of the Holy Angels

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers for St. Nektarios of Aegina, 7pm

Thursday, Nov. 9: St. Nektarios of Aegina

- Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Nov. 10:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Nov. 11:

- Orthodoxy 101 class, 6pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Nov. 12:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour and church school

DCFS CHRISTMAS DRIVE: Please consider participating in this Pan-Orthodox philanthropic project in the Chicagoland area that provides Christmas gifts to local foster children. New gifts should be purchased, placed in gift bags, securely labeled with the gift tag provided by DCFS (pink sheet), and returned to the table at the back of the church by **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**. The kids enjoy hearing from donors, so consider

writing a note to include with your gift! If you have any questions, please contact Sh. Kim, Kegggers854@aol.com. Thank you for your participation and generosity!

WOMEN'S ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION: Join us as Sandy A. leads our discussion through *Putting Joy into Practice: Seven Ways to Lift Your Spirit from the Early Church*, by Phoebe Farag Mikhail. Books are available at the book table. Meetings dates are Saturdays, November 18 (5pm), December 2 (4pm), and December 9 (5pm). Please bring a fasting dish to share for our potluck meal. Please see Sh. Kim with questions.

COATS NEEDED: Some of you have been asking if there is anything we as a church community can do to help with the many new immigrants in our city. Messy politics aside, there are many impoverished people – particularly women and children – who will be in desperate need of coats for the winter and diapers for young children. Our ward office will be collecting them all winter; if anyone is so inclined to donate, please bring these items to the church.

THE NATIVITY FAST: The Orthodox Nativity Fast (Advent) begins **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, and lasts until **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**. Let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and generosity during this time! If you are able, abstain from meat and dairy products, but please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions or concerns about keeping the fast. (And no, neither of your priests will be fasting on Thanksgiving Day, so don't worry about that.)

All Orthodox Christians should also make it to confession during this holy season. If you desire to confess to another Orthodox priest outside of our parish, that is generally fine, but let Fr. Andrew know.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER 5-11, 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, Nov. 5: Martyrs Galaktion & his wife Episteme of Emesa
John 21:14-25 / Galatians 6:11-18 / Luke 16:19-31

Monday, Nov. 6: Paul the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople
Isaiah 26 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 / Luke 12:22-34

Tuesday, Nov. 7: 33 Martyrs of Melitene
Isaiah 27 / 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 / Luke 12:35-48

Wednesday, Nov. 8: Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & all the bodiless powers
Joshua 5:13-15 / Judges 6:11-24 / Isaiah 14:7-20
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 / Hebrews 2:2-10 / Luke 10:16-21

Thursday, Nov. 9: Nektarios the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of Pentapolis
Isaiah 28 / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 / Luke 12:49-59

**Friday, Nov. 10: Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios,
Apostles of the 70**
Isaiah 29 / 1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 / Luke 13:1-5

Saturday, Nov. 11: Holy Martyrs Menas of Egypt, Victor, & Vincent
1 Thessalonians 3:1-8 / Luke 13:6-9

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