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Sunday, December 3, 2023

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
14th Sunday of St. Luke • Holy Prophet Zephaniah**



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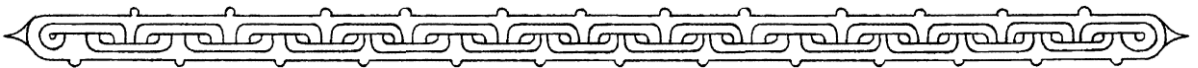
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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 1): While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Kontakion for the Pre-feast of the Nativity (Tone 3): The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice O earth at the message. With the angels and shepherds, give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God!

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-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true—and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

THE GOSPEL

For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. Hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” And he cried, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

VENERABLE SABA THE SANCTIFIED

The Prologue from Ochrid • December 5

The unknown village of Mutalaska, in the province of Cappadocia, became famous through this great luminary of the Orthodox Church. St. Saba was born there of his parents John and Sophia. At the age of eight, he left the home of his parents and was tonsured a monk in a nearby monastic community of St. Flavian (Feb. 16). After ten years, he moved to the monasteries of Palestine and remained longest in the monastery of St. Euthymios the Great (Jan. 20) and St. Theoctistus (Sept. 3). The clairvoyant Euthymios prophesied of Saba that he would become a famous monk and a teacher of monks, and that he would establish a lavra (a cluster of monastic cells) greater than all the lavras of that time.

After the death of Euthymios, Saba withdrew to the desert, where he lived for five years as a hermit in a cave shown to him by an angel of God. Afterward, when he had matured in the monastic life, he began by divine providence to gather around him many who desired the spiritual life. Soon, such a large number gathered that Saba had to build a church and many cells. Some Armenians also came to him, and for them he provided a cave where they would be able to celebrate services in the Armenian language.

When Saba's father died, his aged mother Sophia came to him, and he tonsured her a nun. He gave her a cell located at a distance from his monastery, where she lived a life of asceticism until her death.

This holy father endured many assaults from all sides: from those who were close to him, from heretics and from demons. But he triumphed over them all: those close to him, by kindness and indulgence; the heretics, by his unwavering confession of the Orthodox Faith; the demons, by the sign of the Cross and calling upon God for help. He had a particularly great struggle with demons on Mount Castellium, where he established his second monastery.

In all, Saba established seven monasteries. He and St. Theodosius the Great, his neighbor, are considered to be the greatest lights and pillars of Orthodoxy in the East. They corrected emperors and patriarchs in matters of the Faith, and to everyone they served as an example of saintly humility and the miraculous power of God.

After a toilsome and very fruitful life, St. Saba entered into rest in 532 at the age of 94. Among his many wondrous and good works, let it at least be mentioned that he was the first to compile the Order of Services for use in monasteries, now known as the Jerusalem Typicon.

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
- A visit from St. Nicholas, at the end of the Liturgy
- Coffee hour downstairs
- Church school play practice downstairs (acclimation through 8th grade; see Melissa W. if any questions)
- Adult church school upstairs in the church as usual.

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Dec. 6: St. Nicholas of Myra

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

Thursday, Dec. 7: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Dec. 8: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Dec 9:

- Church school play practice, 10am-noon
- Ladies' potluck and book discussion, 5-7pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Dec. 10:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Church school Christmas play, following Liturgy & coffee hour

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY: Our church school students (8th grade and under) will be performing the Nativity play "The Song of Simeon" after liturgy on the December 10. Those who have coffee hour (L-P) are encouraged to only bring finger foods to expedite and simplify the day's activities. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the performance and support the children!

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.

THE CHICAGO PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR invites all of us to a concert of Orthodox Nativity music, on Sunday Dec. 17, 6pm at Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church (5825 N. Mozart). Attendance is free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE: The time of the Advent fast is quickly approaching, and again we are blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning **Saturday, November 18**, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need cooking, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center). A list of suggested items is on the greeter table. Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. The deadline is **Sunday, December 17**. Monetary donations are also accepted, please write 'food drive' on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

COATS NEEDED: We are partnering with Alderwoman Cruz's office to provide warm outer garments and disposable diapers for the refugees in our neighborhood. Please donate your un-needed coats, scarves, hats and gloves. Maybe warm socks too? Or find some at a local thrift shop – whatever you can afford. Don't forget the disposable diapers. There are bins under the coat rack downstairs for these donations. Thank you!

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.

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.

CROSS ROAD INSTITUTE is currently accepting applications from high school juniors and seniors for their summer programs. This is an immersive 10-day retreat experience in the Orthodox faith. For more information, please visit www.crossroadinstitute.org.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday Dec. 3	Michelle C	Sarah S	JoAnne T	Alina S	G-K
Sunday Dec. 10	Sd Joseph	Sandy A	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Sunday Dec. 17	Doug J	Debbie K	Domitille	Lydia A	R-Z
Sunday Dec. 24 <i>Genealogy Sunday</i>	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Monday Dec. 25 <i>Nativity</i>	Jim K	Domitille	John O	n/a	n/a
Sunday Dec. 31 <i>St. Basil</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	JoAnne T	Alina S	G-K

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.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 3-9, 2023

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SUNDAY, DEC. 3: HOLY PROPHET ZEPHANIAH

Ephesians 5:9-19 / Luke 18:35-43

Monday, Dec. 4: Great-Martyr Barbara & Righteous John of Damascus

Isaiah 44 / 1 Timothy 4:1-5 / Luke 19:29-40

Tuesday, Dec. 5: Sabbas the Sanctified

Isaiah 45 / 1 Timothy 4:6-11 / Luke 19:41-48

Wednesday, Dec. 6: Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra

Isaiah 46 / 1 Timothy 4:12-16 / Luke 20:1-8

For St. Nicholas: John 10:9-16 / Hebrews 13:7-21 / Luke 6:17-23

Thursday, Dec. 7: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Isaiah 47 / 1 Timothy 5:1-8 / Luke 20:9-19

Friday, Dec. 8: Patapius the Righteous of Thebes

Isaiah 48 / 1 Timothy 5:9-16 / Luke 20:20-26

Saturday, Dec. 9: Conception of the Theotokos; Holy Prophetess Hannah

1 Timothy 5:17-25 / Luke 20:27-40

For the Conception: 1 Kingdoms [1 Samuel] 1 / Galatians 4:22-31 / Luke 8:16-21

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