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Sunday, March 17, 2024

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Sunday of Forgiveness • Cheese-Fare • St. Patrick of Ireland



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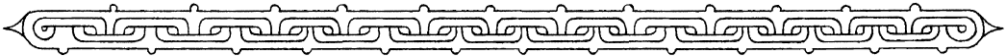
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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to Thee!

Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday (Tone 6): O Thou who guides to wisdom, and gives understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor: Strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful one: Have mercy upon me who am fallen!

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 Sunday of Forgiveness

Make your vows unto the Lord and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in chambering and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts. But as for the one who is weak in faith, receive him, but not for disputes over opinions. For one believes he may eat anything; but the weak person eats herbs. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to be the judge over the servant of a stranger? To his own master he either stands or falls; but he will be made to stand; for God is able to make him stand.

THE GOSPEL

For Sunday of Forgiveness

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:1-21)

The Lord said to His disciples: Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

THUS, WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

AND WHEN YOU PRAY, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then like this: *“Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”*

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

AND WHEN YOU FAST, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (A-F) and church school.
- Forgiveness Vespers, 7pm. *This is one of the most important services that all Orthodox Christians should attend every year! "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6:14).*

Monday & Tuesday, March 18-19:

- Canon of Repentance and Life of St. Mary of Egypt (parts 1-2), 7pm

Wednesday, March 20:

- Fr. Pat's talk on the Psalms, 6pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm, followed by potluck meal.

Thursday & Friday, March 21-22:

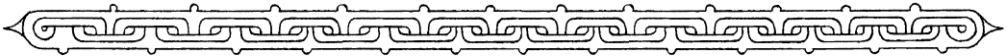
- Canon of Repentance and Life of St. Mary of Egypt (parts 3-4), 7pm

Saturday, March 23:

- Icon Academy, 9am-5pm
- Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6pm at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. *Guest preacher will be Bishop John Abdalah. Note this service is normally on a Sunday evening, but it was moved to Saturday this year so as not to conflict with the feast of the Annunciation.*
- No Saturday Vespers at All Saints this week.

Next Sunday, March 24: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by children's icon procession, coffee hour (G-K), and church school.

Next Monday, March 25: Feast of the Annunciation. Divine Liturgy at 10am, followed by lunch. *His Grace Bishop John plans to be with us at All Saints for the feast!*



CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE: On April 7, all of our church school children will participate in a service project during their regular class time. Melissa is collecting individually wrapped toothbrushes, travel toothpaste, travel shampoos and full sized men's deodorants to make shower kits for the homeless. Please see Melissa W. with any questions.

WOMEN'S LENT BOOK DISCUSSION: Join us as Sandy A. and Athena L. lead our discussion through *Homilies During Great Lent*, by St. Nektarios Kefalas. Books will be/are available at the book table. Meetings dates are Saturdays March 30, April 13, and April 20 at 5pm. Please bring a fasting dish to share for our potluck meal. Please see Sh. Kim with questions.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: Kh. Kristina Gillquist from All Saints Church in Bloomington, IN will lead our retreat, *Unshakable Peace in the Eye of the Storm* on **Saturday, April 6**. Akathist prayers will begin at 9am, followed by the presentation, lunch, and an afternoon of baking traditional Middle Eastern Pascha treats with Georgette S. Please submit your RSVP and \$10 registration by March 29; see Sh. Kim with questions.

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE 2024: As you are likely aware, All Saints Church will be co-hosting our diocese Parish Life Conference this summer, along with Holy Transfiguration in Warrenville. Mark your calendars: the dates are **Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29**. We will be in need of volunteers, particularly folks to help staff the registration table Wednesday through Friday, and volunteers for the kids' club events – curriculum planning and teaching.

JOIN OUR ALL SAINTS PSALTER READING GROUP during Great Lent! We begin on March 18 and read each day through April 26. For more details please contact JoAnne via text 773-220-3179 or email jotheo@yahoo.com.

CELEBRATION OF BOOKS: Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church in Westchester will host their annual Celebration of Books on Sunday, April 7. Vespers begins at 6:30pm followed by a presentation from Fr. Panayiotis Papageorgiou, producer of Trisagion Films.

A NOTE ON CHURCH GIVING: As we enter the season of Lent, our thoughts often turn to fasting and charitable giving. We are fortunate to have many opportunities for Lenten almsgiving presented to us at All Saints. Please see our treasurer Alice I. if you have any questions!

- Increase our general tithe to All Saints. It is the responsibility to all church members to support the work and upkeep of the church on a regular basis.
- Donate to our Pastoral Discretionary Fund.

(Reminder: any money donated to the Pastoral Discretionary Fund is given to the Church to allocate as Fr. Andrew sees fit to best serve the needs of our parish community. Suggested recipients are always welcomed, but the final decision is at the pastor's discretion. As discussed at convocation, if you wish to donate to a specific person, please consider a personal or anonymous direct approach. Sending money via the pastoral discretionary fund as a method of person-church-person giving is not allowed under IRS rules. Doing so could place the church's tax-free status at risk, which could potentially impact the congregation's ability to claim their tithes against their tax returns.)

- Donate to a specific fund:

Food for Hungry People: This is an Antiochian Archdiocese initiative we support every Lent. Collect funds in the boxes or write "Food for Hungry People" on a check memo line.

Widowed Clergy-Wives Endowment Fund: This is also an Archdiocese initiative, through the Antiochian Womens organization. If you wish to donate, write "Widowed clergy" on the memo line.

Patriarch's Tray: Our thrice-annual responsibility to the Patriarchate of Antioch. Write "Patriarch" in memo line.

"The smallest thing when done for the love of God is priceless." (Saint Teresa of Avila)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun March 17* <i>Forgiveness</i>	Joseph L	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
Wed, March 20 <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Nancy L	n/a	Potluck
Sun, March 24	Doug J	Sarah S	John O	Alina S	G-K
Mon, March 25 <i>Annunciation</i>	Richard C	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	<i>Lunch provided</i>
Wed., March 27 <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Domitille	n/a	Potluck
Sun, March 31	Michelle C	Sandy A	James B	Domtille	L-P
Wed, April 3 <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Azizeh	n/a	Potluck
Sun, April 7	Sdn Joseph	Debbie K	John O	Lydia A	R-Z
Wed, April 10 <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	Potluck
Sun, April 14	Jim K	Pat K	JoAnne T	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.

Shaded dates indicate fasting – no meat, dairy, or eggs should be served on these days.

* Dairy and eggs are permitted on Cheese-Fare Sunday, March 17.

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

MARCH 17-23, 2024

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Sunday, March 17: Forgiveness Sunday & St. Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland

John 20:11-18 / Romans 13:11-14:4 / Matthew 6:1-21

Monday, March 18: Edward the Martyr, King of England

Isaiah 1:1-20 / Genesis 1:1-13 / Proverbs 1:1-20

Hebrews 1:1-14 / Mark 1:12-28

Tuesday, March 19: Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria

Isaiah 1:19-2:3 / Genesis 1:14-23 / Proverbs 1:20-33

Hebrews 2:1-9 / Mark 1:29-39

Wednesday, March 20: Cuthbert the Wonderworker, Bishop of Lindisfarne

Isaiah 2:3-11 / Genesis 1:24-2:3 / Proverbs 2:1-22

Hebrews 2:10-18 / Mark 1:40-45

Thursday, March 21: James the Confessor

Isaiah 2:11-22 / Genesis 2:4-19 / Proverbs 3:1-18

Hebrews 3:1-11 / Mark 2:18-22

Friday, March 22: Basil the Holy Martyr of Ancyra

Isaiah 3:1-15 / Genesis 2:20-3:20 / Proverbs 3:19-34

Hebrews 3:12-19 / Mark 2:23-28

Saturday, March 23: The Miracle of Kollyva, wrought by St. Theodore the Recruit

2 Timothy 2:1-10 / John 15:17-16:2

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