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

The Triumph of Orthodoxy • First Sunday of Great Lent



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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.

Troparion for the Triumph of Orthodoxy (Tone 2): We venerate Thy most pure image, O good one, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, for Thou didst come to save the world.

Kontakion to the Theotokos for the Sundays of Lent (Tone 8): O Champion Leader, to thee I offer thanks of victory! O Theotokos, thou hast delivered me from terror. As thou hast invincible power, O Theotokos, thou truly can set me free from all danger. Set me free and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O bride without bridegroom!

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 First Sunday of Great Lent

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy, wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

For the First Sunday of Great Lent

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to Jesus, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY

Recited by the faithful each year on the first Sunday of Lent

As the prophets beheld, as the apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as grace has shown forth, as truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded:

Thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God. And we honor His saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in holy icons;

On the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other hand honoring His saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

(Louder) This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!

THE GREAT PROKEIMENON

Verses from Psalm 76

Refrain: **Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God who workest wonders!**

Thou hast made Thy power known among the peoples; with Thine arm hast Thou redeemed Thy people.

And I said: Now I have made a beginning; this change hath been wrought by the right hand of the Most High.

I remembered the works of the Lord; for I will remember Thy wonders from the beginning.

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 children's icon procession, coffee hour (G-K) and church school.

Monday, March 25: The Feast of the Annunciation. Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy with Bishop John Abdalah, 10am.

No morning prayers at the church on Tuesday; Fr. Andrew will be at a pan-Orthodox clergy retreat.

Wednesday, March 27:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Fr. Pat's talk on the Psalms, 6pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm, followed by potluck meal.

Thursday, March 28: Lenten Orthros, 9am

Friday, March 29:

- Lenten Orthros, 9am
- Akathist to the Theotokos at St. George in Cicero, 7pm

Saturday, March 30:

- Ladies' book discussion, 5-7pm
- Vespers, 7pm

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. Donate what you can; **deadline is Sunday, March 31.** 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.

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.

"If man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered." (Proverbs 21:13)

Volunteer Schedule

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

*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 24-30, 2024

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Sunday, March 24: The Triumph of Orthodoxy

John 20:19-31 / Hebrews 11:24-40 / John 1:43-51

Monday, March 25: The Annunciation to the Theotokos

Genesis 28:10-17 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Proverbs 9:1-11

Hebrews 2:11-18 / Luke 1:24-38

Tuesday, March 26: Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Isaiah 5:7-16 / Genesis 4:8-15 / Proverbs 5:1-15

Hebrews 4:11-16 / Mark 3:13-27

Wednesday, March 27: Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica

Isaiah 5:16-30 / Genesis 4:16-26 / Proverbs 5:15-6:3

Hebrews 5:1-14 / Mark 3:28-35

Thursday, March 28: St. Herodion, Apostle of the 70

Isaiah 6:1-13 / Genesis 5:1-24 / Proverbs 6:3-20

Hebrews 6:1-8 / Mark 4:1-20

Friday, March 29: Mark, Bishop of Arethusa

Isaiah 7:1-14 / Genesis 5:32-6:8 / Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Hebrews 6:9-20 / Mark 4:21-34

Saturday, March 30: John Climacus the Righteous

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 / John 5:24-30

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