



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Third Sunday of Lent • Veneration of the Holy Cross



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Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion for the Holy Cross (Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and by the virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

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.

In place of the Trisagion Hymn: Before Thy cross, we bow down in worship, O our Master, and Thy holy resurrection we glorify.

THE EPISTLE

For the Third Sunday of Great Lent

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have

compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the one saying to Him, “Thou art my Son, today I have begotten Thee.” As He says also in another place, “Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

THE GOSPEL

For the Third Sunday of Great Lent

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”



Hymn to the Theotokos for the Liturgy of St. Basil (Tone 6): All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of man! O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child, our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne and thy womb he made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace; glory to Thee!

Communion Hymn: The light of Thy countenance hath been impressed on us, O Lord. Alleluia.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today: Orthros, cross procession, & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (R-Z) and church school. Choir practice will follow church school from about 1-3pm.

Tuesday, April 9:

- Lenten Orthros, 9am
- Parish council meeting, 7:30pm (online)

Wednesday, April 10:

- Lenten 1st & 3rd hour 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, April 11: Lenten Orthros, 9am

Friday, April 12:

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

Saturday, April 13:

- Icon academy, 9am-5pm
- Ladies' Lenten book discussion, 5-7pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, April 14: St. John Climacus. Orthros, & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30, followed by coffee hour (A-F) and church school.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE: Today our church school students will participate in a service project during their regular class time, assembling care packages for the homeless and poor. Many thanks to all of you who donated items or funds!

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.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: For the remainder of Great Lent, please considering donating non-perishable food items once again for North Side Housing. They have reached out to us because their pantry shelves are “looking a little bare” and we have always been generous with them in the past. Items may be placed on the back table in the church as usual; please see Sandy A. if you have any 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.



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

It is noteworthy that the theme of the Cross which dominates the hymnology of this Sunday is developed in terms not of suffering but of victory and joy....

The meaning of all this is clear. We are in *Mid-Lent*. On the one hand, the physical and spiritual effort, if it is serious and consistent, begins to be felt, its burden becomes more burdensome, our fatigue more evident. We need help and encouragement. On the other hand, having endured this fatigue, having climbed the mountain up to this point, we begin to see the end of our pilgrimage, and the rays of Easter grow in their intensity. Lent is our self-crucifixion, our experience, limited as it is, of Christ's commandment heard in the Gospel lesson of that Sunday: "*If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me*" (Mark 8:34). But we cannot take up our cross and follow Christ unless we have *His* Cross which He took up in order to save us. It is His Cross, not ours, that saves us. It is His Cross that gives not only meaning but also power to others.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun, April 14	Jim K	Pat K	JoAnne T	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed, April 17</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	James B	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun, April 21	Paul K	Domitille	John O	Alina S	G-K
<u>Wed, April 24</u> <i>Presanctified</i>		Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Potluck</i>
<u>Sat, April 27</u> <i>Lazarus Sat.</i>	Joseph L	Sarah S	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
Sun, April 28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Rich C	Cristina P	James B	Domitille	L-P
Thurs, May 2 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Doug J	Pat K	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
Sat, May 4 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Michelle C	Sandy A	Azizeh	Zach C	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun, May 5 <i>Pascha</i>	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Nancy L	n/a	<i>Baskets</i>

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!

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.)

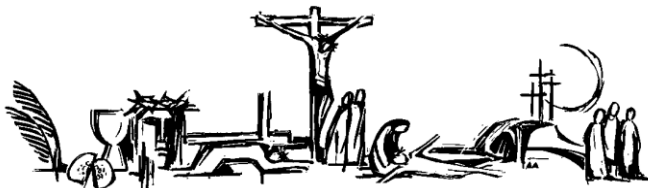
- Donate to a specific fund:

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.

Your Lord is a God of mercy and bountifulness: be a source of mercy and bountifulness to your neighbors. If you will be such, you will find salvation yourself with everlasting glory."
(St. John of Kronstadt)





DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL 7-13, 2024

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Sunday, April 7: Veneration of the Holy Cross

John 21:14-25 / Hebrews 4:14-5:6 / Mark 8:34-9:1

Monday, April 8: Celestine, Pope of Rome

Isaiah 14:24-32 / Genesis 8:21-9:7 / Proverbs 11:19-12:6
Hebrews 9:1-10 / Mark 6:30-44

Tuesday, April 9: Holy Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea

Isaiah 25:1-9 / Genesis 9:8-17 / Proverbs 12:8-22
Hebrews 9:11-15 / Mark 6:45-56

Wednesday, April 10: Martyr Gregory V, Patriarch of Constantinople

Isaiah 26:21-27:9 / Genesis 9:18-10:1 / Proverbs 12:23-13:9
Hebrews 9:15-22 / Mark 7:1-23

Thursday, April 11: Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum

Isaiah 28:14-22 / Genesis 10:32-11:9 / Proverbs 13:19-14:6
Hebrews 9:23-28 / Mark 7:24-30

Friday, April 12: Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium

Isaiah 29:13-23 / Genesis 12:1-7 / Proverbs 14:15-26
Hebrews 10:1-10 / Mark 8:1-10

Saturday, April 13: Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

Hebrews 6:9-12 / Mark 7:31-37

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