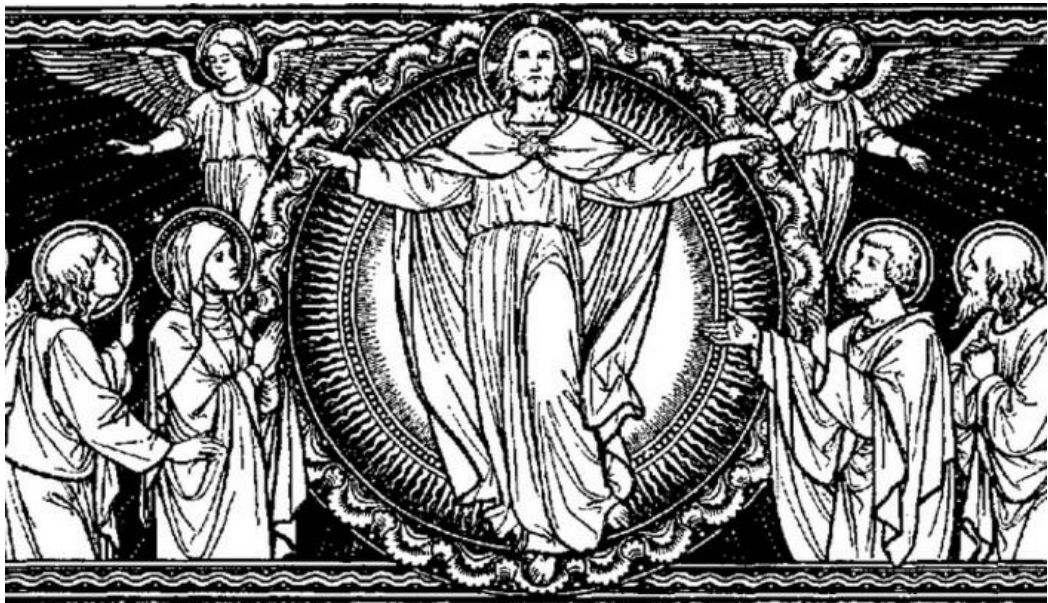


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Sunday, June 16, 2024

Sunday after the Ascension • Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am



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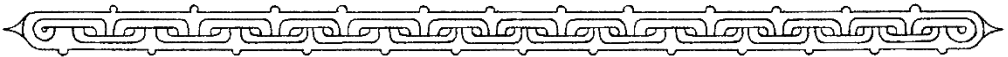
Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 6): When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou who art risen from the dead: O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion for the Ascension (Tone 4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened Your friends with Your promise of the Holy Spirit. And Your blessing confirmed their belief that You are indeed God's Son, the redeemer of the world!

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Thou O Christ art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true faith, O most merciful one: Glory to Thee!

Kontakion for the Ascension (Tone 4): When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: 'I am with you, and no one will be against you!'

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 READING

For the Sunday after Ascension

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the

Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish everyone, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday after Ascension

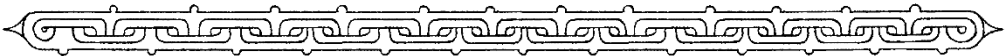
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-26)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest me to do. And now, Father, glorify Thou me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me.

"I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine; all mine are Thine, and Thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray

that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

“I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me. The glory which Thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and Thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that Thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as Thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which Thou hast given me in Thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known Thee, but I have known Thee; and these know that Thou hast sent me. I made known to them Thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



The Feast of the Ascension

From *The Year of the Grace of the Lord*, by “A Monk of the Eastern Church”

Then the Ascension marks God's acceptance of the Son's whole work of reparation. The Resurrection was the first dazzling sign of this acceptance, and Pentecost will be the last sign. The cloud which today envelopes Jesus and ascends with him to heaven represents the smoke of the sacrifice rising from the altar to God. The sacrifice is accepted, and the victim is admitted to God's presence where it will continue to be offered in an eternal and heavenly manner. The work of our salvation has been accomplished and is blessed.

Jesus does not return to his Father in isolation. It was the incorporeal Logos which came down among men. But today it is the Word made flesh, both true God and true man, who enters the kingdom of heaven. Jesus brings into it the human nature which he had assumed. He opens the door of the kingdom to humanity. As if by proxy, we take possession of the benefits which are offered and made possible to us. '[God] hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus'. There are places destined for us in the kingdom, if we are faithful. Our presence is desired and awaited.

The Ascension makes thoughts of heaven more immediate, more actual to us. Do we think of our permanent home often enough? For most Christians, life in heaven is no more than a supplement—of which they have but a very hazy notion—to life on earth. Life in heaven is seen somewhat as a postscript, an appendix, to a book whose text is formed by earthly life. But it is the opposite which is true. Our earthly life is but the preface to the book. Life in heaven will be its main text, and this text is endless.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today: Sunday after the Ascension; Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households A-F.

No morning prayers at the church this week; Father Andrew will be teaching Bible classes at St. George's summer day camp.

Monday, June 17: Romans Bible Bowl study (Zoom), 7pm

Wednesday, June 19: Vespers, 7pm

Saturday, June 22: Great Vespers for the Feast of Pentecost, 7pm

Sunday, June 23: Pentecost Sunday

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, followed by the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by households G-K.

Next week:

Wednesday, June 26: PLC Vespers at St George (1220 S. 60th Court, Cicero), 5:30pm

Thursday, June 27: Bible Bowl competition at Chicago-Oak Brook Marriott Hotel, 7-9pm.
We have two teams this year in the pre-teen and teen categories. Come cheer them on!

Saturday, June 29: Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

- Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Anthony at the hotel, beginning 8:15am. *Steven Doelman will be ordained to the diaconate at this Liturgy!*

Sunday, June 30: Feast of All Saints

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy with Fr. Jeremy Davis at All Saints Church, beginning 8:30am. *Coffee hour will be an all-church potluck.*
- Wedding of Joseph Handileh & Maria Saba, at Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 3pm

Parish Life Conference 2024

The Parish Life Conference takes place next week: **Wednesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 29**. There will be no Wednesday or Saturday Vespers at All Saints during this time. Please see separate PLC schedule for a full listing of services and events.

If you have not yet done so, register for the conference at Antiochianevents.com/Toledo. Cost to register is \$35 (or \$15 if you decide to pay for any other ticketed events). We have funds available to reimburse volunteers for the registration fee; please see Fr. Andrew.

Sign-up to volunteer. We will be in need of many volunteers, especially in the following areas:

- Registration
- Food server (for Wednesday night)
- Door monitor
- General volunteers
- Kids' club

Click here to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AAA72DA5FDC70-49712404-plcvolunteers#/>

ADDITIONAL KIDS' CLUB NEEDS: The Kids' Club program needs collapsible play tunnels, plastic gym cones, pool noodles, beach balls, manual balloon pumps, bean bags, and hoola hoops for an obstacle course. All items will be labeled and returned following the conference. Please see Melissa if you can lend any of these items.

Also, we need volunteers to serve as a lead teacher or assistant for our Kids Club during the Parish Life conference. We have many slots to fill and three age groups to cover! Teenagers are welcome and encouraged to sign up as assistants.

Visit here to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48ADA723A5F58-49734932-kids>

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Reader | Prospora | Greeter | Coffee | Food |
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| Sun, June 16 | Michelle C | Pat K | Nancy L | Zach C | A-F |
| Sun, June 23 <i>Pentecost</i> | Christy K | Domitille | Azizeh | Alina S | G-K |
| Sun, June 30 <i>All Saints</i> | Jim K | Cristina P | James B | Domitille | <i>Potluck</i> |
| Sunday, July 7 | Paul K | Sarah S | JoAnne T | Zach C | L-P |
| Sunday, July 14 | Joseph L | Dn Walid | John O | Lydia A | R-Z |
| Sunday, July 21 | Richard C | Sandy A | Nancy L | Zach C | A-F |
| Sunday, July 28 | Michelle C | Debbie K | Azizeh C | Alina S | G-K |

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have 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 make sure they don't take more than they can eat! Please also help your children clean up after themselves: this past week, there were a number of cups and plates left outside after coffee hour.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 16-22, 2024

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Sunday, June 16: Sunday after the Ascension

John 21:1-14 / Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 / John 17:1-26

Monday, June 17: Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, & Ishmael of Persia

Isaiah 62:10-63:9 / Acts 22:1-23:11 / John 15:11-17

Tuesday, June 18: Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, & Theodulus of Syria

Zechariah 14:1-11 / Acts 23:12-24:27 / John 15:18-27

Wednesday, June 19: Thaddeus (Jude), Apostle & Brother of the Lord

Genesis 14:14-20 / Acts 25:1-27 / John 16:1-11

Thursday, June 20: Methodios the Martyr, Bishop of Olympus

Deuteronomy 1:8-17 / Acts 26:1-32 / John 16:12-15

Friday, June 21: Julian the Martyr of Tarsus

Deuteronomy 10:14-21 / Acts 27:1-44 / John 16:16-22

Saturday, June 22: Alban, Proto-martyr of Britain

Acts 28:1-31 / John 16:23-33

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