

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, January 19, 2024

29th Sunday after Pentecost • 12th Sunday of St. Luke's Gospel

Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt

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



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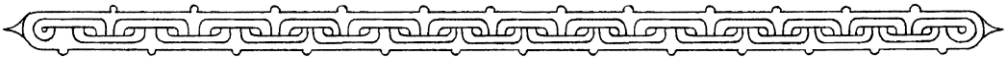


Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for St. Makarios (Tone 1): Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Makarios, our God-bearing father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength! Glory to Him that hath crowned thee! Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

Kontakion for the Presentation of our Lord (Tone 1): Thou, O Christ God, who by Thy birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb; and as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms; and didst also come to save us. Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou dost love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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-ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:4-11)

Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these

things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

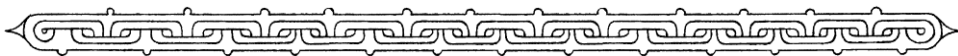
But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

THE GOSPEL

For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”



BAPTIZING THE WORLD, PART TWO

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The principle of Christianizing life, society, and traditions is natural in Christianity and all religions. Since religion encompasses all aspects of life, it is natural for it to imbue them with its spiritual hue on the one hand, and to adopt some of them and make them its own, on the other hand. This does not detract from Christianity; on the contrary, it gains a higher value. When Christianity absorbed practices of older religions, it proved that it could give them new meaning, and showed it could fulfill people's spiritual aspirations, satisfy their hunger for true life, and give meaning to their existence.

By baptizing the good things that came before it, Christianity proved its ability to grant people their aspirations for spirituality, as well as moral and societal values. Directed

towards humanity, Christianity has completed the good things and made them a means of salvation.

This leads us to reflect a little on our spiritual and pastoral reality. The rhythm of life in today's societies is no longer limited to the religious aspect because they have become irreligious, or simply satisfied with superficial religion. Materialism has become predominant, par excellence, in all aspects of life. Man has been deprived of one of his



most important dimensions, and he no longer finds the spring capable of quenching his thirst. The rush to possess material things is not a sign of a healthy lifestyle, but rather a confirmation of an inner void seeking fulfillment in the ephemeral things of this world.

As pastors and believers, we should reflect on how to baptize and Christianize today's world, addressing it and reaching it in a language that is faithful to the faith. This requires, on the one hand, a deep understanding of humanity in general, and contemporary humanity in particular; and on the other hand, a deep,

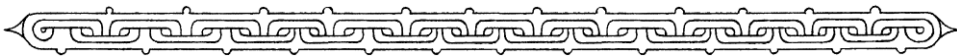
rooted understanding of the Christian faith, with a pure conscience filled with and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

A quick look at some of the new methods of care in our ecclesiastical reality reveals a frightening superficiality regarding interactions of faith and humanity, in many cases. For example, holding a New Year's Eve party in a church building does not mean that it has become a Christian party. If it is organized like other parties in public places, it will not bring about anything new. It would mark a secularization of Christianity, a confirmation of the licentious worldliness that characterizes other parties, and an illusion of protection in the minds of believers. Traditions cannot be easily and lightly baptized, replacing one with another, especially if they have similar forms!

The goal of the Church, the body of Christ, is to open man to the love of Christ and His living presence, not to replace worldly activities with similar ones within a purported "Christian" framework.

Baptizing the world means converting it to Christ, not coloring secular things with an external Christian hue. The challenge today before believers is great in this regard. Current pastoral practices, behaviors and conducts need serious scrutiny and examination to uncover hidden errors. This requires that the Church pays much more attention to pastoral care, and that believers help to establish a true Christian climate, not to pressure pastors to secularize pastoral care.

May we, in the spirit of prayer and in the presence of the Holy Spirit, discern what is necessary for our preaching to be upright and our witness to be faithful, so that we may contribute to the salvation of mankind for whom God came.



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
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Church school for all ages, following coffee hour
- Adult church school will take place upstairs in the church, taught by Joseph Letendre

No Tuesday morning prayers at All Saints this week; Fr. Andrew will be attending the monthly Pan-Orthodox clergy meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 22:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, Jan. 23 & 24: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, January 25: Great Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, January 26:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am

- Coffee hour provided by families L-P
- Church school for all ages, following coffee hour
- Pan-Orthodox Sanctity of Life prayer service, 6pm. (See announcement below.)

PAN-ORTHODOX SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER SERVICE. Please join us here at All Saints one week from today, Sunday, Jan. 26, at 6pm, for the annual Sanctity of Life Prayer Service, sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Chicago. We will have guests from other Orthodox communities around Chicagoland. Guest speakers will be Fr. Sotirios Malamis from Ascension Greek Orthodox Church in Lincolnshire, and Fr. Malek Rihani from St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Palos Heights.

Our ladies' group is coordinating a dessert afterwards; please see Shay Saba if you are willing and able to help.

THANK YOU FROM THE KISHLERS: Many thanks to all of you for your Christmas greetings, cards, and thoughtful gifts! We deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness, and we wish you all of God's blessings throughout the coming year.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest between January 6 and the beginning of Great Lent each year. It is not necessary to feed or pay the priest, and you are certainly not required to have his entire family over. Please see Fr. Andrew to set up an appointment. If you would rather wait until after Pascha, that will also be fine.

ICON ACADEMY: Eva W. plans once again to host an iconography class this spring. Classes will be held at church on several Saturday mornings, beginning in March. Instruction and all materials are provided, and no previous experience is needed. If interested, please see Eva before February 1, and Fr. Andrew for his blessing to attend.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Jan. 19	Richard C	Pat K	John O	Alina S	G-K
Sun., Jan. 26	Sd Joseph	Domitille	JoAnne T	Domitille	L-P
Sun., Feb 2 <i>Presentation</i>	Christy K	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun., Feb. 9 <i>Pharisee & Publ.</i>	Jim K	Sarah S	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun., Feb. 16 <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	John O	Alina S	G-K
<u>Sat., Feb. 22</u> <i>Sat. of Souls</i>	Joseph L	Sandy A	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
Sun, Feb. 23 <i>Meat-fare*</i>	Richard C.	Debbie K	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Sun., March 2 <i>Forgiveness*</i>	Michelle C	Domitille N	John O	Lydia A	R-Z

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, 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.

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!

****Meat-Fare Sunday (Feb. 23) is our final day for meat until Pascha (April 20). Forgiveness Sunday (March 2, also known as Cheese-Fare) is our final day for dairy products and eggs. Coffee hour offerings on March 2 may include dairy and eggs but no meat.***



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY 19-25, 2024

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Sunday, January 19: Venerable Makarios the Great of Egypt

John 20:11-18 / Colossians 3:4-11 / Luke 17:12-19

Monday, Jan. 20: Righteous Euthymius the Great

Proverbs 1 / James 3:1-12 / Luke 5:33-39

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Maximus the Confessor

Proverbs 2 / James 3:13-18 / Luke 6:1-5

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Timothy, Apostle of the 70

Proverbs 3 / James 4:1-10 / Luke 6:6-11

Thursday, Jan. 23: Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra

Proverbs 4 / James 4:11-17 / Luke 6:12-19

Friday, Jan. 24: Xenia of St. Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

Proverbs 5 / James 5:1-9 / Luke 6:20-26

Saturday, Jan. 25: Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

James 5:10-20 / Luke 6:27-36

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