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Triumph of Orthodoxy • 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

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



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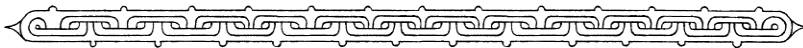
Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 4): Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: “Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

Apolytikion 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.

Apolytikion for the 40 Holy Martyrs (Tone 1): Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

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!

Apolytikion 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 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Thou, O Lord, will 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 Hebrews (12:1-9)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is

set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him. For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

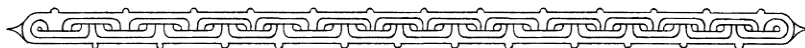
THE GOSPEL

For the First Sunday of Great Lent

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

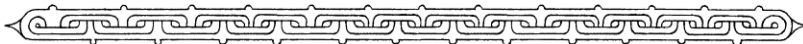
At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of 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.”



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!



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.

(Loudly) 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: The Triumph of Orthodoxy – First Sunday of Lent

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy with children's icon procession, beginning 8:30am.
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-E, followed by church school.
- Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6:30pm, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (601 S. Central Ave.). Guest homilist will be Bishop Alexei of Alaska (OCA).

Tuesday, March 11:

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

Wednesday, March 12:

- Lenten morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 7pm, followed by potluck meal

Thursday, March 13: Lenten morning prayers, 9am

Friday, March 14:

- Lenten morning prayers, 9am
- Akathist to the Theotokos, 7pm at St George Church in Cicero

Saturday, March 15: Vespers, 7pm

Sunday, March 16: St. Gregory Palamas – Second Sunday of Lent

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K, followed by church school.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OF SERVICE: Melissa W. is looking for donations of black and blue pens, pencils, 8 or 12 crayon boxes, boxes of 10 markers, match box cars individually packaged, small stuffed animals, and kids toothbrushes (no toothpaste). All the items must be new and can be placed in the donation box. We also have an Amazon wish list with additional ideas! Deadline is March 19. Thank you in advance!

LADIES' LENTEN RETREAT: Save the date! Our annual ladies' retreat will take place Saturday, March 29, beginning with the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos at 9am.

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 Alice our treasurer if you have any questions.

- Tithes and gifts for the general fund. It is the responsibility to all church members to support the work and upkeep of the church on a regular basis.
- Pastoral Discretionary Fund. These donations are given to the church to allocate as Fr. Andrew sees fit to best serve the needs of our community. Suggested recipients are always welcomed, but the final decision is at the pastor's discretion.
- Donate to our Lenten food drive or "Food for Hungry People."
- Our Archdiocese's annual seminarian appeal

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE: As we approach the Lenten season, again we are blessed to be able to participate in a Lenten food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning Sunday, March 2, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods and clothing items (underwear & white t-shirts sizes M-XL, shoes sizes 9-12). These will be given to individuals served by Northside Housing in their drop-in center and new men's shelter. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need cooking, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops. A list of suggested items is on the greeter table. Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. **The deadline is Sunday, April 13.** Monetary donations are also accepted, please write "**Food Drive**" on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE: Coin boxes, as supplied by our Archdiocese, are once again available for Lent at our greeters' table. Use these boxes during Lent and turn them in at Pascha to be blessed. Please replace the coins with a check marked Food for Hungry People in the memo line, or submit paper money. All donations will go to the Antiochian Archdiocese's "Food for Hungry People" program. If you have any questions, contact Pat K.

"Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble." (Psalm 41:1)

ARCHDIOCESE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS. Registration is open for our Antiochian Archdiocese camps, for children and teens ages 9-18. We have some scholarship funds designated to our parish from the Order of St. Ignatius; please see Fr. Andrew before the end of March if your child is interested in attending camp at Antiochian Village or Camp St. George in Iowa.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., March 9 <i>Orth. Sunday</i>	Sdn Joseph	Cristina P	JoAnne T	Zach C	A-F
<u>Wed., March 12</u> <i>Presanctified</i>	n/a	Pat K	Azizeh C	Volunteer	Potluck
Sun, March 16 <i>St Gregory</i>	Christy K	Sandy A	John O	Alina S	G-K
<u>Wed, March 19</u> <i>Presanctified</i>	n/a	Dn Walid	Domitille	Volunteer	Potluck
Sun, March 23 <i>Holy Cross</i>	Jim K	David J	JoAnne T	Domitille	L-P
<u>Tues, March 25</u> <i>Annunciation</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	Nancy L	Volunteer	Potluck
Sun, March 30 <i>St John Climacus</i>	Joseph L	Debbie K	Azizeh C	Lydia A	R-Z
<u>Wed, April 2</u> <i>Presanctified</i>	n/a	Pat K	Richard B	Volunteer	Potluck

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

MARCH 9-15, 2025

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Sunday, March 9: Triumph of Orthodoxy & the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Luke 24:1-12 / Hebrews 12:1-9 / John 1:43-51

Monday, March 10: Quadratus the martyr & his companions

Isaiah 4:2-5:7 / Hebrews 4:1-10 / Mark 3:1-12

Genesis 3:21-4:7 / Proverbs 4:1-22

Tuesday, March 11: Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem

Isaiah 5:7-16 / Hebrews 4:11-16 / Mark 3:13-27

Genesis 4:8-15 / Proverbs 5:1-15

Wednesday, March 12: Gregory the Dialogist, Bishop of Rome

Isaiah 5:16-30 / Hebrews 5:1-14 / Mark 3:28-35

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

Thursday, March 13: Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople

Isaiah 6:1-13 / Hebrews 6:1-8 / Mark 4:1-20

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

Friday, March 14: Benedict the Righteous of Nursia

Isaiah 7:1-14 / Hebrews 6:9-20 / Mark 4:21-34

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

Saturday, March 15: Holy Apostle Aristobulos of the 70, Bishop of Britain

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

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