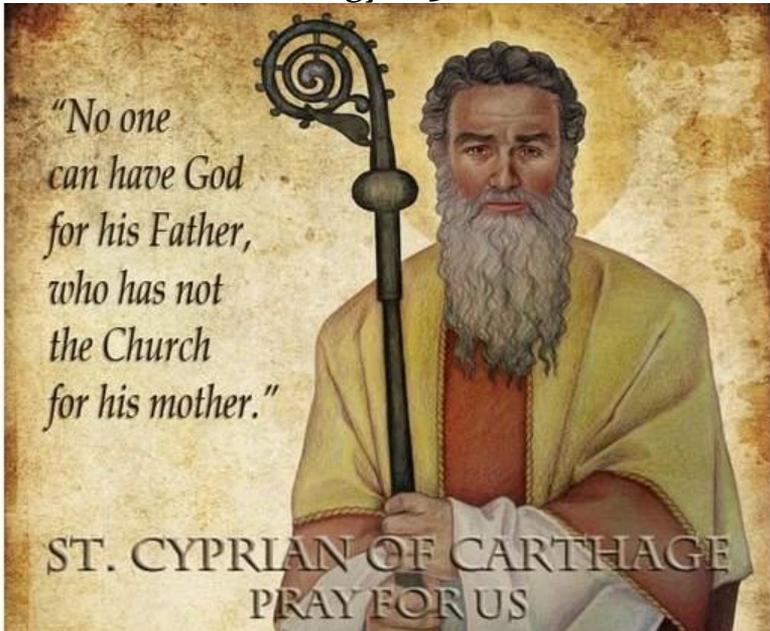


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Sunday, August 31, 2025

12th Sunday of St. Matthew • St. Cyprian of Carthage
**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine
Liturgy, 8:30am**



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Troparion of 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 St. Cyprian (Tone 4): By choosing the Apostles' way of life, you succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God you found the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith to the very shedding of your blood. O holy martyr among bishops, Cyprian, entreat the Lord our God to save our souls!

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.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4): By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!



THE EPISTLE READING

For the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 46:6, 1

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-20)

BRETHREN, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up— if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

THE GOSPEL

For the 12th Sunday of St. Matthew

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” He said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Sept. 3:

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

Thursday, Sept. 4:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 7pm

No morning prayers at the church on Friday, Sept. 5

Saturday, Sept. 6:

- Men's fellowship breakfast & discussion, 8:30am
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Sept. 7: Nativity of the Theotokos (transferred)

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Baptism of Bennett David Corey, son of Alex and Kinga
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P
- First week of Church school (see note below)

INVITATION FROM THE ILIEVSKIS. Today we offer the 40 day memorial prayers for our dear sister in Christ Liljana Ilievska. May her memory be eternal! Her family would like to invite everyone to the cemetery today at 2pm for additional prayers (Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Rd. in Skokie; grave 84-1-Willow), followed by a meal at Sketchbook Brewing (4901 Main St., Skokie). Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE. The Fellowship of St. James will be holding its annual conference *Great & Wonderful Days: Recovering the Christian Life in a Post-Christian Age* at Trinity International University in Deerfield, **September 25-27**. All Saints members and friends are invited to register using this discounted link:

<http://www.thetouchstoneconference.com/allsaints>

CHURCH SCHOOL. Church school for all ages begins **next Sunday, Sept. 7**. Fr. Pat and Joseph Letendre will continue to teach the adult class, beginning with Fr Pat on Sept. 7, and your priest would like to see ALL children, teens, and adults participating each week. Many thanks to Michelle C. and all of our teachers and staff for all of your hard work!

ORTHODOXY 101. In addition to Adult Church School, Fr Andrew will be teaching ‘Orthodoxy 101’ on the basics of the Orthodox Faith. This is aimed at inquirers, catechumens, and new members, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend if interested! We begin **Saturday, Sept. 13** at 6pm (before Vespers) and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays unless otherwise noted

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 8/31	Christy K	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	G-K
Sun 9/7 <i>Nativity of St Mary</i>	Jim K	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	L-P
Sun 9/14* <i>Holy Cross</i>	Paul K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun 9/21	Steve K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Domitille	A-F
Sun 9/28	Joseph L	Sandy A	John O	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, 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!

**Shaded dates indicate fasting. No meat or dairy should be served at church on these dates.*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUG. 31 – SEPT. 6, 2025

**ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE**

Sunday, Aug. 31: Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage
Matthew 28:16-20 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-20 / Matthew 19:16-26

Monday, Sept. 1: Ecclesiastical New Year
Isaiah 61:1-11 / Leviticus 26:3-19 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Matthew 11:27-30 / 1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, Sept. 2: John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople
Job 42 / 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 / Matthew 21:33-46

Wednesday, Sept. 3: Phoebe the Deaconess
Proverbs 1 / 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 / Matthew 22:1-14

Thursday, Sept. 4: Holy Prophet Moses the God-Seer
Proverbs 2 / 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 / Matthew 22:15-22

Friday, Sept. 5: Holy Prophet Zacharias & Righteous Elizabeth
Proverbs 3 / 2 Corinthians 11:7-15 / Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, Sept. 6: Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae
2 Corinthians 11:16-33 / Matthew 22:34-40

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