

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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



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Entrance Hymn for the Holy Cross: Exalt ye the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for He is holy! O Son of God, who wast crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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 for the Holy Cross (Tone 4): As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by your name, O Christ God. Make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

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



THE EPISTLE READING

For the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prokeimenon – Psalm 98:5, 1

Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool. Holy is He! The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble.

The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

BRETHREN, the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world

through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”

THE GOSPEL

For the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

AT THAT TIME, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where art Thou from?” But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, “Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify

Thee?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, *Gabbatha*. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar!” Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew *Golgotha*. There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

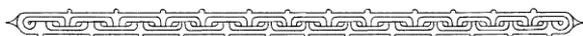
Now standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head and gave up the spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there

came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 8): Thou art the mystical paradise, O Theotokos, for that thou being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by whom was planted on the earth the life-giving tree of the cross. Wherefore as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn (Tone 8): 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: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Orthros, Cross Procession, & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
- Memorial prayers for Gabriel Nicolescu (1 year). May his memory be eternal!
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z
- Church school for all ages. Joseph Letendre will teach the adult class upstairs after coffee hour. *As always, your priest would like to see ALL children, teens, and adults participating each week!*

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Sept. 17:

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

Thursday, Sept. 18:

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

Friday, Sept. 19: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Sept. 20:

- Marriage of Timothy Walter and Kathy Kwilosz, 2pm
- No Vespers at All Saints

Next Sunday, Sept. 21:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F
- Church school for all ages

TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE. The Fellowship of St. James will be holding its annual conference 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>

CONVOCATION. Our all-church annual meeting will take place **Sunday, Oct. 5** after Liturgy and a potluck dinner. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from all of our ministry leaders, review the budget for the coming fiscal year, and elect a new parish council member. All members (18+) and catechumens should plan to attend!

ALL SAINTS EVE. Our annual All Saints Eve celebration will take place **Friday, Oct. 31** at 6pm. All are welcome to nominate a saint or saints for saint-of-the-year! Nominations are due Monday, Sept. 15, and may be submitted to Fr. Andrew or Rich Coleman.

Please note that the nominees for the past three years, and winners for the past seven years, are not eligible:

- 2024: *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, St. John Chrysostom*, St. Benedict of Nursia, St. Borisand, St. Gleb, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Artemius of Verkola, Saint Sofian Boghiu*
- 2023: *St. Christopher of Lycia and, with him, the Martyrs Callinika and Aquilina, St. Panteleimon, St. Stylianos, St. Sophia of Thrace*, St. Phanourius, St. Sophrony, St Carlos Acutis*
- 2022: *St Photini of Samaria, St Hermione of Ephesus, St Barbara, St Mary of Egypt *, St John of Damascus, St Edward the Confessor, St Eumenios*

- *Previous Saints of the Year: Constantin Brancoveanu (2021), Cyril & Methodius (2020), Elizabeth the New Martyr (2019), Brigid of Kildare (2018).*



Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 9/14* <i>Holy Cross</i>	Paul K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun 9/21	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	A-F
Sun 9/28	Joseph L	Sandy A	JoAnne T	Lydia A	G-K
Sun 10/5 <i>Convocation</i>	Rich C	Debbie K	Azizeh	Domitille	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun 10/12	Michelle	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	L-P
Sun 10/19	Sd Joseph	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	R-Z
Sun 10/26	Jim K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	A-F

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 SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2025

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Sunday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Exodus 15:22-16:1 / Proverbs 3:11-18 / Isaiah 60:11-18
John 12:28-36 / 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 / John 19

Monday, Sept. 15: Nikitas the Great Martyr

Proverbs 8 / Galatians 2:11-21 / Matthew 24:29-31

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Euphemia the Great Martyr

Proverbs 9 / Galatians 3:1-14 / Matthew 24:32-44

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Sophia & her daughters Faith, Hope, & Love

Proverbs 10 / Galatians 3:15-29 / Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, Sept. 18: Eumenius the Wonderworker

Proverbs 11 / Galatians 4:1-16 / Matthew 25:1-13

Friday, Sept. 19: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury

Proverbs 12 / Galatians 4:17-31 / Matthew 25:14-30

Saturday, Sept. 20: Eustathius the Great Martyr

Galatians 5:1-10 / Matthew 25:31-46

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