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Sunday after the Ascension • Fathers of the First Council



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Apolytikion of 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.

Apolytikion of 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.

Apolytikion of 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.

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.

Kontakion for the Ascension (Tone 4): When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and united 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!"

EPISTLE READING

For the Sunday after the Ascension

Prokeimenon – Daniel 3

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our fathers, and worthy of praise; and Thy name is glorified forever. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-36)

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them:

“You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God.

“And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the

words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday after the Ascension

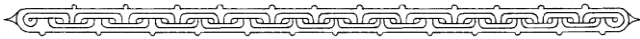
The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-26)

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.”



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F

No Tuesday morning prayers this week at All Saints

Wednesday, May 27:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, May 28 & 29: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, May 30:

- Icon Academy, 9am-5pm
- Bible Bowl study (online), 5-6pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

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

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- All Saints feast-day weekend with Fr. Jeremy Davis – June 6-7
- Parish Life Conference – June 17-20 (Cleveland)
- Deanery picnic – Saturday, July 11 in La Grange. All of the churches in the Chicago deanery are sponsoring together this day of food, fellowship, and fun. We are seeking volunteers from All Saints; please see Eric and Cristina Pope.
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop John, and the ordination of Subdeacon Joseph Freve to the diaconate – Sunday, July 12

MISSION TEAM CHICAGO had previously announced a benefit dinner for Orthodox missions on Tuesday, June 2. This event has

unfortunately been postponed, and will eventually be rescheduled. Further updates will be published when available.

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Reader | Prospora | Greeter | Coffee | Food |
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| Sun May 24 <i>Holy Fathers</i> | Michelle | Pat K | Nancy L | Zach C | A-F |
| Sun May 31 <i>Pentecost</i> | Sdn. Joseph | Domitille | Tobey | Lydia A | G-K |
| Sun June 7 <i>All Saints</i> | Jim K | Cristina P | Domitille | Domitille | L-P |
| Sun Jun 14 | Paul K | Dn Walid | John O | <i>volunteer</i> | R-Z |
| Sun Jun 21 | Steve K | Sarah C | JoAnne T | Zach C | A-F |
| Sun Jun 28 | Joseph L | Sephora | Azizeh | Lydia A | 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.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY 24-30, 2026

Sunday, May 24: Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council & Sunday after the Ascension

Genesis 14:14-20 / Deuteronomy 1:8-17 / Deuteronomy 10:14-21
John 21:1-14 / Acts 20:16-18, 28-38 / John 17:1-26

Monday, May 25: St. Bede of Jarrow

Wisdom of Sirach 37 / Acts 22:30-23:35 / John 15:11-17

Tuesday, May 26: Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury

Wisdom of Sirach 38 / Acts 24:1-27 / John 15:18-27

Wednesday, May 27: Hieromartyr Helladius

Wisdom of Sirach 39 / Acts 25:1-27 / John 16:1-11

Thursday, May 28: Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene

Wisdom of Sirach 40 / Acts 26:1-32 / John 16:12-15

Friday, May 29: Theodosia the Virgin-Martyr of Tyre & Leave-Taking of the Ascension

Wisdom of Sirach 41 / Acts 27:1-44 / John 16:16-22

Saturday, May 30: Isaac, Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatus & Sabbath of Souls

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

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