

Saintly Notes

The Holy Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius (October 25)

These saints of God were clergymen under Paul, the Patriarch of Constantinople, during the reign of Emperor Constantius. With the death of the great Emperor Constantine, the Arian heresy, which until then had been suppressed, revived and gained momentum. Even Emperor Constantius himself leaned toward this heresy.

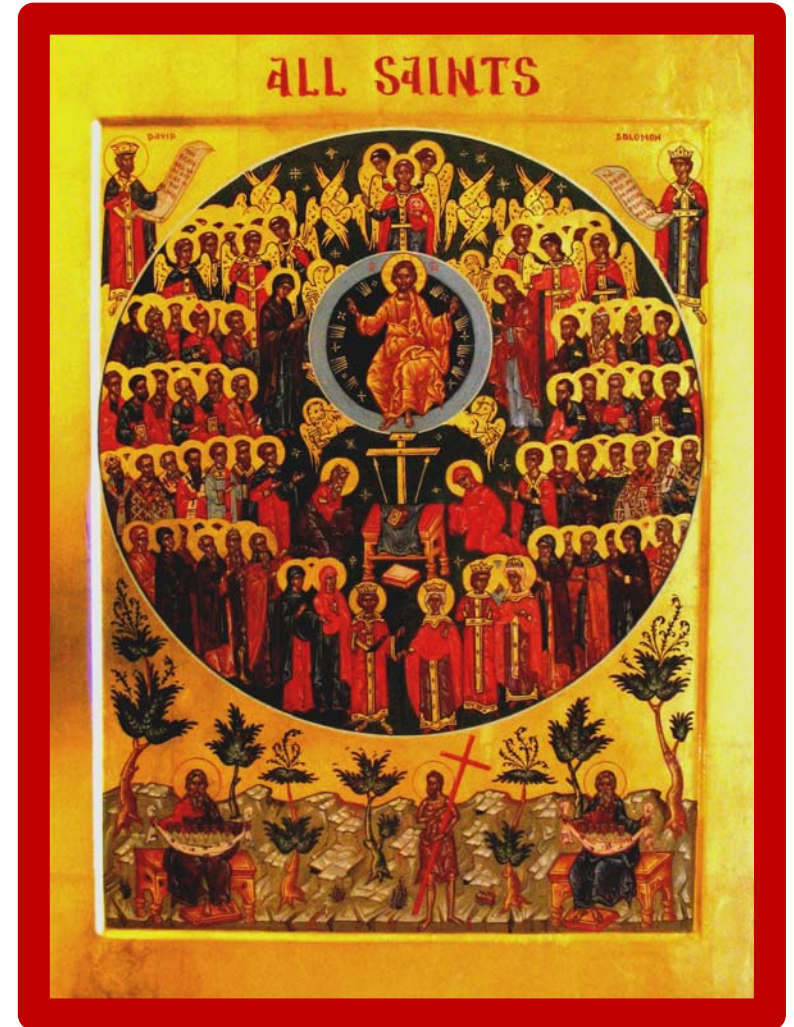
There were two influential noblemen at the emperor's court, Eusebius and Philip, both of whom were ardent Arians. Under their influence, Patriarch Paul was ousted from the patriarchal throne and banished to Armenia, where the Arians strangled him. Then the dishonorable Macedonius seized the patriarchal throne.

At that time Orthodoxy had two bitter struggles: against the pagans and against the heretics. Marcian and Martyrius interceded with all their strength and determination on the side of Orthodoxy. Marcian was a reader and Martyrius was a subdeacon at the cathedral church of Hagia Sophia; under Patriarch Paul they had been patriarchal notaries (secretaries). The Arians at first tried to bribe them, but when these holy men rejected this with scorn, the heretics condemned them to death. When they were brought to the executioner, they raised their hands and prayed to God, giving Him thanks for a martyr's end to their lives: "Lord, we rejoice that we depart from this life by such a death. Make us worthy to be partakers of eternal life. Thou art our life!" They placed their necks beneath the sword and were beheaded in the year 355. Later, St. John Chrysostom built a church in their name over their miracle-working relics.

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The Saints Whom We Remember Today
Martyrs Marcian and Martyrios the Notaries

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers
Friday: 6:30p Parish Council, Clergy, Building Committee Dinner w/Bishop (Errico's)
Saturday: 12:00noon Church School Lunch w/Bishop; 5:30p Great Vespers; 6:30p Lasagna Dinner w/Bishop (Parish Hall)
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; 11:30a Ground Breaking; 12:30p Reception (Parish Hall)

Third Antiphon

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 became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 3

See above.

Troparion

for Sts. Marcian and Martyrios
Tone 4

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee, received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Ordinary Sundays—Tone 2

O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

Holy God . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Cor. 12:27—13:8

Gospel: Luke 16:19–31

Megalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn—Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Nicholas Christopoulos, Christian Christopoulos, William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope.

Special Attention

- **CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** All Saints and our Archdiocese want to stay in touch with our college students. If you are in college please give your email and mailing address to Dcn. David. If you have children in college please let

Dcn. David know their email and mailing addresses as well. Our Archdiocese has a special college department that works hard to help students maintain their faith while away from home.

- **Annual Meeting Date.** Our annual voters' meeting will be held on November 15th following the Divine Liturgy. Please all voters need to attend. Building updates will be presented as well as reports for the year. The 2010 budget will be presented and voted on. Two new members of the Parish Council will be voted into office. The meeting will last no longer than one hour. We need all voters to be in attendance.
- **Annual Report.** The annual report will be mailed this week to all voting members of the parish. Please read each report carefully, so that at the annual meeting on Nov. 15th we will be able to approve all reports with one vote after a short period of time that will be reserved for questions. The remainder of the annual meeting will be used for voting and for information on our building project.
- **Reserve the weekend!!** Our parish will be celebrating our new temple groundbreaking the weekend ending November 1st!! Bishop Antoun will be joining us for worship and celebration, so plan to participate with your All Saints family! The weekend schedule is on the opposite page. (*Also please see the insert*)
- **Confession Practice at All Saints.** We encourage every member of All Saints to come to confession on a regular basis (*usually four times a year; however, the frequency of your participation at confession should be discussed with your spiritual father*). In addition, Father Nicholas has asked that all confessions are to normally be by appointment (including those after Vespers). Except for extraordinary situations, no confessions will be heard during Holy Week, Bright week, and from December 25—January 2. Please talk to Fr. Nicholas to make an appointment:
email, orthorider.nras@gmail.com;
phone, 859-1332; or face to face

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all ye nations.

†**Epistle: Gal. 1:11–19 (RSV)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother.

†**Gospel: Luke 8:26–39 (RSV)**

At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech

Thee, do not torment me." For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. [For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.] Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Jesus not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Jesus to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Jesus to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare all that God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

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