

Saintly Notes

St. Nectarios, of Pentapolis, the Wonderworker (November 9)

St. Nectarios was born on 1 October 1846 in Selymbria in Thrace to a poor family. His given name was Anastasios Kephalas. At the age of 14 he moved to Constantinople (Istanbul) to work and further his education. In 1866 he left to the island of Chios to take a teaching post. He then became a monk at the age of thirty.

Three years after becoming a monk he was ordained a Deacon, taking the name Nectarios. He graduated from the University of Athens in 1885. During his years as a student of the University of Athens he wrote many books, pamphlets, and Bible commentaries.

Following his graduation he went to Alexandria Egypt, where he was ordained a Priest and served the Church of Saint Nicholas in Cairo with great distinction. In recognition of his piety and brilliance as a preacher, as well as his administrative ability, he was consecrated Metropolitan bishop of Pentapolis (an ancient diocese in Cyrenaica, in what is now Libya) by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Sophronios in 1889.

He served as a Bishop in Cairo for one year, and was removed from his post by clerics who disliked his popularity with the people. Lies were made up against him by the jealous clergy. Patriarch Sophronios refused to listen to St. Nectarios. He was sent away from Egypt without trial or explanation, and was never given an opportunity to defend himself.

After his dismissal, he returned to Greece in 1891, and spent several years as a preacher (1891-1894). He was then appointed director of the Rizarios for the education of priests in Athens, where his service was exemplary for fifteen years. He developed many courses of study, and wrote numerous books, all while preaching widely throughout Athens.

In 1904 at the request of several nuns, he established a monastery for them on the island of Aegina. The Monastery was named Holy Trinity Monastery.

In December 1908, at the age of 62, St. Nectarios resigned from his post as school director and withdrew to the Holy Trinity Convent on Aegina, where he lived out the rest of his life as a Monk. He wrote, published, preached, and heard confessions from those who came from near and far to seek out his spiritual guidance.

While at the monastery, he also tended the gardens, carried stones, and helped with the construction of the monastery buildings that were built with his own funds. He was also the Metropolitan of the island of Aegina.

St. Nectarios died on the evening of 9 November 1920 at the age of 74, following hospitalization for prostate cancer. His body was taken to the Holy Trinity Convent, where he was buried by a Priest-Monk named Savas, who later wrote the first icon of St. Nectarios. The funeral of St. Nectarios was attended by multitudes of people from all parts of Greece and Egypt.

The Feast Day of St. Nectarios is celebrated every year on 9 November. Thousands of miracles have been attributed to his intercession.

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The Rev. Philip Pelikan, Priest
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The Saints Whom We Remember

Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesos;
Venerable Matrona of Constantinople; Theoktista of Lesvos;
Simeon the Translator (Metaphrastes);
Venerable Euthymios and Neophytos, founders of Docheiariou monastery on
Athos; Nectarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed; 8:00a Baklawa Baking
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 8:00a Baklawa Baking; 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Eve.
Div. Lit. for St. Chrysostom
Thursday: 6:00p Planning Committee
Friday: 8:00a Baklawa Baking
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;
12:00p Annual Voters' Meeting

Third Antiphon

for 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.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion

of the Resurrection—Tone 4

See above.

Troparion

for 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 Entrance of Theotokos—Tone 2

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal . . .

Epistle and Gospel

Today and Next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9–16

Gospel: Matt. 9:9–13

Alegalyrnarion

Tone 8

It is truly meet and right to bless thee . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

After Communion

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Alexander Sieck, Alexander Haynes, Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg.

Special Attention

- **Annual Voters' Meeting.** Our annual All Saints' Voters' Meeting

will convene at 12:30pm on November 16th in the church nave. This year the plans for the new church extension and remodeling project will be presented in addition to hearing the reports from our various committees and organizations. The budget for 2009 and election of 2 new members of the parish council will conclude our agenda. Everyone is invited to this meeting, but only those who are official voters will be able to vote. If you would like to become an official voting member of All Saints, please see Fr. Nicholas.

- **2009 Church Calendars.** Our teen SOYO group will be selling calendars today in the parish hall. All profit made on the calendars is used for the SOYO program at All Saints.
- **Can Good Drive for Raleigh Food Bank Will Start Next Sunday.** Our Teen SOYO will be collecting non-perishable food items all during the months of November and December. Please bring items you wish to donate to the church and place in the container located in the Narthex.
- **Baklawa is Coming.** Dear Members of All Saints: There are only 2 1/2 weeks till Thanksgiving. Please turn in your orders, so we can fill them, and know how much we need to bake. We need your support in order to make this project a success. Ladies we are baking in the morning Nov. 10.also Nov.12.14.17.19.21. Please, be at the church at 9:00 and don't forget your brown bag lunch. SELL SELL SELL SELL. Remember the contest is to see what man, woman, and child can sell the most orders.

Mary Elizabeth Bassett

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

†**Epistle: Gal. 2:16–20 (RSV)**

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

†**Gospel: Luke 8:41–56 (RSV)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of

blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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A Word from Our Fathers

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