

Saintly Notes

St. Veronica, the Woman with the Issue of Blood (July 12)

Veronica is the woman with the issue of blood whom the Lord healed. "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment" (St. Matthew 9:20). Out of gratitude to the Lord her Healer, Veronica ordered a statue of the Lord Jesus be made for her before which she prayed to God. According to tradition, this statue was preserved until the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate who altered the statue into an idol of Zeus. This is one of the rarest instances that statues of saints were used in the Eastern Church. As is known, the latter became a common practice in the Western Church. Saint Veronica remained faithful to the Faith of Christ until death and died peacefully.

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St. Veronica

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Venerable hieromartyr Cyprian of St. George kelli on Athos;
Venerable Lampados of Irenoupolis; the synaxis of the 23 martyrs of Lesvos;
Uncovering of the relics of Venerable Sergios the wonder-worker of Radonezh

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Thursday: 7:00p Building Committee
Saturday: 1:00p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Troparion of 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 . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 4

See above.

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 . . . Alleluia.

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Tit. 3:8–15

Gospel: Matt. 5:14–19

Alleluyarion

Tone 7

It is truly meet . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

Tone 2

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

- **Building Project Update.** There will be a report from the building committee next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.



- **Vacation Worship.** Remember that vacation time is not a time to avoid worship. Fr. Nicholas can give you a list of churches in the area where you will be vacationing. If you cannot get to a church, do morning prayers together with your spouse or family, and don't forget to pray before meals. If you will be gone for an extended period of time, mailing envelopes for your financial worship of God are also available on the narthex table.
- **Discretionary Fund Needs.** As many of you know, we have a priest's discretionary fund here at All Saints that is used to help people in need (often our own members). Usually, that amounts to small gifts of money for gas or food, but at other times it is used for more serious needs such as help with rent or utility bills or prescribed medicines, etc. As more and more people are out of work or have experienced decreased income, the use of this fund has risen sharply. The result is that the discretionary fund needs to be built up again. If you are able, a donation specified to be used for the discretionary fund would be greatly appreciated and would help many people who have nowhere else to turn. May God bless you for your generosity.



Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

*Sing unto the Lord a new song;
His praise is in the church of the saints.*

†**Epistle: Rom. 10:1–10 (RSV)**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel are that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is

justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

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