

Saintly Notes

All Saints Sunday (1st Sunday after Pentecost)

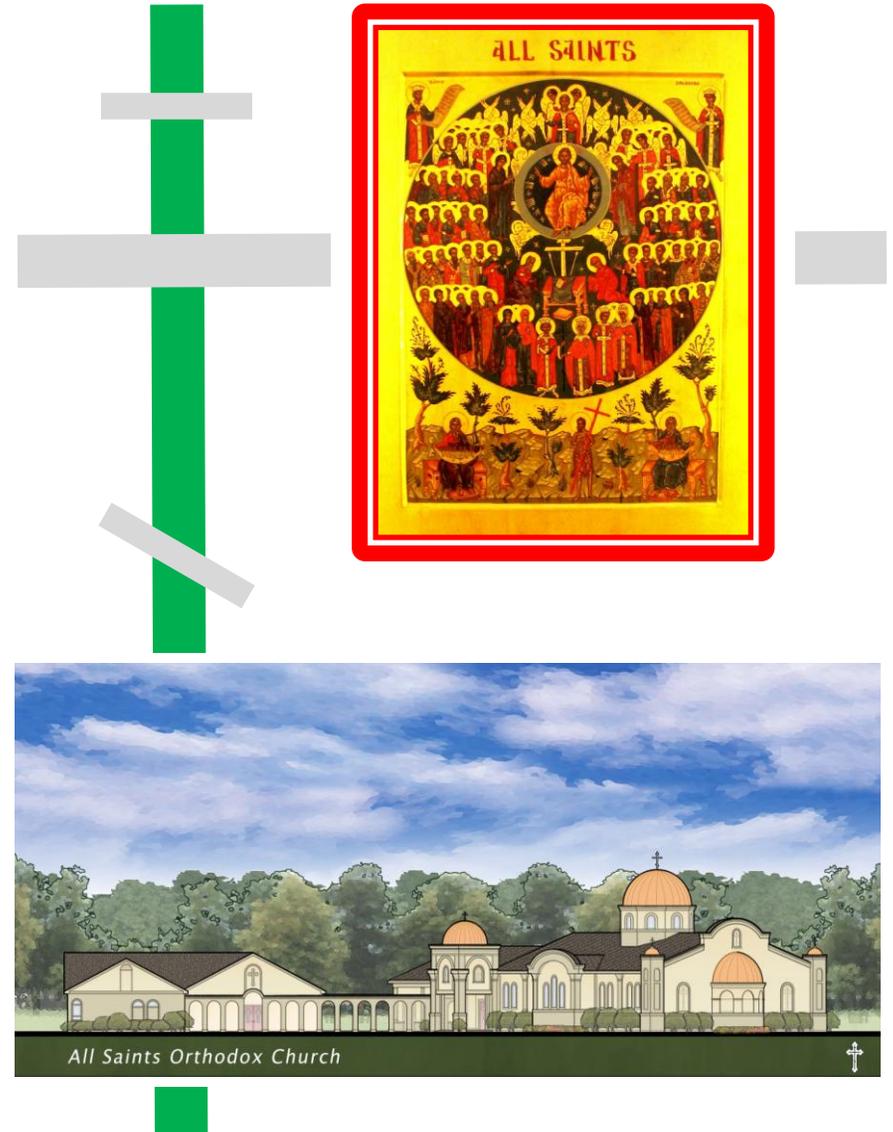
For Orthodox Christians, All Saints' Sunday (Greek: Αγίων Πάντων), follows the earlier tradition of commemorating all saints collectively on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor, Leo VI “the Wise” (886–911). His wife, Empress Theophano—commemorated on December 16—lived a devout life. After her death, her husband built a church, intending to dedicate it to her. When he was forbidden to do so, he decided to dedicate it to “All Saints,” so that if his wife were in fact one of the righteous, she would also be honored whenever the feast was celebrated. According to tradition, it was Leo who expanded the feast from a commemoration of All Martyrs to a general commemoration of All Saints, whether martyrs or not.

This Sunday marks the close of the Paschal season. To the normal Sunday services are added special scriptural readings and hymns to all the saints (known and unknown) from the Pentecostarion.

The Sunday following All Saints Sunday—the second Sunday after Pentecost—is set aside as a commemoration of all locally venerated saints, such as “All Saints of America,” “All Saints of Mount Athos,” etc. The third Sunday after Pentecost may be observed for even more localized saints, such as “All Saints of St. Petersburg,” or for saints of a particular type, such as “New Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke.”

In addition to the Sundays mentioned above, Saturdays throughout the year are days for general commemoration of all saints, and special hymns to all saints are chanted from the Octoechos.

(from wikipedia.org)



1st Sunday after Pentecost (Commemoration of All Saints)

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May 30, 2010

This Week's Schedule

Today: (All Saints Feast Day) 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; All Saints Annual BBQ and Open House
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 1:00p Wedding Blessing; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
(Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Little Entrance

- † *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."
† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8):* 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 of All Saints (Tone 8):* To Thee, O Lord and Author of all creation, the universe offereth as first-fruits of nature the divinity-bearing Martyrs. Wherefore, by their imploring, preserve Thou Thy Church in perfect safety, for the

sake of the Theotokos, O most Merciful.

The Trisagion

"Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy . . ."

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Rom. 2:10-16

Gospel: Matt. 4:18-23

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

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

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise becometh the upright. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light. . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update—Placing of the central dome:** We are planning to place the central dome onto the new temple in the near future. The dome over the bell tower was placed this past week and the central dome will be positioned this week if weather permits.
- **Ladies, Save These Dates:** We will have our annual summer Brunch and Bible Study sessions on these dates: June 12, July 10, August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am on those

dates. More details will be coming soon. *Rh. Barbara*

- **All Saints Sunday Annual BBQ:** All are welcome and invited to attend our Parish Feast Day BBQ this morning after the Divine Liturgy. The meal is free and the celebration is joyous, so please come and enjoy.
- **First Open House.** Our first open house for the new building will take place today during the BBQ. Adults, teens, and **parent-supervised** children under 10 will have the chance to take a guided walk-through of our new education and temple areas and view the progress so far.
- **God Bless Our Graduates.** We pray for God's blessings on our Parish Graduates from High School and College today. May God grant them many, many, many years; and wisdom, peace, and success in the years to come.
- **General and Building Funds Opportunity.** Those who have not yet made a pledge to worshipfully and regularly contribute to our general fund and to our building fund will have the opportunity to do so today. (A pledge card has been inserted in your bulletin.) If you have not made a pledge to date please prayerfully consider this. We ask that you keep your general fund giving at the same or greater level as in the past and in addition make a pledge to the building fund. To make this a successful building project we need all of our members to participate.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

God is wonderful among His saints.

Bless God in the congregations.

†**Epistle: Heb. 11:33—12:2 (RSV)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set

before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

†**Gospel: Matt. 10:32–33, 37–38; 19:27–30 (RSV)**

The Lord said to His disciples, “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

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A Word from Our Fathers

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In our present peril, decorous words which commit us to nothing are not enough. All of us today are in vital need of a firm faith in Christ’s eternal victory, that we, too, may become spiritually invincible. . . . Those who are baptized ‘with the Holy Spirit and with fire’ (Luke 3:16) perceive in their prayer that every given moment of our life is enveloped in Divine eternity. At all times and in all places we are held in the invisible Hand of our Heavenly Father.”

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