

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

EPISTLE READING:

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 67.35,26

God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:33-40; 12:1-2

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, 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 perfecter of our faith.

GOSPEL READING:

The Gospel According to Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one 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 him 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 you. 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 children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

SAINTS AND FEASTS:

Today we commemorate:

- **The Sunday of All Saints**
- **Lucillian of Byzantium, 4 martyred Youths and Paula the Virgin**
- **Athanasios the Wonderworker**
- **Kevin, Abbot of Glendalough**

Readings:

The Sunday of All Saints

Honouring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honourable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an

example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honour all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honour the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honour and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and

unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honour today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

Lucillian of Byzantium, 4 martyred Youths and Paula the Virgin

Formerly a priest of the idols near Nicomedia, the Saint came to the Christian Faith in his old age; this was during the reign of Aurelian (270-275). Lucillian was brought before Silvan the Count; when he refused to return to the service of the idols, his jaw was broken, he was beaten with rods, and hanged upside down, then imprisoned with four Christian children, Claudius, Hypatius, Paul, and Dionysius. All of them were brought out again before Silvan, and remaining constant in their faith, were cast into a raging furnace. Preserved unharmed, they were sent to Byzantium, where the children were beheaded, and Lucillian was crucified. The virgin Paula, a Christian, buried their holy relics. For this, she was taken before the Count, and refusing to sacrifice to the idols, was stripped naked and mercilessly thrashed; after other torments, she was beheaded, in 270. There was a church in their honor in Constantinople.

“Sunday of All Saints”

Sunday, June 3rd, 2018
8:30am-Orthros
9:30am-Divine Liturgy

Parish Council Assignment Team #2- Vange,
Eric, Fran, Vicky

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Fellowship Hour is being sponsored by the Parish Council. Please join us in the Community Center following the dismissal of Liturgy.

BOOKSTORE CLOSED TODAY

The bookstore will be closed today, June 3rd, but will resume regular hours beginning next week.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note: Beginning June 4th the office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am-3:30pm (closed 12:00-1:00pm for lunch).

BIBLE STUDY AND YAL

Tuesday at, 7:00pm. Topic: I John 5.
Location: Church

VOLUNTEERS TO SPONSOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Would you like to sponsor a fellowship hour? Please contact the church office at 480 899-3330.

POSSIBLE ADULT CHOIR

Interest has been expressed by some parishioners in forming an adult choir which would include teenagers. We are

trying to assess the level of interest, commitment, and feasibility of this new group. If you are interested but have not yet contacted Donna Gib, please do so after church or phone/text her at 480-363-4057.

PARISHIONER TRANSPORTATION

We have several parishioners who either don't drive and need rides to church or are interested in forming a carpool. If you would be interested in providing a ride or in a car pool, please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3rd-9th – All Saints Camp-See flier in Narthex

June 7th-10th – Camp Agape/Kids-n-Cancer

July 14th – Philoptochos Rummage Sale-see flier in Narthex

PLEASE NOTE...

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APOLYTIKION AND KONTAKION HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal of the Fourth Tone

From on high You descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bandage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

Apolytikion of All Saints

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

Apolytikion for Holy Fathers

O one hundred fifty divine and blessed Hierarchs, interpreters and counsellors to the Second Ecumenical Council, who in wisdom preached the power of the Divine Spirit, deliver from harm and pain of heresy all who chant, "Glory to Him by whom you became wonderous. Glory to Him by whom you were magnified Glory to Him through whom you, confirmed the minds of the faithful.

Apolytikion of St. Katherine

Let us sing the praise of the Bride of Christ renown, the Patroness of Sinai, Katherine Divine. Our assistance and protection, for she has brilliantly subdued, the impious refine, by the power of the Spirit. She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, and for all, she entreats the great mercy.

Kontakion for Sunday of All Saints

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!

We're glad you're here! Please join us at our Fellowship Hour immediately following the Divine Liturgy to meet fellow parishioners and learn more about the community.