

Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 4pm Great Vespers

This ancient prayer service assists in preparing us for the most sacred of services, the Sunday Liturgy. *Coming Soon* Stay after as we preach through a book of the Bible.

Sunday: 9:30am Divine Liturgy

This is the central day of the Christian week, where we worship our great God in holy array, and receive the most sacred Body and Blood of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Coming Soon Wednesday: 6:30pm [Vespers and] Bible Study

Join us as we study and discuss Sacred Scripture and the Core Principles of Christian Faith and Practice.

Monday through Friday: 8am Morning Prayer

Come join us in prayer for our Church family as she begins her day!

Upcoming Midweek Feast

(Parents of children, we hope you all will attend! Please see Fr. Joshua for letters of “reason for absence” from school.)

Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30pm Great Vespers

Thursday, June 6 at 9:30am Feast of Holy Ascension

Also Upcoming

Sunday, June 9: His Eminence, Archbishop Mark will be visiting and worshipping with us at the Divine Liturgy.

Let's give him a warm welcome!

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All Saints Orthodox Church



Thursday, June 6, 2019: The Ascension of our Lord

Ven. Bessarion of Egypt, Wonderworker (4th-5th Century)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-12; Gospel: Luke 24:36-53

Biblical, Sacramental, Patristic, Christ-centered, and Spirit-filled, *All Saints Orthodox Church* is a community of Orthodox Christians seeking to live the Gospel by putting on the Mind of Christ and acquiring the Holy Spirit. Discover who you are in Christ with practical teachings to uplift and transform your mind, open and expand your heart, and experientially know the awesome and intimate presence of God in your soul.

Pastoral Reflection

It can be difficult to wrap our minds around the awesome salvation that is found in, and is, Jesus Christ. As God He not only took upon Himself our human nature at the Incarnation, identifying with us in our weakness and mortality, living a perfect and sinless life, taking upon Himself the sins of each of us: “delivered over because of our transgressions,” destroying these sins upon the painful and humiliating Cross: “having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross,” defeating our death by His death, “raised because of our justification,” and giving us His Resurrection Life, but He also elevated us to the very throne of Heaven, for our life is so bound up with His that we are where He is.

Keep Praying

“Every prayer must come from the heart, and any other prayer is no prayer at all. Prayer-book prayers, your own prayers, and very short prayers, all must issue forth from the heart to God, seen before you. And still more must this be so with the Jesus Prayer. The principal thing is to stand with the mind in the heart before God, and to go on standing before Him unceasingly day and night, until the end of life.” -St. Theophan the Recluse

Wisdom, Let us Attend

The Church Fathers are a repository of wisdom. One such Church Father is St. Simeon, Archbishop of Thessalonica (15th Century). A man of profound prayer, he taught:

“What shall we say of this divine prayer, in invocation of the Saviour, ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me’? It is a prayer and a vow and a confession of faith, conferring upon us the Holy Spirit and divine gifts, cleansing the heart, driving out devils. It is the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ within us... It is remission of sins, healing of soul and body, and shining of divine illumination; it is a well of God’s mercy, bestowing upon the humble revelations and initiation into the mysteries of God. It is our only salvation, for it contains within itself the saving Name of our God, the only Name upon which we call, the Name of Jesus Christ the Son of God... That is why all believers must continually confess this Name: both to preach the faith and as testimony to our love for the Lord Jesus Christ, from which nothing must ever separate us; and also because of the grace that comes to us from His name, and because of the remission of sin, the healing, sanctification, enlightenment, and, above all, the salvation which it confers.”

One way to understand this is that through ceaseless prayer the Name of Jesus becomes the centerpiece of our mind and heart. Since the Name of Jesus is bound up with Jesus Himself, to be attentive to His Name is to be attentive to Him. Therefore, all that is in Him is made present to us as we become present to Him through the ceaseless invocation of His holy Name, weaving Jesus ever more

deeply into our heart, cleansing ourselves of all that is not
of God.