

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Sunday of Orthodoxy » Luke 24:13-35 » Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40 » John 1:43-51 »	26 2nd Monday of Lent » Isaiah 4:2-5,7 » Genesis 3:21-4:7 » Proverbs 3:34-4:22 »	27 2nd Tuesday of Lent » Isaiah 5:7-16 » Genesis 4:8-15 » Proverbs 5:1-15 »	28 2nd Wednesday of Lent » Isaiah 5:16-25 » Genesis 4:16-26 » Proverbs 5:15-6:3 »	1 2nd Thursday of Lent » Isaiah 6:1-12 » Genesis 5:1-24 » Proverbs 6:3-20 »	2 2nd Friday of Lent » Isaiah 7:1-14 » Genesis 5:32-6:8 » Proverbs 6:20-7:1 »	3 Second Saturday of Lent » Hebrews 3:12-16 » Mark 1:35-44 »
Wine / Oil Allowed	Fish Allowed	Strict Fast	Cheese / Dairy Allowed			

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers:

- For Artie Schwartz, for his recovery from injuries.
- For all of us, as Great Lent also includes fasting from certain attitudes and characteristics that creep into our hearts and minds:
 - FAST from self-concern and FEAST on compassion for others.
 - FAST from discouragement and FEAST on hope.
 - FAST from lethargy and FEAST on enthusiasm.
 - FAST from suspicion and FEAST on truth.
 - FAST from thoughts that weaken and FEAST on promises that inspire.
 - FAST from shadows of sorrow and FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.
 - FAST from idle gossip and FEAST on purposeful silence.
 - FAST from problems that overwhelm you and FEAST on prayer that sustains.
 - FAST from criticism and FEAST on praise.
 - FAST from self-pity and FEAST on joy.
 - FAST from ill-temper and FEAST on peace.
 - FAST from resentment and FEAST on contentment.
 - FAST from jealousy and FEAST on love.
 - FAST from pride and FEAST on humility.
 - FAST from selfishness and FEAST on service.

(Credit: Father James Coles, St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church, Mesa, AZ)

Save the Dates!

3/10 Prosfophoro baking class, 10:00am

3/31 Lazarus Saturday

Morning Prayer 9:30 & Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Basil
Pancake breakfast & Palm Cross making afterward

Akathist every Friday @ 6:30pm through 3/30/18

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details



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Services Schedule:

Divine Liturgy 10 AM on Sundays

9th hour Prayers 9:30 AM

Church School 9:30 AM



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Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for Sunday of Orthodoxy in the Second Mode

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who 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 enemies 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 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.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Reading is from John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

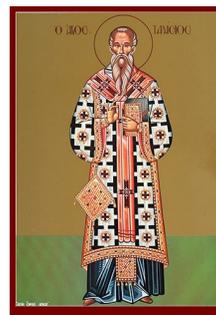
Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Sunday of Orthodoxy



For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople



This Saint was the son of one of the foremost princes in Constantinople, and was originally a consul and first among the Emperor's private counselors. Then, in 784, he was elected Patriarch of Constantinople by the Sovereigns Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitus. He convoked the Seventh Ecumenical Council that upheld the holy icons, and became the boast of the Church and a light to the clergy. He reposed in 806.

Reginos, Bishop of Skopelos

Holy Martyr Alexander of Thrace