

:: Today's Saint: Paul of Thebes ::

Saint Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius (249-251), St Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city and fled into the wilderness.

St Anthony the Great (January 17), who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning St Paul. ... Anthony went into the desert and came to St Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and St Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. St Paul disclosed to St Anthony that for sixty years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of St Paul's visit. The next morning, St Paul spoke to Anthony of his approaching death, and instructed him to bury him. He also asked St Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from St Athanasius. He did not really need a garment, but wished to depart from his body while St Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, St Anthony beheld the soul of St Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. St Anthony mourned for him, and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how he would bury the body, for he had not remembered to bring a shovel. Two lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

St Paul of Thebes died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. St Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

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Sunday, January 15 — Twenty-ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Matins Gospel Reading: John 20:19–31

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for St. Paul of Thebes (Tone 8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Paul, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card at the greeter's stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch and Sunday School following this morning's service.

Troparion of St. John the Hut-Dweller (Tone 4)

Since thou hadst with fervor longed after the Lord from thy youth, thou leftest the world with its delights and nobly didst strive in valiant ascetic deeds. Thou didst pitch thy hut before the gates of thy parents; thou didst break the demons' snares, O all-blessed Father. And therefore, as is meet, hath Christ glorified thee, O John.

Kontakion for The Presentation of Christ (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us. Preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou dost love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4)

Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon: Psalm 104

*O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:4–11

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12–19

Megalynarion:

It is truly meet, truly meet to bless thee O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all blameless Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the Seraphim, thou who without stain, thou who without stain, barest God the Word and art Truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Koinonikon:

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Epistle Reader: Joseph L.

Prophora: Holly E.

Flowers: Becca W.

Greeter: Phil L.

Brunch: A–Ge

Coffee: Robert H. and Grace M.

Clean-up Captain: Octavian F.

*Please join us for **Children's Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** after the dismissal.*

This Week at All Saints

Monday, Jan. 16: Parish Council, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 18: **Vespers**, 7:30 PM

Saturday, Jan. 21: **Vespers**, 7:30 PM

Next Sunday, January 15 – Twenty-ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle Reader: Sd. Joseph (1 Timothy 4:9–15)

Prophora: Octavian F.

Flowers: (TBD)

Greeter: John C.

Brunch: Gi–Ki

Coffee: Kimberly and Walid K.

Clean-up Captain: Luke H.

News and Upcoming Events

Speak Out Illinois, a coalition of pro-life organizations, will be holding their yearly conference on Saturday, January 28th, from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm at the Doubletree Oak Brook Hotel in Oak Brook, Illinois. Registration is \$50.00 before January 16th and \$60.00 after that. Details are available at <http://speakoutillinois.org>. Abby Johnson, formally of Planned Parenthood will be a speaker and Allan Carlson, *Touchstone* senior editor, will head a workshop. There is also a Teen workshop during the conference. Please come and support the pro-life efforts in our area!

House Blessings: For those of you who may be new to this custom, the Orthodox Church recommends that each home be blessed by a priest with prayer and holy water each year. Please contact Fr. Patrick or Fr. Andrew at your convenience to arrange for a priest to come and bless your home. Nothing elaborate is required, and even a meal is not necessary. We will bless homes between now and the start of Lent (February 26), and we will resume again after Pascha (April 15). Please see either priest if you have any questions about this.
