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• UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS •

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36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 11 February, 2024

*Epistle Reading:* Tim. 5: 15-17 • *Gospel:* Luke 18: 35-43

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday, 11 February, 2024 – ENGLISH

Sunday, 18 February, 2024 – BILINGUAL

Sunday, 25 February, 2024 – ENGLISH

Confession will be available on Sunday morning starting at 9:15 AM. It is recommended that members of All Saints attend confession at least once every four (4) months.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Fr. Oleh and Dobrodyika Maria, Victor and Helen, Rev. Frs. Olexander, Eugene, Dobrodyika Genya, Zane.

**PRAYER OFFERINGS:** If you would like someone to be mentioned in prayer, submit their names by email, directly to Fr. Nicholas - [revorestrauliuk@gmail.com](mailto:revorestrauliuk@gmail.com) , Fr. Deacon Thomas - [thechaputs@shaw.ca](mailto:thechaputs@shaw.ca) or [allsaintsuoc@mymts.net](mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net) , or inform one of the church elders.

The care and maintenance of our property remains a priority. If you are unable to attend church, please continue to support us with your offerings. All Saints accepts Interac E-transfers for donations in addition to cheques or cash. Please submit e-transfers to [allsaintsuoc@mymts.net](mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net) .

### ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

The 2024 Church memberships fees are now due. The fees are \$158.00 per person and \$316.00 per family

### THE 2024 CHURCH CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED

The 2024 church calendars have arrived. Please see William Rodrigues, as he will be managing the distribution and collecting payment for the calendars.

### CHOIR NEWS

The All Saints Choir invites our congregation to participate in singing along with us during the Liturgies, specifically during; *“Communion before and after prayers”, “I Believe,” and “Our Father”*.

These are particularly important to sing or recite along with the choir. Join us as we lift our voices and pray to our Heavenly Father in unity!”

There are Liturgy booklets in the pews. Please ask an elder or sister to locate one for you if one.

### Choir Director Search

The Parish Council is seeking a proactive, dedicated, musical director to provide expertise, guidance, and support to All Saints. The core responsibilities of this position include but are not limited to providing creative, dynamic and informed leadership in coordinating the choral element for services, in consultation and conjunction with the Parish Clergy. The Musical Director plays a significant role in setting the tone and reverence of the services.

Should you know of someone within Winnipeg who might be interested in this position, please have them call the Parish President, Len Matiowsky, at (431) 668-8335.

### Media Manager

The Parish Council has established a Media Manager position responsible for posting church-related content onto All Saints' media platforms, i.e., Facebook, Website, Instagram, electronic signs, community newspapers, etc., on a weekly basis. Their role is to help engage and connect parishioners and non-parishioners with All Saints and to promote the church and its activities. The name of the incumbent will be announced in a future bulletin.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Thank you to Anya Haraschuk and Demi Kuzyk Bernier for providing this important program for our children. For more information about our Sunday School program, please contact Anya Haraschuk at [fedyaz@yahoo.ca](mailto:fedyaz@yahoo.ca) or Demi Kuzyk at [demikb@shaw.ca](mailto:demikb@shaw.ca) .

### LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you or your family are celebrating a major life event such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc., please notify Fr. Deacon Thomas at [thechaputs@shaw.ca](mailto:thechaputs@shaw.ca) so a note of congratulations can be included in our bulletin. We look forward to sharing in your joy

Do You Have an Item for Our Bulletin? Please contact us via email at [allsaintsuoc@mymts.net](mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net)  
**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you're unable to make the trip on your own, we would be pleased to provide you with transport. Contact us at [allsaintsuoc@mymts.net](mailto:allsaintsuoc@mymts.net) and we'll arrange a ride for you.

### CHECK US OUT!

All Saints website, Facebook page, and Instagram has a great deal of information waiting for you at your fingertips!

*All Saints news and information can be accessed at:*

Church Website: <https://www.allsaintsuoc.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/allsaintsuoc/>

## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS 2023 Parish Council & Support Volunteers:

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### DIVINE LITURGY LIVE STREAMS CAN BE FOUND AT THESE WEBSITES:

- Live stream from **Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints**, Winnipeg, MB @ 10:00

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/live>

- Live stream from **Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral**, Winnipeg, MB @ 6:30 am

<https://www.facebook.com/HTUOMC/>

## 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Blessed Prince Vsevolod

### SOMETHING TO CONSIDER...

Today, a blind man, who has lived his life by the side of the road, asks our Lord for healing. Like the blind man, we all suffer with some form of blindness – if not perhaps with our physical eyes, then blindness within our hearts and minds. We focus on the wrong places and this leads us into suffering and despair. Perhaps we gaze ahead with extreme farsightedness, focused on what's in front of us: our calendars, our careers, our plans for next month, next year. Perhaps we stare at others too much: noticing what they have, what they do for a living, how they look and act; we develop envy, scorn, we judge and desire. Or we focus only on personal needs, while oblivious to the real needs of those around us.

When our eyes are closed, we miss what is right in front of us. When we look elsewhere, with envy or greed or mindless distraction, we miss what is right in front of us. We stare into space, we are scattered, we suffer and blindly fall into sin. Is this how God calls us to live?

Blindness of any type can be crippling, and this was true for the man who sat begging on the side of the road. He calls out to Jesus two times: “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus orders the man be brought to him. And then – I always thought this was interesting – though He is the Christ, the son of living God, and it was probably pretty obvious what type of healing the man needed, Jesus doesn't just go ahead and heal him. Instead, Jesus says to the man, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Picture Christ walking up to you and saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” What would you say? Would you know where you need healing? Would you stammer? Would you be rendered silent, scrambling for a response?

What's funny is when you present it like this – Christ walking up to us and saying “What do you want me to do for you?” it seems kind of odd, like it might never really happen. We might have this idea that we will meet God only after death. We become complacent, forgetting that a life of prayerful repentance is ongoing. I see this in my work as a chaplain caring for people at the end of life. Ignoring our relationship with God, and our need for healing, is very tempting, and very

normal. We are so caught up in everything else...it's like we're living with blinders on. When we find ourselves in a crisis, suddenly in need of God, we can't find the words of prayer. There is despair, regret, panic. We are so busy doing other things that we have no *insight*. We are rendered silent, with our spiritual eyes closed.

A wise mentor once relayed to me that it's a good idea, when offering prayers for a sick or dying person, to do so with your eyes open. I laughed and said to her, "Oh, no problem, I'm Orthodox Christian! We always pray with our eyes open!" Of course! But do we, really? Yes, we pray in the presence of icons, with their vibrant and colorful images. We see Christ and his parables, His miracles, His birth in a humble cave, His transfiguration. We see His crucifixion, His resurrection from the dead, His trampling down death by death. Colors, lights, shadows, lovingly written into the icons, every brush stroke writing a prayer of praise to God. The reds, blues, golds, greens: all of this, infused with God.

Do those colors fade when we exit the sanctuary? These colorful icons are windows into Christ's kingdom, images of God in our world. Do we see the icons around us? Do we see the heavens declaring the glory of God? God's glorious image imprinted in the very people before us? Perhaps it's easier to look away...even to keep our eyes closed.

We rely on God to open our eyes, to help us see the icons around us. Even more, we need God's help to see *ourselves* as His living icons. And we are offered this help every day of our lives. Christ *always* asks us this question, "What do you want me to do for you?" and He *always* wills that we answer Him with honesty. It is an ongoing dialogue, a conversation. Walking up to receive Holy Communion, we encounter the Christ who knows us and calls us by name. Participating in the Sacrament of Confession is a chance to name the places where we need healing. Even though God knows our hearts, and knows our needs, there is something in the *asking*, in *giving voice*, that is imperative in our relationship with God. We name it, even if it seems obvious.

The blind man names his request. He trusts that God is able to heal him. When his sight is granted, the first person he sees is...Christ! And when we pray for restored spiritual sight, *we*, too, may see Christ before us, in everyone! The blind man becomes a witness to God's power. In his gratitude and perseverance, he *himself* becomes an icon of praise, with Christ imprinted on him.

And that gratitude is contagious! Those around him rejoice. The reds, blues, golds, greens of God's icons come to life in the people surrounding the healed man.

Asking for our sight to be healed, to see depth and colors and light, means living through joy and sorrow in the light of Christ. It means seeing everything in God's illuminating love: the real situation of our own sin, our own habits, our own judgments and failings. We do this by calling out to God, sometimes more than once, as the blind man did. It requires patience, perseverance. And now that he is well, what defines the blind man? Not his burden. He can't call himself the "blind man by the side of the road" any more. Now he is a man with *perfect vision*, seeing Christ. The possibility of new life is here – right now – and what will he do with it? Does he stay in the safe, familiar – if dark – spot by the side of the road? Does he hold his breath, skeptical, thinking it's too good to be true? Does he, like the nine lepers, receive his healing and leave without thanking God? No! His belief gives him courage, joy, and gratitude.

Giving thanks to God and looking out with new eyes, instead of stumbling forward for worldly gain, we see the race that God has set before us. Looking at others with healed eyes, we see Christ in them. Looking at ourselves with healed eyes, we see ourselves as God does – as His children, worthy of love and compassion and healing.

In chaplaincy, we witness this healing – whether physical or spiritual – and it is a testament to our belief that with God, all things are possible. I have seen a critically ill young man sit up in bed, responding to hymns sung by his bedside. He had not spoken for weeks, but suddenly, he was singing. I have seen forgiveness flow among family members who were crippled by anger and pride. I have seen small moments of wholeness, flickers of joy in the midst of suffering. Even in the midst of ongoing pain, even in grief, we can offer acts of love to bring the image of Christ to those around us. As the eyesight of my 90-year old Hospice patient Rita failed in the last weeks of her life, her faith yet continued to grow. The darkness in her eyes increased, but the light in her soul helped her ask her daughter for forgiveness. The light in her heart guided her to be brave, to set her mind on God, and to shine with the peace that surpasses understanding. She believed that she would see God. She beheld the icon of God in her daughter, as she humbly sought healing in their relationship. In her faith, she beheld God ever more perfectly as she departed this life. We, too, believe that we will see God. We have heard the term "seeing is believing." With Christ, believing is seeing.

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**Слава Ісусу Христу! Slava Isousou Christou! Glory to Jesus Christ!**

**Слава Навіки! Slava Na Veeky! Glory Forever!**





Heavenly King Orthodox Academy Presents

# Fr Geoffrey Ready: Salvation is from the Jews

Saturday, February 24, 2024

St George Orthodox Church, 121 Harvard Ave E

Doors open at 9:30am

10:00am-3:30pm

Vespers to follow at 4 pm

**\$20 /person**

*Lunch and snacks included*



The relationship between Christianity and Judaism is central to the identity of Christians and the church. Yet for much of the past two millennia, from the “parting of the ways” in the early centuries, the story of Christians and Jews has been difficult and troubled, culminating in the tragic events of the 20th century. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, there has been a renewed engagement between the two traditions, and with a proliferation of scholarship and deepening of knowledge of Second Temple Judaism over the last half century, a joint effort has been made by Christians and Jews to correct historical inaccuracies and prejudices and amend theological traditions that had separated Jesus and Paul from their Jewish contexts and driven a hard wedge between communities sharing faith in the one God of Israel. Exploring these insights will help us renew the basis of our Christian faith and practice.

Fr Geoffrey directs the Orthodox Christian Studies programme at Trinity College and teaches in Orthodox liturgy, Scripture, and Pastoral courses. Fr Geoffrey received his doctorate in liturgical theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. He also serves as priest-in-charge of Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission (www.myrrhbearers.ca), an English language mission. He produces a popular podcast on Orthodox liturgy and life, “Enacting the Kingdom,” along with Fr Yuri Hladko, and represents the Archdiocese of Canada of the Orthodox Church in America on the Canadian Council of Churches’ Commission for Faith and Witness.



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