



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY — March 31, 2024

From "St. Athanasius Paschal Letter 5," 1-2 (334)



How fine a thing it is to move from festival to festival, from prayer to prayer, from holy day to holy day. The time is now at hand when we enter on a new beginning: the proclamation of the blessed Passover, in which the Lord was sacrificed. We feed as on the food of life, we constantly refresh our souls with his precious blood, as from a fountain. Ye we are always thirsting, burning to be satisfied.

But he himself is present for those who thirst and in his goodness invites them to the feast day. Our Savior repeats his words: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."

He quenched the thirst not only of those who came to him then. Whenever any seek him they are freely admitted to the presence of the Savior. The grace of the feast is not restricted to one occasion. Its rays of glory never set. It is always at hand to enlighten the minds of those who desire it. Its power is always there for those whose minds have been enlightened, and who meditate day and night on the holy Scriptures, like the one who is called blessed in the holy psalm "Blessed is the one who has not followed the counsel of the wicked, or stood where sinners stand, or sat in the seat of the scornful, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."

Moreover, my friends, the God who first established this feast for us allows us to celebrate it each year. He who gave up his Son to death for our salvation, from the

same motive gives us this feast, which is commemorated every year. This feast guides us through the trials that meet us in this world. God now gives us the joy of salvation that shines out from this fest, as he brings us together to form one assembly, uniting us all in spirit in every place, allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving, as is our duty on the feast. Such is the wonder of his love: he gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other.

*St. **Athanasius** (ca. 298-373) was a bishop and theologian, the great defender of the Nicene confession of Christ's true divinity. He was the primary spokesman for the orthodox cause at the Council of Nicaea and became Bishop of Alexandria several years later. He also played an important role in finalizing the **canon** of New Testament books. He issued a Pascal Letter to the faithful most years of his 45-year episcopate, declaring the date of Easter and summoning them to keep the feast. He is commemorated on May 2 by Western Christians, on May 15 by the Coptic Church, and on January 18 by the other Eastern Orthodox churches.*

Readings for Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4 Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24
Mark 16:1-8

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday during Lent Great Litany, Via Crucis held in All Saints' Church

SUNDAY March 31, 2024 **Easter Sunday**

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Adult Christian Formation will meet the end of April

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class on Thursdays, from 1pm-3pm in the Library

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chapel

SATURDAY First Saturday Mass in St. Mary Chapel
11:00am Rosary (optional);
11:30am Mass; informal potluck to follow

SUNDAY **April 7, 2024** **The Second Sunday of Easter**
10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church
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OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally