



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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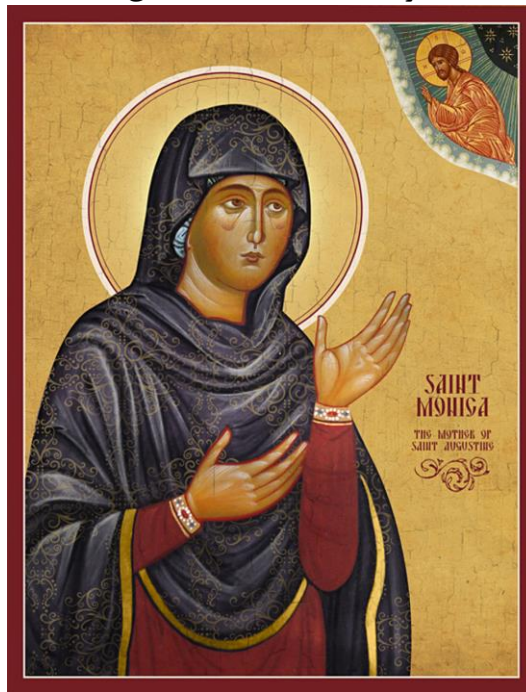
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**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am**

**St. Monica of Tagaste • 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



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**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

**Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4):** By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!

**Troparion of 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.

## THE EPISTLE

*For the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

### **The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11)**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but

the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew*

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (19:16-26)**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?”

And He said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.”

He said to Him, “Which?”

And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

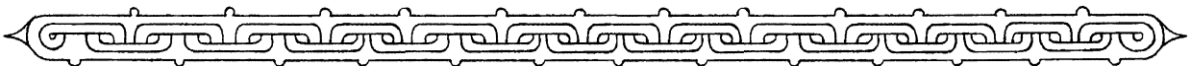
The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?”

Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”



**:: ST. MONICA OF TAGASTE ::**

Commemorated August 27

*St. Augustine prayerfully reflects on the virtues of his mother, in Book IX of his Confessions:*

“This great gift You bestowed also, my God, my mercy, upon that good handmaid of Yours, out of whose womb You created me, even that, whenever she could, she showed herself such a peacemaker between any differing and discordant spirits, that when she had heard on both sides most bitter things, such as swelling and undigested discord is wont to give vent to, when the crudities of enmities are breathed out in bitter speeches to a present friend against an absent enemy, she would disclose nothing about the one unto the other, save what might avail to their reconcilment. A small good this might seem to me, did I not know to my sorrow countless persons, who, through some horrible and far-spreading infection of sin, not only disclose to enemies mutually enraged the things said in passion against each other, but add some things that were never spoken at all; whereas, to a generous man, it ought to seem a small thing not to incite or increase the enmities of men by ill-speaking, unless he endeavour likewise by kind words to extinguish them. Such a one was she — Thou, her most intimate Instructor, teaching her in the school of her heart.

“Finally, her own husband, now towards the end of his earthly existence, did she gain over unto You; and she had not to complain of that in him, as one of the faithful, which, before he became so, she had endured. She was also the servant of Your servants. Whosoever of them knew her, did in her much magnify, honour, and love You; for that through the testimony of the fruits of a holy conversation, they perceived You to be present in her heart. For she had been the wife of one man, had requited her parents, had guided her house piously, was well-reported of for good works, had brought up children, as often travailing in birth of them as she saw them swerving from You. Lastly, to all of us, O Lord (since of Your favour Thou sufferest Your servants to speak), who, before her sleeping in You, lived associated together, having received the grace of Your baptism, did she devote, care such as she might if she had been mother of us all; served us as if she had been child of all.” ...

*St. Monica speaks to her son Augustine from her deathbed:*

“Then said my mother, ‘Son, for myself, I have no longer any pleasure in anything in this life. What I want here further, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this

world are satisfied. There was indeed one thing for which I wished to tarry a little in this life, and that was that I might see you a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has exceeded this abundantly, so that I see you despising all earthly felicity, made His servant — what do I here?’

“What reply I made unto her to these things I do not well remember. However, scarcely five days after, or not much more, she was prostrated by fever; and while she was sick, she one day sank into a swoon, and was for a short time unconscious of visible things. We hurried up to her; but she soon regained her senses, and gazing on me and my brother as we stood by her, she said to us inquiringly, Where was I? Then looking intently at us stupefied with grief, Here, says she, shall you bury your mother. I was silent, and refrained from weeping; but my brother said something, wishing her, as the happier lot, to die in her own country and not abroad. She, when she heard this, with anxious countenance arrested him with her eye, as savouring of such things, and then gazing at me, Behold, says she, what he says; and soon after to us both she says, Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be. And when she had given forth this opinion in such words as she could, she was silent, being in pain with her increasing sickness.”

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

Today:

- Coffee hour, downstairs after Divine Liturgy.

This week:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- *No Tuesday evening Divine Liturgy as previously announced, due to Fr. Andrew's illness.*
- **Wednesday, August 30:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 2:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 3:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am.

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION UPDATE.** Our recent collection for St. Pius School totaled \$1,216.00. Thank you to all who so generously contributed to this worthy school!

**CHURCH SCHOOL** this year will begin **Sunday, Sept. 17** for children and adults.

**CONVOCATION:** Our all-church annual meeting will take place **Sunday, Oct. 1** after Liturgy and a potluck dinner.

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun., Aug 27</b>	Jim K	Pat K	John O	Lydia A	A-F
<b>Sun., Sept. 3</b>	Joseph L	Domitille	John O	Zach C	G-K
<b><u>Thurs, Sept. 7</u></b> <i>Nat. Theotokos</i>	Rich C.	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun., Sept. 10</b>	Michelle C	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
<b><u>Wed., Sept. 13*</u></b> <i>Holy Cross</i>	Sd Joseph	Dn Walid	Nancy L	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun., Sept. 17</b>	Doug J	Sandy A	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Sun., Sept. 24</b>	Jim K	Debbie K	John O	Lydia A	A-F

*For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.*

*If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves. **Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.** And of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*

*\*Shaded dates are fasting days. No meat or dairy products should be served at the church on these days.*



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST 27-SEPT. 2, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE  
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

*For our daily Old Testament readings, we will be reading straight through the Minor Prophets, according to the order and numbering of the Orthodox Study Bible. Note that the book order and chapter numbering differs from other English translations.*

## **Sunday, August 27: St. Monica of Tagaste**

Matthew 28:16-20 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Matthew 19:16-26

## **Monday, August 28: St. Augustine of Hippo; St. Moses of Ethiopia**

Zephaniah 2 / 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 / Matthew 21:28-32

## **Tuesday, August 29: Beheading of St. John the Forerunner**

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Malachi 3:1-24 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7, 16-20; 5:1-7

Matthew 14:1-13 / Acts 13:25-33 / Mark 6:14-30

## **Wednesday, August 30: Alexander, John, and Paul, patriarchs of Constantinople**

Zephaniah 3 / 2 Corinthians 10:12-18 / Matthew 22:1-14

## **Thursday, August 31: Aidan of Lindisfarne; Hieromartyr Cyprian of Carthage**

Haggai 1 / 2 Corinthians 11:1-6 / Matthew 22:15-22

## **Friday, September 1: Ecclesiastical New Year**

Haggai 2 / 2 Corinthians 11:7-15 / Matthew 22:23-33

*For the Church New Year:* 1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Luke 4:16-22

## **Saturday, September 2: St. John the Faster, patriarch of Constantinople**

2 Corinthians 11:16-33 / Matthew 22:34-40

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