



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am  
Proto-Martyr Thekla • Venerable Silouan of Mt. Athos**



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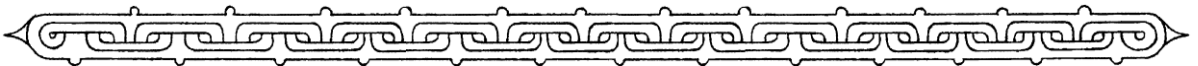
**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 7):** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

**Troparion for St. Thekla (Tone 3):** O glorious Thekla, companion of Paul the divine, thou wast enflamed with the love of thy Creator, by the teaching of the divine preacher. Thou didst despise the passing earthly pleasures, and offered thyself to God as an acceptable and pleasing sacrifice, disregarding all suffering. Intercede with Christ thy Groom to grant us His great mercy.

**Troparion for St. Silouan (Tone 4):** By prayer thou didst receive Christ as thy teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in thy heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of thy memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

**Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 2):** O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.

**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 St. Thekla*

God is wondrous among His saints. Bless ye God in the congregations.

### **The reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15)**

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the First Sunday of Luke*

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)**

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.' And Simon answered, 'Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets.' And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!' For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.



**SAINT SILOUAN THE ATHONITE** also sometimes referred to as Silouan of Athos, Saint Silvanus the Athonite or Staretz Silouan was monk of Russian origin, born Simeon Ivanovich Antonov who was a poet and monk of St. Panteleimon Monastery on Mt. Athos.

He was born Simeon Ivanovich Antonov, of Russian Orthodox parents who came from the village of Sovsk in Imperial Russia's Tambov Governorate. At the age of twenty-seven, after a period of military service in the Imperial Russian Army, he left his native Russia and came to the monastic state of Mount Athos (an autonomous peninsula in Greece) where he became a monk at the Monastery of St Panteleimon, an Orthodox monastery that houses Russian monks yet is, as all the Athonite monasteries, under the jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Constantinople. There, was given the name *Silouan* (the Russian version of the Biblical name Silvanus).

An ardent ascetic, he received the grace of unceasing prayer and saw Christ in a vision. After long years of spiritual trial, he acquired great humility and inner stillness. He prayed and wept for the whole world as for himself, and he put the highest value on love for enemies. He became widely known as an elder. St Silouan died on September 24, 1938. His memory is celebrated on September 24.

Though barely literate, he was sought out by pilgrims for his wise counsel. His writings were edited by his disciple and pupil, Archimandrite Sophrony. Father Sophrony has written the life of the saint along with a record of St. Silouan's teachings in the book *Saint Silouan the Athonite*. His text *Adam's lament* is set as a choir piece by the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt.

Starets Silouan was canonized by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1987.

*“Those who dislike and reject their fellow-man are impoverished in their being. They do not know the true God, who is all-embracing love.”*

After demons surrounding him weren't allowing him to pray, he looked up at the sky and said: “Lord, you see that I want to pray to you, but they won't let me.” The Lord then appeared to him and told him: “The prideful ones always suffer this way.” So Siluan asked: “Lord, how can I become humble?” And the Lord replied: “Keep your mind in hell and do not despair.”

*“The condition of peace among men is that each should keep a consciousness of his own wrongdoing.”*

*“Understand two thoughts, and fear them. One says, ‘You are a saint,’ and the other, ‘You won't be saved.’ Both of these thoughts are from the enemy, and there is no truth in them. But think this way: I am a great sinner, but the Lord is merciful. He loves people very much, and He will forgive my sins.”*

## Volunteer Schedule

| Date  | Reader      | Prospora     | Greeter   | Coffee    | Food    |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Sunday Sept. 24</b>                          | Jim K.      | Debbie K.    | John O.   | Lydia A.  | A - F   |
| <b>Sunday Oct 1</b><br><i>Convocation</i>       | Paul K.     | Pat K.       | JoAnne T. | Zach C.   | Potluck |
| <b>Sunday Oct 8</b>                             | Joseph L.   | Domitille N. | Azizeh C. | Alina S.  | G - K   |
| <b>Sunday Oct 15</b>                            | Richard C.  | Cristina P.  | Nancy L.  | Domitille | L - P   |
| <b>Sunday Oct 22</b><br><i>Baptism/St James</i> | Michelle C. | Dn. Walid    | Domitille | Lydia A.  | R - Z   |
| <b>Sunday Oct 29</b>                            | Sd. Joseph  | Sandy A.     | John O.   | Zach C.   | 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.*

# 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: Proto-Martyr Thekla of Iconium & Venerable Silouan of Mt. Athos**

- Coffee hour, downstairs after Divine Liturgy
- Church School. *Adult Church School will be upstairs in the church, led today by Fr. Patrick.*

*No morning prayers in the church on Tuesday this week. Father Andrew will be at the monthly meeting of the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago.*

## **Wednesday, Sept. 27:**

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

## **Thursday, Sept. 28:**

- Morning prayers, 9am

## **Friday, Sept. 29:**

- Morning prayers, 9am

## **Saturday, Sept. 30:**

- Orthodoxy 101 class, 6pm. *See note below.*
- Vespers, 7pm.

## **Next Sunday, October 1: All Saints Church Convocation**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour is a potluck meal. Please bring something to share!
- All-church convocation will be held upstairs in the church. *See note below.*

**CHURCH SCHOOL.** Please note the following procedural items from Melissa W.:

**Coffee hour food line:** Teens, please continue to help serve and oversee the food of the younger children to prevent waste. Parents, kindly remind your children that coffee hour is a snack to *tide them over and is not a meal*. This year we will also have tables for all children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under, to prevent messes and hopefully facilitate faster eating.

**The bell** will ring once as a signal to the children to clean up and discard trash. Three minutes later, the bell will ring again to signal children and adults to go to class. At this time, the basement will need to be cleared so junior high can have their class downstairs. Please refrain from personal conversations or kitchen clean-up until after classes finish.

**CONVOCATION.** Our all-church annual meeting will take place next **Sunday, Oct. 1** after Liturgy and a potluck dinner. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from all of our ministry leaders, review the budget for the coming fiscal year, and elect a new parish council member. All members (18+) and catechumens should plan to attend!

**TOUCHSTONE CONFERENCE.** Touchstone magazine's 2023 conference "The Crisis of Authority" will take place Oct. 12-14 in Deerfield, Ill. Fr. Patrick is one of the featured speakers! Members and friends of All Saints Church: Register here for the conference with no meals: [www.touchstonemag.com/allsaints](http://www.touchstonemag.com/allsaints), or here for the conference with meals: [www.touchstonemag.com/allsaintsmeals](http://www.touchstonemag.com/allsaintsmeals).

Our **DIOCESE OF TOLEDO FALL GATHERING** will be held in Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 20-22. See the Toledo Diocese page at [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org) for registration & information.

**FOR FAMILIES OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** Mr. Christopher Chiakulas will present "Paving the Road to College: Choosing Your Path Through an Orthodox Perspective" on **Monday, September 25, 5:45-6:45 pm**, at Three Hierarchs Orthodox School, 7429 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles.

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/jxxEaDqLyUFaKnEP8>. For more information, contact [headmistress@thochs.org](mailto:headmistress@thochs.org).



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 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 (OSB). Note the book order and chapter numbering differ from other English translations.*

**Sunday, September 24: Proto-Martyr Thekla; Ven. Silouan of Athos**

Luke 24:12-35 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 / Luke 5:1-11

**Monday, Sept. 25: Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh**

Zechariah 14 / Ephesians 2:11-22 / Luke 4:38-44

**Tuesday, Sept. 26: Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist**

Malachi 1 / Ephesians 3:1-7 / Luke 5:12-16

*For St. John:* 1 John 4:12-19 / John 19:25-27, 21:24-25

**Wednesday, Sept. 27: Martyr Callistratus & 49 companions**

Malachi 2 / Ephesians 3:8-13 / Luke 5:17-26

**Thursday, Sept. 28: Wenceslaus the Martyr, Prince of the Czechs**

Malachi 3 (3:1-18 OSB) / Ephesians 3:14-21 / Luke 5:27-32

**Friday, Sept. 29: Kyriakos the Hermit of Palestine**

Malachi 4 (3:19-24 OSB) / Ephesians 4:1-10 / Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday, Sept. 30: Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia**

Ephesians 4:11-24 / Luke 6:1-5

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