



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am
Apostle Ananias of the 70 • St. Romanos the Melodist



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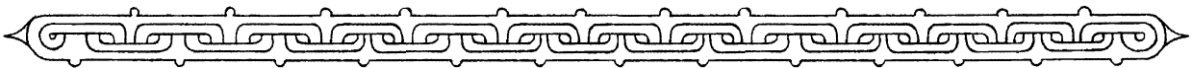
Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion for St. Ananias (Tone 3): O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion for St. Romanos (Tone 8): Through thee the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos, for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

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 the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God. As God said: 'I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,' says the Lord, 'and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.'

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

THE GOSPEL

For the Second Sunday of Luke

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)

The Lord said: I say to you that hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your cloak do not withhold your coat as well. Give to everyone who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

THE HOLY APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY was the first Bishop of Damascus. The Lord ordered him to restore the sight of Saul, the former persecutor of Christians, then baptize him (Acts 9:10-19, 22:12). Saul became the great preacher and Apostle Paul. Saint Ananias boldly and openly confessed Christianity before Jews and pagans, despite the danger.

From Damascus he went to preach at Eleutheropolis, where he healed many of their infirmities. Lucian, the prefect of the city, tried to persuade the holy one to offer sacrifice to idols. Because of Ananias' staunch and solid confession of Christ, Lucian ordered that he be tortured. Harsh torments did not sway the witness of Truth. Then the torturers led him out beyond the city, where they stoned him. The saint prayed for those who put him to death. His relics were later transferred to Constantinople. (www.oca.org)



SAINT ROMANUS THE MELODIST was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

Saint Romanus was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him.

On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography.

That evening at the all-night vigil, Saint Romanus sang in a wondrous voice his first kontakion: "Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One..." All the hymns of Saint Romanus became known as *kontakia*, in reference to the Virgin's scroll. Saint Romanus was also the first to write in the form of the *oikos* [Greek "home" or "residence"], which he incorporated into the all-night vigil at his places of residence.

For his zealous service Saint Romanus was ordained as a deacon and became a teacher of song. Until his death, which occurred about the year 556, the Hiero-deacon Romanus the

Melodist composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. (www.oca.org)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sunday Oct 1 <i>Convocation</i>	Paul K.	Pat K.	JoAnne T.	Zach C.	Potluck
Sunday Oct 8	Joseph L.	Domitille N.	Azizeh C.	Alina S.	G - K
Sunday Oct 15	Richard C.	Cristina P.	Nancy L.	Domitille	L - P
Sunday Oct 22 <i>Baptism/St James</i>	Michelle C.	Dn. Walid	Domitille	Lydia A.	R - Z
Sunday Oct 29	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

Today: Convocation Sunday

- Potluck meal downstairs after Divine Liturgy
- All-church convocation, upstairs after the meal. Childcare will be provided downstairs by our teen group.
- No church school today

Tuesday, Oct. 3:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, Oct. 4:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Bible Bowl study, 5pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Oct. 5:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Oct. 6:

- Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Oct. 7:

- Orthodoxy 101 class, 6pm.
- Vespers, 7pm.

Next Sunday, October 8: Martyr Pelagia of Antioch

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour and church school

CONVOCATION. Our all-church annual meeting will take place next TODAY 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, or here for the conference with meals: 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 for registration & information.

BIBLE BOWL STUDIES. Between now and next summer, we will hold a series of Bible studies on the Epistle to the Romans, in preparation for the diocesan Bible Bowl competition. All pre-teens (10-12) and teens (13-19) are welcome to participate!

ORTHODOXY 101. Our Orthodoxy 101 class resumes this weekend, with a discussion on the sacraments/mysteries of the Church. The class will be held MOST Saturdays at 6pm (check the bulletin and online calendar for exceptions). This is of course open to everyone, especially those who are newer to the faith, catechumens, inquirers, etc. The class will be based on Fr. Thomas Hopko's *The Orthodox Faith* (vol. 2). The full text is available online at www.oca.org.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

OCTOBER 1-7, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE
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Our daily Old Testament readings beginning this week will go through the Major Prophets, according to the order and numbering of the Orthodox Study Bible (OSB). Note the book order and chapter numbers may differ in places from other English translations.

Sunday, October 1: Holy Apostle Ananias of the 70

Luke 24:36-53 / 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 / Luke 6:27-36

Monday, Oct. 2: Hieromartyr Cyprian & Virgin Martyr Justina

Isaiah 1 / Ephesians 4:25-5:2 / Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, Oct. 3: Dionysios the Areopagite

Isaiah 2 / Ephesians 5:1-10 / Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, Oct. 4: Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Isaiah 3 / Ephesians 5:11-21 / Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, Oct. 5: Charitina the Martyr

Isaiah 4 / Ephesians 5:21-33 / Luke 6:37-42

Friday, Oct. 6: Holy Apostle Thomas

Isaiah 5 / Ephesians 6:1-9 / Luke 6:43-49

Saturday, Oct. 7: Sergius & Bacchus the Great Martyrs of Syria

Ephesians 6:10-24 / Luke 7:1-10

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