



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **Sunday, December 10, 2023**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

**Martyrs Menas, Eugraphos & Hermogenes of Alexandria**



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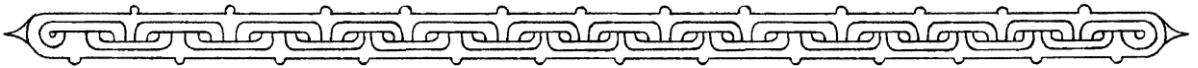


**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2):** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee!

**Troparion for the Martyrs of Alexandria (Tone 8):** Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, the staunch martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick and work wonders both while living and after death. Strange indeed is the miracle: that these bare bones should pour forth such overflowing streams of cures. Glory be to our only God!

**Kontakion for Advent (Tone 3):** Today the Virgin cometh unto the cave to give birth to the Word, who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice therefore, O universe, if thou should hear; and glorify with the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and who is our God before all ages!

**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 Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

The Lord is my strength and my song.  
With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me.

### **The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17)**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers,

against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the Tenth Sunday of Luke*

### **The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)**

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God.

But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”

Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

# 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:**

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Children's Christmas play, downstairs after Liturgy. *Children and anyone else involved with the play should come up first to partake of Holy Communion, then proceed downstairs for set-up. The rest of us will stay upstairs until the usual dismissal. We will then proceed downstairs for coffee hour and take our seats to watch the play.*
- No church school today.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Wednesday, Dec. 13:**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Morning prayers, 9am

## **Saturday, Dec. 16:**

- Christmas decorating, 10am-noon
- Vespers, 7pm

## **Next Sunday, Dec. 17:**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Baptism of Aisha Pulido. *May God grant her many years!*
- Coffee hour and church school, following Divine Liturgy
- Christmas tree decorating

**THE CHICAGO PAN-ORTHODOX CHOIR** invites all of us to a concert of Orthodox Nativity music, next Sunday Dec. 17, 6pm at Holy Nativity Romanian Orthodox Church (5825 N. Mozart). Attendance is free, but a free-will offering will be taken.

**ADVENT FOOD DRIVE:** We are again blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning **Saturday, November 18**, please bring your donations of non-perishable foods. These will be given to individuals living on the street who visit the drop-in center of Northside Housing. In particular, they are asking for items that don't need cooking, heat and serve containers, or cans with pop-tops (there is a microwave available at the center). A list of suggested items is on the greeter table. Please place your donations in the back of the church on or near the table. The deadline is **Sunday, December 17**. Monetary donations are also accepted, please write 'food drive' on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please call or email Sandy Abraham. God blesses those who remember the poor!

**COATS NEEDED:** We are collecting warm outer garments and disposable diapers for the many refugees in the city of Chicago. Please donate your un-needed coats, scarves, hats and gloves. Maybe warm socks too? Or find some at a local thrift shop – whatever you can afford. Don't forget the disposable diapers. There are bins under the coat rack downstairs for these donations. Thank you!

**THE NATIVITY FAST:** The Orthodox Nativity Fast (Advent) begins **Wednesday, Nov. 15**, and lasts until **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**. Let us dedicate ourselves to prayer, fasting, and generosity during this time! If you are able, abstain from meat and dairy products, but please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions or concerns about keeping the fast.

All Orthodox Christians should also make it to confession during this holy season. If you desire to confess to another Orthodox priest outside of our parish, that is generally fine, but let Fr. Andrew know.

**CROSS ROAD INSTITUTE** is currently accepting applications from high school juniors and seniors for their summer programs. This is an immersive 10-day retreat experience in the Orthodox faith. For more information, please visit [www.crossroadinstitute.org](http://www.crossroadinstitute.org).

# Volunteer Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Prospora</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Food</b>
<b>Sunday Dec. 10</b>	Sd Joseph	Sandy A	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sunday Dec. 17</b>	Doug J	Debbie K	Domitille	Lydia A	R-Z
<b>Sunday Dec. 24</b> <i>(Sunday morning)</i>	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
<b>Dec. 24-25</b> <i>(Sunday 10pm)</i>	Jim K	Domitille	John O	n/a	n/a
<b>Sunday Dec. 31</b> <i>St. Basil</i>	Joseph L	Cristina P	JoAnne T	Alina S	G-K

***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.*

**:: MUSICIAN APPRECIATION SUNDAY ::**  
**A Letter from His Eminence Metropolitan SABA**

December 10, 2023

Beloved Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Christ-Loving Faithful,

Today we gratefully recognize all our dedicated and faithful church musicians, who lead us in singing God's praises, filling our hearts and minds with angelic melodies.

In last Sunday's Epistle, we heard this admonition from St. Paul: "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart" (Eph. 5:19). There is a hollow and disappointing camaraderie found in drinking parties, where people are filled with alcohol and belt out unprofitable songs. However, true joy and brotherhood come from being filled with the Holy Spirit and singing holy songs together with all our heart. Such spiritual fellowship brings us closer to God and creates edifying bonds with one another. Unlike intoxication and carousing, it truly lightens our spiritual burdens, bringing us joy and peace that will not disappoint. This is the blessing and ministry of sacred music within our archdiocese.

On this Musician Appreciation Sunday, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music, for their tireless efforts in support of this holy ministry. We also gratefully honor the dedication of all the choir directors, chanters, and choir members in parishes throughout the archdiocese, who faithfully present their time and talents, week after week, as priceless gifts to Christ and His Church.

Wishing you and your families a blessed remainder of the fast and a joyous Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, I remain,

**+SABA**

**Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America**



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 10-16, 2023

ADAPTED FROM THE  
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*Beginning this Tuesday, our daily Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings have been selected to prepare us for our celebration of the Lord's Nativity. Regular sequential readings end Monday and will resume in January, after the holidays.*

**Sunday, Dec. 10: Menas, Hermogenes, & Eugephos, Martyrs of Alexandria**  
Ephesians 6:10-17 / Luke 13:10-17

**Monday, Dec. 11: Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople**  
Isaiah 49 / 1 Timothy 6:1-5 / Luke 20:41-44

**Tuesday, Dec. 12: Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous**  
Malachi 3:19-24 [4:1-6] / Hebrews 11:1-7 / Luke 1:1-25

**Wednesday, Dec. 13: Virgin-martyr Lucia; Herman, Wonder-worker of Alaska**  
Genesis 3:8-15 / Hebrews 11:8-22 / Luke 1:26-38

**Thursday, Dec. 14: Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus of Asia Minor**  
Isaiah 11:1-10 / Hebrews 11:23-31 / Luke 1:39-56

**Friday, Dec. 15: Martyr Susannah the Deaconess**  
Numbers 24:2-18 / Hebrews 11:32-12:2 / Luke 1:57-66

**Saturday, Dec. 16: Holy Prophet Haggai**  
Malachi 3:1-4 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 / Luke 1:67-80

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