



# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew's Gospel • Leo the Great, Pope of Rome



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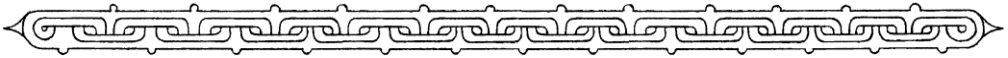
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**Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 4):** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying: “Death hath been spoiled! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

**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*

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

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

Brethren, you 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 Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew*

### The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon."

But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us."

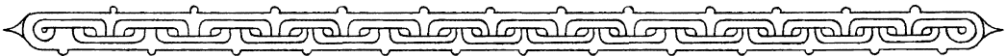
He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.



**"THE GOAL OF HUMAN FREEDOM IS NOT IN FREEDOM ITSELF, NOR IS IT IN MAN, BUT IN GOD. BY GIVING MAN FREEDOM, GOD HAS YIELDED TO MAN A PIECE OF HIS DIVINE AUTHORITY, BUT WITH THE INTENTION THAT MAN HIMSELF WOULD VOLUNTARILY BRING IT AS A SACRIFICE TO GOD, A MOST PERFECT OFFERING."**

**ST. THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE**



**SAINT LEO I THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME** (440-461), received a fine and diverse education, which opened for him the possibility of an excellent worldly career. He yearned for the spiritual life, however, and so he chose the path of becoming an archdeacon under holy Pope Sixtus III (432-440), after whose death Saint Leo was chosen as Bishop of Rome in September 440.

These were difficult times for the Church, when heretics assaulted Orthodoxy with their false teachings. Saint Leo combined pastoral solicitude and goodness with an unshakable firmness in the confession of the Faith. He was in particular one of the basic defenders of Orthodoxy against the heresies of Eutyches and Dioscorus, who taught that

there was only one nature in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was also a defender against the heresy of Nestorius.

He exerted all his influence to put an end to the unrest by the heretics in the Church, and by his letters to the holy emperors Theodosius II (408-450) and Marcian (450-457), he actively promoted the convening of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, at Chalcedon in 451, to condemn the heresy of the Monophysites.

At the Council at Chalcedon, at which 630 bishops were present, a letter of Saint Leo to the deceased Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople (447-449) was read. Saint Flavian had suffered for Orthodoxy under the “Robber Council” of Ephesus in the year 449. In the letter of Saint Leo the Orthodox teaching about the two natures [the divine and the human] in the Lord Jesus Christ was set forth. All the bishops present at the Council were in agreement with this teaching, and so the heretics Eutyches and Dioscorus were excommunicated from the Church.

Saint Leo was also a defender of his country against the incursions of barbarians. In 452, by the persuasive power of his words, he stopped Attila the Hun from pillaging Italy.

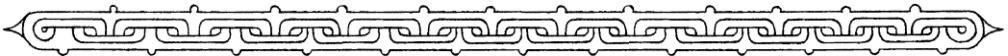
Again in the year 455, when the leader of the Vandals [a Germanic tribe], Henzerich, turned towards Rome, he persuaded him not to pillage the city, burn buildings, nor to spill blood.

He knew the time of his death beforehand, and he prepared himself, with forty days of fasting and prayer, to pass from this world into eternity.

He died in the year 461 and was buried at Rome. His literary and theological legacy is comprised of 96 sermons and 143 letters, of which the best known is his Epistle to Saint Flavian. ([www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org))

*“Let us put off then the old man with his deeds: and having obtained a share in the birth of Christ let us renounce the works of the flesh. Christian, acknowledge thy dignity, and becoming a partner in the Divine nature, refuse to return to the old baseness by degenerate conduct. Remember the Head and the Body of which thou art a member. Recollect that thou wert rescued from the power of darkness and brought out into God’s light and kingdom. By the mystery of Baptism thou wert made the temple of the Holy Ghost: do not put such a denizen to flight from thee by base acts, and subject thysself once more to the devil’s thraldom: because thy purchase money is the blood of Christ, because He shall judge thee in truth Who ransomed thee in mercy, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever and ever.”*

St. Leo the Great, “Christian, Remember Thy Dignity!”



## 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 & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (A-F) and church school.

**Tuesday, Feb. 20:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Wednesday, Feb. 21:**

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

**Thursday, Feb. 22:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Friday, Feb. 23:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Saturday, Feb. 24:**

- Icon Academy, 9am-5pm
- Great Vespers, 7pm

**Next Sunday, February 25: Sunday of the Pharisee & Publican.**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (G-K) and church school.
- Choir practice, 1-3pm

*Other upcoming events & services:*

**Saturday, March 2:** Soul Saturday Divine Liturgy & Memorial Prayers, 10am

**Saturday, March 9:** Wedding of Hanna Saba & Shay McMullan, 2pm at Holy Resurrection Serbian Cathedral.

**Sunday, March 10:** Meatfare Sunday. This is traditionally the last day to eat meat before Pascha.

**Sunday, March 17:** St. Patrick's Day and Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday.

**March 17-23:** First week of Great Lent (services every evening at 7pm)

**Saturday, March 23:** Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6pm at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. *Guest preacher will be Bishop John Abdalah. Note this service is normally on a Sunday evening, but it was moved to Saturday this year so as not to conflict with the feast of the Annunciation.*

# Volunteer Schedule - updated

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Feb. 18	Richard C	Sarah S	James B	Zach C	A-F
Sun., Feb. 25	Michelle C	Sandy A	Domitille	Alina S	G-K
<b>Sat. March 2</b> <i>Soul Saturday</i>	Sdn. Joseph	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
<b>Sun March 3</b> <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Jim K	Debbie K	John O	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun. March 10</b> <i>Meatfare</i>	Paul K	Pat K	James B	Lydia A	R-Z
<b>Sun March 17</b> <i>Forgiveness</i>	Joseph L	Domitille	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
<b>Wed, March 20</b> <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Nancy L	n/a	Sign-up
<b>Sun, March 24</b>	Doug J	Sarah S	John O	Alina S	G-K
<b>Mon, March 25</b> <i>Annunciation</i>	Richard C	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck
<b>Wed., March 27</b> <i>Presanctified</i>		Cristina P	Domitille	n/a	Sign-up
<b>Sun, March 31</b>	Michelle C	Sandy A	James B	Domitille	L-P

*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.*

***Shaded dates** indicate fasting – no meat, dairy, or eggs should be served on these days.*

*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!*



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 18-24, 2023

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**Sunday, Feb. 18: Leo the Great, Pope of Rome**

Luke 24:1-12 / 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 / Matthew 15:21-28

**Monday, Feb. 19: Holy Apostles Philemon, Apphia, & Archippus**

Jeremiah 12 / 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 / Mark 11:1-19

**Tuesday, Feb. 20: Leo, Bishop of Catania**

Jeremiah 13 / 1 Peter 3:10-22 / Mark 11:20-33

**Wednesday, Feb. 21: Timothy the Righteous**

Jeremiah 14 / 1 Peter 4:1-11 / Mark 12:1-12

**Thursday, Feb. 22: Righteous Fathers Thalassius & Baradatus**

Jeremiah 15 / 1 Peter 4:12-5:14 / Mark 12:13-27

**Friday, Feb. 23: Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna**

Jeremiah 16 / 2 Peter 1:1-11 / Mark 12:28-37

**Saturday, Feb. 24: First & Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist**

2 Timothy 2:11-19 / Luke 18:1-8

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