

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 8, 2024

24th Sunday after Pentecost • 10th Sunday of St. Luke's Gospel

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

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



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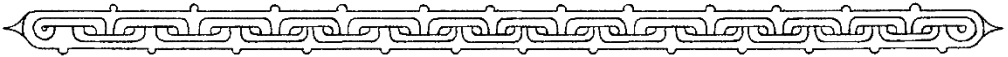
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Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 7): Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast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

Kontakion for the Nativity Fast (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!

Apolytikion 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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus

Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, and in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

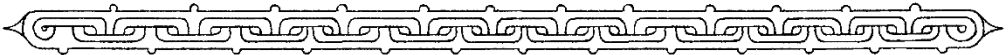
For the Tenth Sunday of St. Luke's Gospel

The reading 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. There was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And 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.

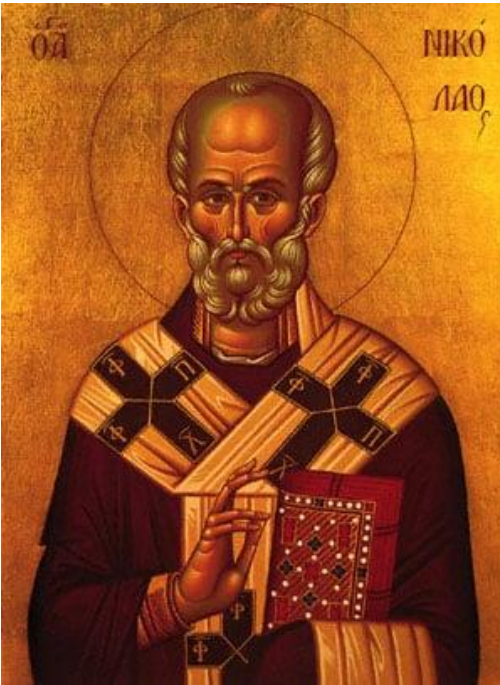
But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

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.



:: NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA ::

Commemorated December 6



This Saint lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330.

As a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote himself to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many. He returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused.

No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face.

Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety.

The Dismissal Hymn for holy hierarchs (*The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock*) was written originally for Saint Nicholas. He is the patron of all travelers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved saints of all time.

:: CHOIR AND CHANTER APPRECIATION SUNDAY ::

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

Nothing so arouses the soul, gives it wing, sets it free from the earth, releases it from the prison of the body, teaches it to love wisdom and to despise all the things of this life, as concordant melody and sacred song composed in rhythm. +St. John Chrysostom (On Psalm 41)

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

Every year we set aside the second Sunday of December to remember and pray for our faithful church musicians. With God's help and inspiration, they are always praying for us by chanting the sacred hymns of our Church. On this day we, in turn, say thank you and pray for them.

The hymnography of our Orthodox faith is an expression of theology. One could never pick up an academic or dogmatic book about the faith his entire life, but could still become a theologian by simply listening to and internalizing the words of these hymns.

At the same time, the richness of our hymns becomes even richer when they are chanted and sung correctly and with beauty. It is not by chance that countless numbers of people over the centuries were first attracted to the faith by the beauty of our services.

On the Sunday of Musician Appreciation Day, we extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Mareena Boosamra-Ball and all the members of our archdiocesan Department of Sacred Music for their commitment in supporting this sacred ministry. They continue to expend the possibilities for people to learn how to chant and sing praises to our Lord through various means. We are especially grateful that, for the first time this year, we have started our Antiochian Orthodox Online Ecclesiastical Music School that trains people in both Western and Byzantine Music, according to their preferences and interests. This, in addition to the various Sacred Music Institutes, and youth and parish workshops sponsored by the Department, helps us to further develop and train our current and future musicians.

We also gratefully honor all of our choir directors, singers and chanters, the vast majority of whom dedicate themselves to this sacred ministry for little or no compensation. For them, it is indeed a labor of love.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Sunday, December 8

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- A visit from St. Nicholas, upstairs after Liturgy
- Coffee hour provided by families R-Z
- Church school play practice for grades K-8 in the church; other classes meet as usual.
- Adult church school will be downstairs, led by Fr. Pat.

Tuesday, Dec. 10:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Parish council meeting, 7:30pm (online)

Wednesday, Dec. 11:

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

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 12 & 13: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, Dec. 14: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Dec. 15:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by families A-F
- Church school play practice for grades K-8 in the church; other classes meet as usual.
- Adult church school will be downstairs led by Joseph Letendre

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE. Again we are blessed to be able to participate in our Advent food drive for the poor in our city. Beginning Saturday, November 16, 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 22. 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!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun., Dec 8*	Joseph L	Debbie K	John O	Lydia A	R-Z
Sun., Dec 15*	Richard C	Pat K	JoAnne T	Zach C	A-F
Sun, Dec 22*	Michelle C	Domitille	Azizeh C	Alina S	G-K
<u>Tues, Dec 24</u> <i>Nativity</i>	Sdn Joseph	Cristina P	Nancy L	n/a	n/a
Sun., Dec. 29	Christy K	Sarah S	John O	Domitille	L-P
<u>Tues., Dec. 31</u> <i>St Basil</i>	Jim K	Dn Walid	JoAnne T	n/a	Potluck

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have 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 or dairy should be served in the church on these days.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 8-14, 2024

ADAPTED FROM THE
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On Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, we read from 1 Samuel (1 Kingdoms in the Orthodox Study Bible) in honor of the Holy Prophetess Hannah (Dec. 9). Starting this Thursday, all of our daily readings have been chosen to prepare us for the feast of our Lord's Nativity.

Sunday, Dec. 8: Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Mark 16:1-8 / Ephesians 2:14-22 / Luke 13:10-17

Monday, Dec 9: Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos

Righteous Hannah, mother of the Holy Prophet Samuel

1 Samuel 1:1-18 / 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 / Luke 20:41-44

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Menas, Hermogenes, & Eugephos, Martyrs of Alexandria

1 Samuel 1:19-28 / 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 / Luke 20:45-21:4

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Daniel the Stylite

1 Samuel 2:1-11 / 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 / Luke 21:5-19

Thursday, Dec. 12: Spyridon the Wonder-worker of Trimythous

Malachi 3:19-24 [4:1-6] / Hebrews 11:1-7 / Luke 1:1-25

Friday, Dec. 13: Virgin-Martyr Lucia & Herman of Alaska

Genesis 3:8-15 / Hebrews 11:8-22 / Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec. 14: Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus of Asia Minor

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Hebrews 11:23-31 / Luke 1:39-56

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