

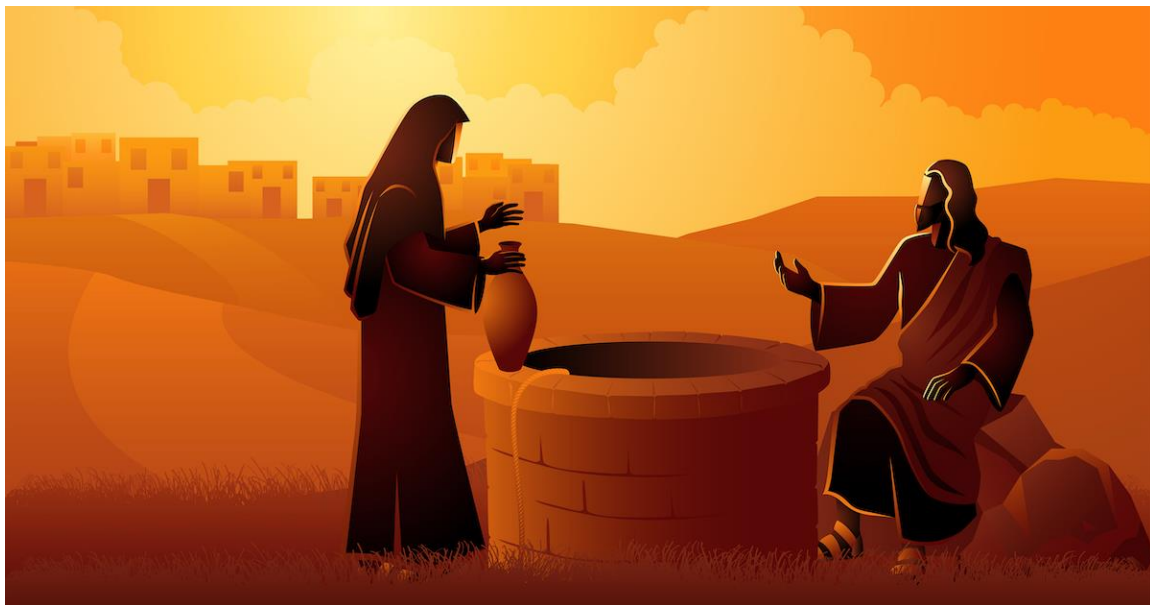
# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

Fifth Sunday of Pascha • St. Photini, the Woman of Samaria

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



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**Paschal Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Entrance Hymn:** In the gathering places, bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 3):** Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

**Kontakion for Pascha (Tone 8):** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming ‘rejoice’ to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**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 Fifth Sunday of Pascha

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 103:24, 1*

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

**The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (11:19-30)**

IN THOSE DAYS, those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. When he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## **THE GOSPEL**

For the Fifth Sunday of Pascha

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42)**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming – He who is called Christ. When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Just then His disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did! Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days, and many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world!"

# 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 at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K
- Last day of church school. Adult class will be upstairs in the church, led by Fr. Pat

*No morning prayers at the church this Tuesday*

## Wednesday, May 21:

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

## Thursday, May 22:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 7pm

## Friday, May 23: Morning prayers, 9am

## Saturday, May 24:

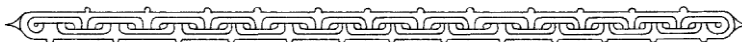
- Bible Bowl study of St. Luke's Gospel, 5pm
- Vespers, 7pm

## Next Sunday, May 25: Memorial Day weekend

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by coffee hour (L-P)

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- We will celebrate the feast of our Lord's Ascension on Wednesday night, May 28, with a Vespertal Divine Liturgy at 7pm, followed by a potluck meal.
- This summer's Parish Life Conference will take place in Louisville, Kentucky, **June 18-22**. Come cheer on our Bible Bowl team if you are able! Registration is online at [antiochianevents.com/Toledo](http://antiochianevents.com/Toledo).
- The Archdiocese national convention will be here in Chicago, **July 20-27** at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Register at [ac2025chicago.org](http://ac2025chicago.org).



## BETWEEN REALITY AND THE IDEAL

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

What I like about Christianity that it is ideal and realistic at the same time. It is ideal to the extent that it makes a person, if he wants, a heavenly being, an angel on earth; and realistic in its care for him, if he seeks the ideal, so that he can achieve it. It rejects sin and fights it on principle, and pledges to the person, who is weak before it, a healing method that will rid him of it. It nurtures him until he is strengthened in spirit, supports him so that he does not fall, and if he does, Christianity strengthens him so that he can rise from his fall and start again.

The ideal of Christianity is derived from the word "example," meaning it offers the presence of a teacher, a role model, a clear standard which the believer strives, with God's grace, to imitate. The ideal is not a utopia, a dream, that is impossible to reach or unworkable. The person of Christ Himself is the ideal, role model, and example. It believes that the Word of God was incarnated and became a human being to give humans the ability to reach His likeness. He became a perfect human being in every aspect, a real human being like us in every aspect, except for sin.

The Church Fathers have said about His earthly birth: "God (the Word) became man, so that man might become God." The true Christian seeks to imitate his Master in everything. The Holy Fathers teach us to think, before embarking on any action: If Christ were in my place, how would He act? Thus, the believer imitates, as much as possible, His example. Many followed this path and were sanctified and exalted, becoming angels in human bodies. Some are well-known, even saints whose fragrance spread throughout the world. Many of them – perhaps most – are unknown or known within a small area. Therefore, after Pentecost, the Church celebrates a special Sunday feast for All Saints, "whether men or women, known or unknown."

Christianity's realism lies in the rich, militant, spiritual approach accumulated by the work of the Holy Spirit in it over the centuries. This approach is based on the believer's progression through the stages of the Gospel, based primarily on sound, personalized guidance. The most important books in this field are available to everyone. But to live what is stated in them, and for the believer to gain the ability to apply it, requires someone to personally lead and guide. Father Andrei Skrima wrote in an introduction about the book *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*: "This book is not for reading." By this, he meant this to live by it, not just to learn from it. This book is lived with help from an experienced guide. It is not enough to read about a spiritual teacher until you truly walk the path of his teaching. ...

There is reality and there is the ideal, and what is in between is the path on which the Christian strives throughout his life. The fruit of virtue is not a goal in itself. Loving God is the goal,

and the fruit is a natural product of it. Your ultimate goal is to keep striving toward perfection, whether you reach it or not. The great spiritual teacher, St. John Climacus, said: "God will not hold you accountable for the number of virtues you have attained, but for the sincere effort you have made to achieve this or that virtue." In another place, he says something shocking at first glance: "The drops of sweat of your struggle are more valuable in the eyes of God than the water of baptism."

(Read the entire article at [www.antiochian.org](http://www.antiochian.org))

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	Sd Joseph	Sandy A	JoAnne T	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sunday, May 25</b>	Christy K	David J	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
<b>Wed., May 28</b> <i>Ascension</i>	Jim K	Debbie K	Richard B	n/a	Potluck
<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Sunday, June 8</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Joseph L	Domitille N	Tobey L	Zach C	A-F
<b>Sunday, June 15</b> <i>All Saints</i>	Richard C	Cristina P	Domitille	Volunteer	TBD
<b>Sunday June 22</b>	Michelle C	Dn Walid	John O	Lydia A	G-K

***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.***

***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

**MAY 18-24, 2025**

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**Sunday, May 18: St. Photini, the woman of Samaria**  
John 20:1-10 / Acts 11:19-30 / John 4:5-42

**Monday, May 19: Patrick the Hieromartyr of Prusa, with his fellow martyrs**  
4 Kingdoms 4:8-37 / Acts 13:13-43 / John 8:48-59

**Tuesday, May 20: Lydia of Philippi, Equal to the Apostles**  
Isaiah 63:11-64:5 / Acts 13:44-52 / John 9:39-41

**Wednesday, May 21: Constantine and Helen, Equal-to-the Apostles**  
Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Acts 14:1-28 / John 10:1-10

**Thursday, May 22: Basiliscus the Martyr, Bishop of Comana**  
Daniel 3:1-24 / Acts 15:1-29 / John 10:11-21

**Friday, May 23: Mary the Myrrh-bearer, wife of Cleopas**  
Daniel 3:25-45 / Acts 15:30-41 / John 10:22-30

**Saturday, May 24: Saint Vincent of Lerins**  
Acts 16:1-15 / John 10:31-42

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