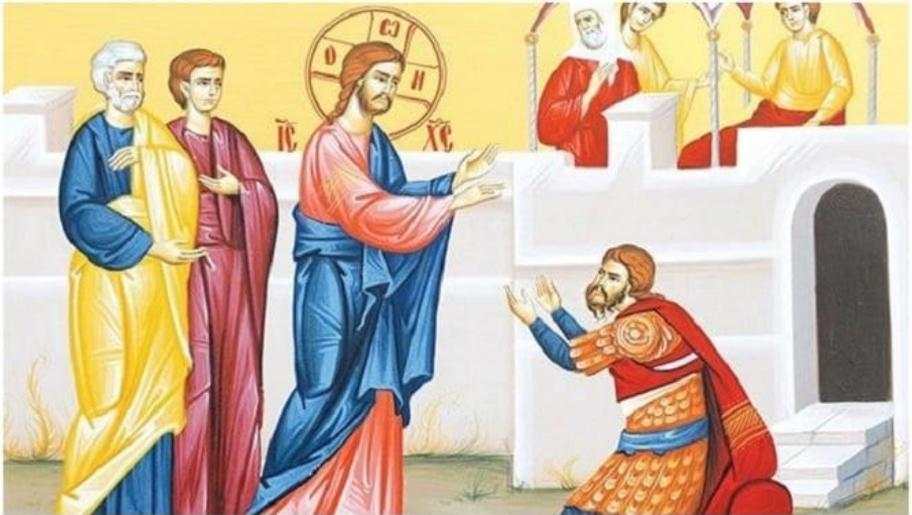


# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew  
**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine  
Liturgy, 8:30am**



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**Troparion 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 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 READING**

For the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 46:6, 1*

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**The reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans  
(6:12-23)**

BRETHREN, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to

God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **THE GOSPEL READING**

For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(8:5-13)**

AT THAT TIME, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I

tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.”

And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.



**SAINT SISOES THE GREAT (+429)** was a solitary monk, pursuing asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a cave sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, Saint Anthony the Great. For his sixty years of labor in the desert, Saint Sisoes attained to sublime spiritual purity and he was granted the gift of wonderworking, so that by his prayers he once restored a dead child back to life.

Extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoes was very merciful and compassionate to others, and he received everyone with love. To those who visited him, the saint first of all always taught humility. When one of the monks asked how he might attain to a constant remembrance of God, Saint Sisoes remarked, “That is no great thing, my son, but it is a great thing to regard yourself as inferior to everyone else. This leads to the acquisition of humility.” Asked by the monks whether one year is sufficient for repentance if a brother sins, Abba Sisoes said, “I trust in the mercy of God that if such a man repents with all his heart, then God will accept his repentance in three days.”

When Saint Sisoes lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoes replied that he saw Saint Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, “With whom are you speaking, Father?” He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, “You have no need for repentance, Father.” Saint Sisoes said with great humility, “I do not think that I have even begun to repent.”

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. Saint Sisoës told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoës departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.

## 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
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z

### Tuesday, July 8:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Parish council (in person), 7:30pm

### Wednesday, July 9:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

**Thursday & Friday, July 10-11:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Saturday, July 12:** Vespers, 7pm

### Next Sunday, July 13:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F

**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). Please note we will have no Divine Liturgy at All Saints on Sunday, July 27. Liturgy will be at the hotel with Metropolitan Saba and all the clergy and faithful of our Archdiocese.

**SUMMER IS HERE!** This is the season for vacations, barbecues, family events, and all kinds of wonderful things. It can be tempting, though, to let our Christian duties slide during this time. Please

remember that the work of Christ and His Holy Church continues! Our tithes and offerings are needed this time year just like any other. And if you are travelling and would like recommendations for a church to attend, please see Fr. Andrew.

Also as the weather gets warmer, please remember to dress appropriately in church: women should avoid revealing clothing (shoulders covered, no mini-skirts), and men should not wear shorts. Let us look our best, especially at Divine Liturgy, as we prepare to meet the King of Glory!

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR ST. PIUS V SCHOOL.** Once again we here at All Saints are having our annual school supplies drive for St. Pius V School from Sunday, July 13 to Sunday, August 3, 2025. St. Pius is a needy Catholic school on the west side of Chicago that has received donations from us in past years. This year the principal once again has recommended that we give our donations in monetary form so that she can purchase exactly what the school needs, so we will be collecting funds for the school instead of school supplies. When you donate in check form, please make it out to All Saints Church and on the memo line state that it is for St. Pius. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Pat K.

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY (OCPM).** At the request of the Assembly of Bishops, we will be joining parishes all over the country taking up a special collection on July 20th for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), the outreach organization under the authority of the assembly. Those in our parish involved in prison ministry urge you to be prepared to be generous to this crucial work of the church when Sunday the 20th comes. If you are donating by check, please make them out to our parish with OCPM in the memo line.

# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 7/6	Christy K	David J	Azizeh	Alina S	R-Z
Sun 7/13	Jim K	Debbie K	Richard B	Zach C	A-F
Sun 7/20	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Lydia A	G-K
Sun 7/27 Convention	<i>Services at the Archdiocese convention, Hyatt Regency O'Hare hotel</i>				
Sun 8/3*	Steve K	Domitille	Tobey	Domitille	L-P
Sun 8/10*	Joseph L	Cristina P	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Thurs 8/14 Dormition	Rich C	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	A-F

*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!*

*\*Shaded dates indicate fasting. No meat or dairy should be served at church on these dates.*



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## JULY 6-13, 2025

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ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, July 6: Sisoes the Great of Egypt**

Luke 24:1-12 / Romans 6:12-23 / Matthew 8:5-13

**Monday July 7: Great Martyr Kyriaki**

Job 14 / Romans 12:9-21 / Matthew 9:27-38

**Tuesday, July 8: Great Martyr Prokopius & his mother  
Theodosia**

Job 15 / Romans 13:1-14 / Matthew 10:1-15

**Wednesday, July 9: Pankratios, bishop of Sicily**

Job 16 / Romans 14:1-13 / Matthew 10:16-23

**Thursday, July 10: Anthony of the Kiev Caves**

Job 17 / Romans 14:14-15:6 / Matthew 10:24-31

**Friday, July 11: Sophrony the Athonite of Essex**

Job 18 / Romans 15:7-21 / Matthew 10:32-11:1

**Saturday, July 12: Paisios of Mt. Athos**

Romans 15:22-33 / Matthew 11:1-19

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