

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 13, 2025

Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council
**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine
Liturgy, 8:30am**



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Troparion of 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.’

Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8): Thou O Christ art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true faith. O most merciful one, glory to Thee!

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 Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Prokeimenon – Psalm 31:11, 1

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:4-15)

TITUS MY SON, when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have

done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey with haste, that they may lack nothing. And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful. All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday of the Holy Fathers

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(5:14-19)**

THE LORD SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES: You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

:: THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL ::

*His Eminence Metropolitan Basilios of Australia, New Zealand and the
Philippines*

On the Sunday following the 13th of July – or on that day if it is a Sunday – the Church commemorates the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 in opposition to the heresy of *monophysitism* (“one nature”) that was led by the two heretics, Eutyches and Dioscorus.

The Gospel reading dedicated to this commemoration is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:14-19). This reading contains three central ideas: That disciples are *"the light of the world,"* that Christ did not come *"to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfil them,"* and the idea of combining practice with teaching, *"he who does and teaches shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."*

The Church has chosen this particular reading because it applies to the lives of the 630 Holy Fathers whose commemoration we hold today. Indeed, they were the *"light of the world."* They illuminated the universe with their divine teachings, and they were a spiritual light, a beacon for humanity and a lamp that lit up the Church and the path towards truth in Orthodox doctrine.

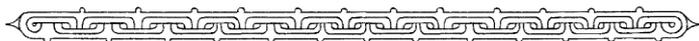
The Lord affirmed: *"I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."* (John 8:12). He then said to His disciples: *"You are the light of the world."* That is, you will reflect the light of Christ in your life and work. ...

During the convening of this council, the Holy Fathers emphasized the unity of the person of Christ and the two natures of Christ: divine and human. In this teaching and identification of the Chalcedonians, the Fathers reaffirmed the Creed of faith that was formulated in the first and second Ecumenical Councils, meaning two important matters were emphasized: the distinction between the two natures is clearly stated, although the unity of Christ's person is also emphasized.

The Orthodox Church honors the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council because they were faithful to the Orthodox faith and

"conscientious keepers of the Apostolic traditions," (Doxastikon for the holy fathers in tone three).

The greatest legacy they have passed is the adherence to all that they preached and taught in their lives. They did what they taught, and for that, today we celebrate their commemoration, as they are *"called great in the kingdom of Heaven."*



Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

Today:

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

Tuesday, July 15: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, July 16:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday & Friday, July 17-18: Morning prayers, 9am

Saturday, July 19: Vespers with Metropolitan Saba at St. George Church in Cicero, 5:30pm, followed by a dinner for those who RSVP

There will be no Saturday Vespers at All Saints this week.

Next Sunday, July 20:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy at All Saints as usual, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K

THE ARCHDIOCESE NATIONAL CONVENTION will be here in Chicago, **July 20-27** at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Register at 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 20 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. Please see Silouan or Jim Marks with any questions.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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 13-19, 2025

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, July 13: Holy Fathers of Chalcedon

Genesis 14:14-21 / Deuteronomy 1:8-18 / Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Luke 24:12-35 / Titus 3:4-15 / Matthew 5:14-19

Monday, July 14: Holy Apostle Aquila of the 70

Job 19 / Romans 16:1-27 / Matthew 11:20-24

Tuesday, July 15: Vladimir the Great, Equal-to-the-Apostles

Job 20 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-31 / Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday, July 16: Hiero-Martyrs Nicholas and Habib Khasha of Damascus

Job 21 / 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 / Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday, July 17: Great Martyr Marina (Margaret)

Job 22 / 1 Corinthians 3:1-23 / Matthew 12:9-14

Friday, July 18: New Martyrs Elizabeth the Grand Duchess and the Novice Barbara

Job 23 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-13 / Matthew 12:14-21

Saturday, July 19: Macrina the Righteous, sister of St. Basil

1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13 / Matthew 12:22-30

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ARCHIMANDRITE JEREMY DAVIS, VICAR FOR THE DIOCESE OF TOLEDO &
THE MIDWEST**