

# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

Holy Prophet Elijah

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



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**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5):** Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**Troparion for the Prophet Elijah (Tone 4):** The incarnate angel, and the prophets' summit and boast, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ our God, Elijah the glorious from above sent down his grace upon Elisha. He doth cast out sickness and doth also cleanse lepers, and unto all that honor him, he pours forth streams of cures.

**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 Holy Prophet Elijah

*Prokeimenon – Psalm 109:4, 1*

Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, till I make Thine enemies Thy footstool!

**The reading is from the Epistle of St. James (5:10-20)**

BRETHREN, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed

who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “yes” be “yes,” and your “no,” “no,” lest you fall into judgment.

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

## **THE GOSPEL**

For Sixth Sunday of Matthew

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew  
(9:1-8)**

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” Behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming!”

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

# 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 G-K

*Our Antiochian Archdiocese convention takes place this week at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare hotel in Rosemont. All are welcome to attend daily services there with Metropolitan Saba and all the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese. (Note registration is not required for church services but it is for everything else.)*

*A few highlights are listed below. For a full schedule, see the convention website [ac2025chicago.org](http://ac2025chicago.org).*

**Monday, July 21:** Vespers for St. Mary Magdalene, led by the Chicago deanery clergy at the hotel, 5pm

## **Wednesday, July 23:**

- Vespers at the hotel, 5pm
- Vespers at All Saints (Fr. Pat), 7pm
- National Bible Bowl competition, 8pm

**Friday, July 25: Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos**

- Divine Liturgy at the hotel, 8:45am
- Metropolitan Saba's convention address, 1pm

## **Saturday, July 26:**

- Oratorical and Choir Festival, 11am
- Great Vespers at the hotel, 4pm
- Great Vespers at All Saints (Fr Pat), 7pm

## **Next Sunday, July 27:**

- No services at All Saints
- Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, beginning 8:45am

**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

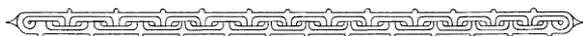
Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun 7/20</b>	Paul K	Pat K	Nancy L	Lydia A	G-K
<b>Sun 7/27 Convention</b>	<i>Services at the Archdiocese convention, Hyatt Regency O'Hare hotel</i>				
<b>Sun 8/3*</b>	Steve K	Domitille	Tobey	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun 8/10*</b>	Joseph L	Cristina P	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Thurs 8/14 Dormition</b>	Rich C	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun 8/17</b>	Michelle	Sandy	JoAnne	Lydia	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.*



## **Holy Hiero-martyrs Nicholas and Habib of Damascus** **Commemorated July 16**

On July 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the courageous, triumphant confessors among Hiero-martyrs Nicholas, who was martyred in Mersin, Turkey, and his son, Habib, who was martyred in Hermon, Syria.

Our Holy Father Nicholas was born in 1856 and grew up with piety and the fear of the Lord. He became an essential and important worker in the glorious Patriarchate of Antioch, especially after his marriage and his ordination, as he played a major role in the subject of Orthodox Christian education. He supported the believers who were exposed to many trials and sorrows in Damascus and Mersin, and served them with very fruitful pastoral care, concluding his life with martyrdom in 1917.

His son, Habib, similar to his father in his ways, was born in 1894. He had a comprehensive university education, earning a degree in literature, and possessed a deep knowledge of local Christian archaeology. At the beginning of his career, he worked in commerce, then in accounting, and after that he followed his inner calling and accepted the priesthood. His wife was known for her extreme piety, and she stood out as a distinguished wife and mother of many children. She supported him with sacrificial love and devotion. Because Habib was a good shepherd full of love and benevolence, his flock loved him, which he nourished spiritually with his God-inspired sermons.

This saintly priest had a good practice of seeking refuge in quiet places where he could devote himself to spiritual study and personal prayer. One day, while he was alone, a group of smugglers stalked and captured him. They tortured him and pressured him to deny his faith. When he did not submit to them, they threw him from a high cliff. His spine was broken, and he lay down on the ground. Christian believers found his body after much effort, and a solemn funeral was held for him, presided over by the Patriarch of Antioch, Alexander III, of thrice-blessed memory, who named the fearless priest a martyr and confessor of the faith. His pure body was buried in the Orthodox Cemetery of Saint George in Damascus on July 16, 1948.



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## JULY 20-26, 2025

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### **Sunday, July 20: Holy Prophet Elijah**

3 Kingdoms 17:1-7 / 3 Kingdoms 18:17-40 / 4 Kingdoms 2:1-14  
Luke 24:36-53 / James 5:10-20 / Matthew 9:1-8

### **Monday, July 21: Holy Prophet Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 1 / 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 / Matthew 12:31-37

### **Tuesday, July 22: Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-Bearer & Equal-to-the-Apostles**

John 20:11-18 / 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / Matthew 12:38-45

### **Wednesday, July 23: Hieromartyr Apollinaris of Ravenna**

Job 24 / 1 Corinthians 7:1-23 / Matthew 12:46-50

### **Thursday, July 24: Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre**

Job 25 / 1 Corinthians 7:24-40 / Matthew 13:1-9

### **Friday, July 25: Righteous Anna, mother of the Theotokos**

Job 26 / 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 / Matthew 13:10-17

### **Saturday, July 26: Martyr Paraskeva of Rome**

1 Corinthians 9:1-12 / Matthew 13:18-23

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THE MIDWEST**