



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost & Eighth Sunday of St.
Matthew's Gospel

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



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Troparion 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 Transfiguration (Tone 7): Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 28:11, 1

May the Lord give strength to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-25)

BRETHREN, I plead with you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ

divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

THE GOSPEL

For Eighth Sunday of St. Matthew

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to me."

Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. Those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.



“WHY FAST FOR DORMITION?”

Daniel Manzyuk

Every Orthodox Christian is aware and generally knows the reason behind the fasts for Pascha and Christmas. But while they may know of the Dormition Fast, few follow it, and more than a few question why it is there, neither knowing its purpose. First, given the pervasive misunderstanding of the purpose of fasting itself, a refresher on its purpose is always a good idea. There is a perception that we should fast when we want something, as though the act of fasting somehow appeases God, and seeing us “suffer” gets Him to grant our request. Nothing can be further from the truth. It is not our fasting that pleases God, it is the fruits of our fast (provided we fast in the proper mind set, and do not merely diet) that please Him. We fast, not to get what we want, but to prepare ourselves to receive what God wants to give us. The purpose of fasting is to bring us more in line with another Mary, the sister of Lazarus, and away from their sister Martha, who in the famous passage was “anxious and troubled about many things.” Fasting is intended to bring us to the realization of “the one thing needful.” It is to help us put God first and our own desires second, if not last. As such it serves to prepare us to be instruments of God’s will, as with Moses in his flight from Egypt and on Mt. Sinai, as well as our Lord’s fast in the wilderness. Fasting turns us away from ourselves and toward God. In essence it helps us become like the Theotokos, an obedient servant of God, who heard His word and kept it better than anyone else has or could.

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 L-P

Tuesday, August 5:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Transfiguration of our Lord, beginning 5:30pm at Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville. A potluck meal will follow for those who can stay.

Wednesday, August 6: Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Aug. 7: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Aug. 8: Paraklesis to the Theotokos, 9am

Saturday, Aug. 9: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Aug. 10:

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

A VISIT FROM OUR METROPOLITAN. Our chief shepherd Metropolitan Saba will be in Chicago, Aug. 13-17, and he plans to visit us for Orthros and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Aug. 17, two weeks from today! A sign-up sheet for coffee hour will be forthcoming.

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.

A NOTE ON SUMMER GIVING. Please remember that the work of Christ and His Holy Church continues through vacation season! 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.

DORMITION FAST. The first two weeks of August, Orthodox Christians observe a strict fast from meat, dairy, eggs, and alcohol (with relaxations of the fast on certain days). All Orthodox Christians should also plan to make a confession during this time. Please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions.

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS. Many thanks to our good friend Carmen Coman, who oversees our e-mail prayer requests from Romania! Prayer requests for the All Saints community may be sent to her at asocprayerchain@gmail.com.

If you are not on her email list, you may use our online form to sign up: <https://allsaintsorthodox.org/e-mail-lists/>. (Note this is a different email list than the one Fr. Andrew uses to send out bulletins.)

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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 <i>Dormition</i>	Rich C	Dn Walid	John O	Zach C	<i>Potluck</i>
Sun 8/17 <i>Met. Saba</i>	Michelle	Sandy	JoAnne	Lydia	<i>Sign up</i>
Sun 8/24	Sd Joseph	Debbie K	Azizeh	Domitille	A-F
Sun 8/31	Christy K	Pat K	Richard B	Alina S	G-K
Sun 9/7 <i>Nativity of St Mary</i>	Jim K	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	L-P
Sun 9/14* <i>Holy Cross</i>	Paul K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Lydia A	R-Z

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

AUGUST 3-9, 2025

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, August 3: Isaacius, Dalmatus, & Faustus of the
Dalmation Monastery**

John 20:11-18 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-25 / Matthew 14:14-22

Monday, August 4: Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus

Job 27 / 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 / Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, Aug. 5: Eusignius the Martyr of Antioch

Job 28 / 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 / Matthew 15:1-11

Wednesday, Aug. 6: The Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18 / Exodus 33:11-23; 34:4-8 / 3 Kingdoms 19:2-16
Luke 9:28-36 / 2 Peter 1:10-21 / Matthew 17:1-9

Thursday, Aug. 7: Sixtus of Athens, Bishop of Rome

1 Corinthians 14:1-25 / Matthew 15:10-20

Friday, Aug. 8: Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikos

1 Corinthians 14:26-40 / Matthew 15:21-28

Saturday, Aug. 9: Holy Apostle Matthias

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Matthew 15:29-31

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