

ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost & After-Feast of the
Transfiguration

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



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8): From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate one, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our life and our resurrection; O Lord, glory to Thee!

Troparion for the Transfiguration (Tone 7): Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ our God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos. O Giver of Light, glory to 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.

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.

THE EPISTLE READING

For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 75:10, 1

Make your vows to the Lord your God, and perform them.

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians (3:9-17)**

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another

builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear. For the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

THE GOSPEL

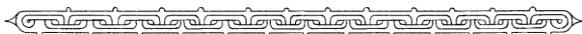
For the Ninth Sunday of St. Matthew

**The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(14:22-34)**

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them.

In the fourth watch of the night, He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!" And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art

the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



MEDITATIONS ON THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

The Feast of the Transfiguration is the feast of glory. It is the feast of glorification, of man's glorification by his return to how he was in paradise, before the fall of Adam and Eve. Indeed, it is the return to the perfection of glory that they would have attained had they not fallen.

If man was created just to live and act for some number of years on earth, what is the meaning of his life? He was created for divine glory. He was created to put on this glory.

Seeking for glory is the deepest and most deeply-rooted need in man's heart. It is the need that is constantly attached to his nature. Even children long for glory (even if unknowingly), as when they want to stand out. Adults find in it a motive for excelling and for great deeds or, if they are wicked, a motive for evil deeds.

Man cannot be satisfied with his situation and accept it. He constantly longs for something better. Man is better than his situation, even if he doesn't know this. Within him is a beauty that he covers with ugliness. But he senses this beauty and feels it in special cases. He strives for it by seeking glory, but while he is far from God, he continues to long for it, no matter what glories he achieves. ...

The glory that God has promised us is to "partake in the inheritance of the saints" (Col. 1:12). It is the glory of holiness, which God has made possible for us through the cross. "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18), and "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Cor. 4:17). Therefore, Moses and Elijah spoke with Him "of His exit which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem" (Luke 9:31). ...

The unveiling of this divine glory likewise confirms that Christ's imminent death is, not something forced on Him by outside powers, but rather a free offering of love, for no soldier would have been able to resist such a glory when Jesus was arrested, had Christ not remained silent (cf. Matt. 26:53).

The account of the event of the transfiguration is preceded by the Lord's speaking to His disciples about His impending passion and of the value of self-denial for salvation. The account begins with the words, "After this discussion." This is an indication of the connection between the cross and the resurrection. The event of the transfiguration was an anticipatory revelation of Christ's glory in order to strengthen the disciples who saw Him and to make firm their faith in their teacher and His being the Messiah. The Gospel recounts that the Lord took His chief disciples (Peter, James and John), so that they might see this glory of His.

This glory is attained by one who has passed through the glory of the cross. That is, one who has been freed of the hateful ego and from self-love. Rejecting the cross causes a person to seek glory in self-affirmation, and thus his glory remains a worldly glory destined to fail. It does not give him the fullness and satisfaction that he seeks. This is evident in his dissatisfaction with any profit that he gains and in his constant striving for more of what he already has.

The transfiguration, then, is a sample of man's natural state. It is the beauty of humanity restored, the beauty of original, undistorted creation. Many knew this beauty, this glory, and experienced it here on earth. The Prophet Moses knew it when his face shined and the Hebrews were not able to look upon him. Many enlightened persons knew it, those who in the purity of their life and their struggle were liberated from the corruption of their fallen nature and became temples for the indwelling of God, such as Saint Seraphim of Sarov and many others.

(Read the entire article at www.antiochian.org)

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 R-Z

Tuesday, August 12:

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

Wednesday, August 13:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- No vespers at All Saints
- Paraklesis with Metropolitan Saba at St. Mary in Palos Heights, 6pm

Thursday, Aug. 14:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers & Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos, 7pm, followed by potluck meal (non-fasting)

Friday, Aug. 15: Festal Orthros for the Dormition, 9am

Saturday, Aug. 16: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Aug. 17: Archpastoral Visit from Metropolitan Saba

- Orthros & Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Luncheon will follow. The church will cater the main course, but all are invited to bring sides, salads, or desserts.

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.

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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 10-16, 2025

ADAPTED FROM THE
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE

Sunday, August 10: Martyr Lawrence, Archdeacon of Rome
John 20:19-31 / 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 / Matthew 14:22-34

Monday, August 11: Martyr Euplus, Archdeacon of Catania
Job 29 / 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 / Matthew 15:32-39

Tuesday, Aug. 12: Martyrs Photius and Anicetus of Nicomedia
Job 30 / 1 Corinthians 15:20-38 / Matthew 16:1-12

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Tikhon of Zadonsk
Job 31 / 1 Corinthians 15:39-58 / Matthew 16:13-20

Thursday, Aug. 14: Holy Prophet Micah
Job 32 / 1 Corinthians 16:1-23 / Matthew 16:21-28

Friday, Aug. 15: Dormition of the Theotokos
Genesis 28:10-17 / Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 / Proverbs 9:1-11
Luke 1:39-56 / Philippians 2:1-11 / Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Saturday, Aug. 16: The Image of Our Lord Jesus Christ “Made Without Hands”
2 Corinthians 1:1-24 / Matthew 17:1-13

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