



ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 24, 2025

11th Sunday of St. Matthew • Holy Martyr Eutyches
**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine
Liturgy, 8:30am**



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2): When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal one, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, 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 of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4): By thy nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!



THE EPISTLE READING

For the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Prokeimenon – Psalm 117:14, 18

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

The reading is from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12)

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Whoever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and

does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the Law say the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the Gospel of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

For the 11th Sunday of St. Matthew

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35)

The Lord spoke this parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything!’ Out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he

should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”



ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP OF LYON

Commemorated Aug. 23



The Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, was born in the year 130 in the city of Smyrna (Asia Minor). He received there the finest education, studying poetics, philosophy, rhetoric, and the rest of the classical sciences considered necessary for a young man of the world.

His guide in the truths of the Christian Faith was a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian, Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). Saint Polycarp baptized the youth, and afterwards ordained him presbyter and sent him to a city in Gaul then named Lugdunum [the present day Lyons in France] to the dying bishop Pothinus.

A commission was soon entrusted to Saint Irenaeus. He was to deliver a letter from the confessors of Lugdunum to the holy Bishop Eleutherius of Rome (177-190). While he was away, all the known Christians were thrown into prison. After the martyric death of Bishop Pothinus, Saint Irenaeus was chosen a year later (in 178) as Bishop of Lugdunum. “During this time,” Saint Gregory of Tours writes concerning him, “by his preaching he transformed all Lugdunum into a Christian city!”

When the persecution against Christians quieted down, the saint expounded upon the Orthodox teachings of faith in one of his fundamental works under the title: *Detection and Refutation of the Pretended but False Gnosis*. It is usually called *Five Books Against Heresy*.

At that time there appeared a series of religious-philosophical gnostic teachings. The Gnostics taught that God cannot be incarnate, since matter is imperfect and manifests itself as the bearer of evil. They taught also that the Son of God is only an outflowing (“emanation”) of Divinity. Together with Him from the Divinity issues forth a hierarchical series of powers, the unity of which comprise the “Pleroma”, i.e. “Fullness.” The world is not made by God Himself, but by the aeons or the “Demiourgos,” which is below the “Pleroma.”

In refuting this heresy, Saint Irenaeus presents the Orthodox teaching of salvation. *“The Word of God, Jesus Christ, through His inexplicable blessedness caused it to be, that we also, should be made that which He is.” “Jesus Christ the Son of God, through exceedingly great love for His creation, condescended to be born of a Virgin, having united mankind with God in His own Self.”* Through the Incarnation of God, creation becomes co-imaged and co-bodied to the Son of God. Salvation consists in the “Sonship” and “Theosis” of mankind.

In the refutation of another heretic, Marcian, who denied the divine origin of the Old Testament, the saint affirms the same divine inspiration of the Old and the New Testaments: *“It is one and the same Spirit of God Who proclaimed through the prophets the precise manner of the Lord’s coming,”* wrote the saint. *“Through the apostles, He preached that the fullness of time of the filiation had arrived, and that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand.”*

The successors of the Apostles have received from God the certain gift of truth, which Saint Irenaeus links to the succession of the episcopate. *“Anyone who desires to know the truth ought to turn to the Church, since through Her alone did the apostles expound the Divine Truth. She is the door to life.”*

Later, Saint Irenaeus drops out of sight, and we do not even know the exact year of his death. Saint Gregory of Tours, in his *Historia Francorum*, suggests that Saint Irenaeus was beheaded by the sword for his confession of faith in the year 202, during the reign of Severus.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website
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Today:

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Morning prayers, 9am

Wednesday, August 27:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Aug. 28:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Miloshevski karate school, 7pm

Friday, Aug. 29: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

- Strict day of fasting (no meat, dairy, alcohol)
- Orthros for St. John, 9am

Saturday, Aug. 30: Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Aug. 31: Labor Day weekend

- Orthros and Divine Liturgy, beginning at 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K

METROPOLITAN SABA'S VISIT. Many thanks to all who helped last week! His Eminence enjoyed the visit, and especially appreciated all the children and the way we all participate together in our worship. See the write-up by Sofie Kellar and the pictures by Steve Kellar at Antiochian.org, and on the Antiochian Archdiocese Facebook page.

CHURCH SCHOOL. Mark your calendars! Church school for children and adults of all ages begins **Sunday, Sept. 7**, the week after Labor Day. Fr. Pat and Joseph Letendre will continue to teach the adult class, beginning with Fr Pat on Sept. 7, and your priest would like to see ALL children, teens, and adults participating each week. Many

thanks to Michelle C. and all of our teachers and staff for all of your hard work!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
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
Sun 9/21	Steve K	Dn Walid	Domitille	Domitille	A-F
Sun 9/28	Joseph L	Sandy A	John O	Alina S	G-K

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 24-31, 2025

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LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN
ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, Aug. 24: Martyr Eutyches, disciples of St. John the
Apostle**

John 21:14-25 / 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 / Matthew 18:23-35

**Monday, Aug. 25: Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew & Titus,
Apostle of the 70**

Job 38 / 2 Corinthians 5:12-21 / Matthew 19:13-15

Tuesday, Aug. 26: Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie

Job 39 / 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 / Matthew 19:16-30

Wednesday, Aug. 27: Pimen the Great

Job 40 / 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 / Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, Aug. 28: Moses of Ethiopia

Job 41 / 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 / Matthew 20:17-28

Friday, Aug. 29: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Malachi 3:1-7, 4:4-6 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:16-5:7
Matthew 14:1-13 / Acts 13:25-33 / Mark 6:14-30

**Saturday, Aug. 30: Alexander, John, and Paul, Patriarchs of
Constantinople**

2 Corinthians 8:1-24 / Matthew 20:29-34

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